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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 18 	
4:30 pm †	Eddie D'Souza
SUN 19 	4th Sunday of Lent
8:00 am	Special Intention
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am †	Adam Lasica
12:30 am †	Joao Moreira
6:00 pm †	Josephine Quintiliani
MON 20 	St. Joseph
8:30 am †	All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm	The Intentions of all Parishioners
TUES 21 	
8:30 am †	Frank Correia
WED 22 	
8:30 am †	All Souls in Purgatory
THUR 23 	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:30 am †	Walter Teodoro
FRI 24 	
8:30 am †	Multiple Intention Mass
7:30 pm †	Maria & Gildo Lettieri
	<i>Followed by Station of The Cross</i>
SAT 25 	
9:00 am	Multiple Intention Mass

NOTE: During Lent

There will be Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross every Friday evening

LIFETEEN | Are you in grades 9-12 and looking to grow in faith & friendship? **LifeTeen** will include food, games, talks, small groups & prayer time, and will take place two Saturdays of the month following the 4:30 pm Mass! Register → 

For more info please email Megan at ym.stjosephMI@gmail.com

Smile for the week:
What is the wettest animal in the world?



Answer:
a reindeer

***** St. Joseph Feast Day *****

*MONDAY MARCH 20th Mass at 7:00 PM
Followed by St. Joseph Table in the Hall
(Please bring an Appetizer or Dessert for the table)*

THE MAN BORN BLIND

"As Jesus walked along he saw a man who had been blind from birth."

The disciples react in a very human way. *"Who sinned, this man, or his parents, for him to have been born blind?"* No matter how much we understand about cause and effect in medicine or in other areas of life, we often still want to attach moral blame to our misfortunes - indeed, sometimes our misfortunes are a result of our sins, sometimes not. But this is not the point here. Our Lord's answer to his disciples' question suggests the way in which we are to look at this story. *"Neither he, nor his parents sinned,"* Jesus answered. *"He was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him."*

Even in this short exchange at the beginning of the Gospel, a number of important themes have already emerged. If he was blind from birth the disciples rightly surmise that his affliction cannot easily be considered as a punishment for any actual sin the man may have committed. This difficulty surely underlies their question, *"Who sinned, this man or his parents?"*

Our Lord's answer rules out any suggestion that sins committed either by the man himself or by his parents are to blame for his misfortune. The human condition is one of blindness and isolation from God; original sin, in short, and the pain and suffering in the actual sins that result. One of the themes of the Lenten Gospels is the revelation of Jesus as God, in the Transfiguration, in his words to the Samaritan Woman, *"I who am speaking to you, I am he,"* and in today's Gospel when he says to the man born blind, *"You are looking at him, he is speaking to you."* Our Lord is revealed as God, powerful to heal the suffering of his creation.

This Gospel moves the revelation a stage further, not just showing who our Lord is, but how he heals. The story of the man born blind reveals to us the power of God to act through the materials of his creation, earth and water, to bring about the healing of his children. It is the revelation of the sacramental system, and in particular the sacrament of baptism, such an important part of our celebrations at Easter.

The story of the call and anointing of David in the first reading relates the Gospel to this sacramental theme. The anointing of David as king with oil is a blessing not only for David, but for the whole of Israel - as the rites of anointing are for us in confirmation, ordination and the anointing of the sick?

~ Fr. Paul Dobson

ANNOUNCEMENTS**LENTEN RECONCILIATION**

Our Lenten Reconciliation night will be on Tuesday evening March 21st from 7 pm. There will be many visiting priests that evening.

 PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE	
Palm Sunday April 2	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am 12:30 & 6:00 pm
Mass of Lord's Supper HOLY THURSDAY Thurs., April 6	No morning Mass 7:00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY April 7 Commemoration of Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
HOLY SATURDAY April 8 Blessing of Food Easter Vigil	No 9 am Morning Mass 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
EASTER SUNDAY April 9 Resurrection of The Lord	8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY VESPERS

Come join fellow parishioners in the public celebration of Vespers each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00 pm. Vespers is the liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church and an important part of how we can sanctify each hour of the day. No prior experience necessary. Everyone Welcome!

REFLECTIVE LENTEN ROSARY *with Deacon George*

Deacon George Jurenas will lead a Reflective Lenten Rosary every Wednesday night during Lent at 6.30 p.m. in the church. While all intentions are prayed for, on Wednesday March 22nd the "Glorious Mysteries" will be prayed with the special intention for the deceased.

ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY - Lenten Offering

Spring Cleaning Kits - Not just cleaning the spiritual inside but the physical outside too!

For this year's offering we hope to assist our wonderful and much needed St. Vincent de Paul Society with their Spring Cleaning Kit program. They are looking to supply spring cleaning kits to families and individuals they assist. They are looking for the following items: Paper Towels, bathroom tissue, cleaning cloths, liquid cleanser (such as Vim), liquid cleaner such as Pinesol – small bottles under 1 litre, glass/window cleaner (small bottles) and toilet bowl cleaner. SVDP members will be available at the garage before and after all weekend masses on March 18/19 to receive donations.

FIRST SHARELIFE SUNDAY 2023 – March 26

May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people. Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

MINISTRIES

FISH FRY FRIDAY - March 31 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

An Evening With The Right To Life Association Of Mississauga
 Hosted by the Knights of Columbus; Council # 8661 to promote & support the dignity of All Human Life (suggested donation of \$ 10.00 / person). Keynote Speaker Dr. Lucas Vivas (VP Canadian Federation Catholic Physicians & Societies & President of the Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild) will speak on **'The Real Impacts of MAiD (Medical Assisted Suicide)**. Holy Mass will follow at 07:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Register by March 29 on Eventbrite →

OR e-mail: kofc8661@gmail.com



AROUND THE ARCH

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH Saturday March 25

Catholic Women's Conference with Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik - Journeying with Mother Mary | Dr. Josephine Lombardi Healing & Forgiveness Sister Deirdre Byrne | Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady Dorothy Pilarski | - How to Start a Catholic Moms Group.

THE REAL IMPACTS OF MAiD REVEALED

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting this in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide at Maximilian Kolbe Church (Meeting Hall) on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00pm. Knowledgeable and notable speakers (including St. Joseph parish's own Dr. Vivas) will speak from first-hand experience with the legislative, institutional and personal impacts of what is becoming out-of-control Medical Assistance in Dying legislation very thinly veiled as compassionate care. *Everyone is welcome.*



Holy Week
by Dr. Brant Pitre

PICK OF THE WEEK

March 19, 2023

The Story of Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre Audio 1 hr

An amazing Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why he cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.

THIS WEEK ON

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY

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