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  - Oct 21 5pm-7pm
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**Answer:**
It’s a room full of people who are holding hands.
MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 23 | St. Padre Pio
4:30 pm † Manuel Raulino
SUN 24 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am In Honour of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
9:30 am Pro Popolo
11:00 am † Pepe Pujante
12:30 pm Raymond D’Cunha
6:00 pm Beverley Bolster & Family
MON 25 |
8:30 am † Antonio Ricciardi
TUES 26 | St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
8:30 am † Louis Moraces
WED 27 | St. Vincent de Paul
8:30 am † Leokadia Rudzik
THUR 28 | St. Lawerence Ruiz & Companions
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St. Joseph’s Scheduled Parish Vigil Days are:
Fridays September 29, October 6 and October 13 at 1:30 pm.

ST. PAUL - ON LIFE AND DEATH

Today’s second reading is the first of a series of four over the next few Sundays taken from St. Paul’s Letter to the Christians of Philippi in ancient Macedonia, one of the local Churches St. Paul founded in person.

He deals with a problem that many saints have wrestled with and puzzled over down the centuries, and which we may well recognize, too. It is this: if at the end of this life we will have the true fulfilment of knowing God in heaven, would it not be better to be finished with this life sooner rather than later? Yet, at the same time, if God has put us here on earth to do good works for Him, shouldn’t we accept that it is better to stay here as long as possible to do even more for His sake? This is why he says: “I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.” In the end, of course, we have not the means to make this decision. We cannot know when God sees that it is the right moment for us to leave this life and come to Him. This, of course, is at the heart of our rejection of euthanasia (in Canada, the legislation in favour of this has made federal government ministers into more explicit Merchants of Death and doctors who cooperate with such measures into betraying the Hippocratic Oath), in which persons decide either for themselves, or for others, the answer to the question: “When is the right time for this particular life to come to an end?” With St. Paul all Christians believe that our life has been given us by God in order to serve Him to the best of our talents and abilities, and that just as He alone has decided when our life should begin, and in what circumstances, so He alone has the true vision to determine the proper time and manner of ending that same life which He has given.

- Fr. Paul Dobson

NEW BEGINNINGS

Drop-In Bereavement Support
Online Session for those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.
Topic: Autumn Grief: Change and Continuity
Sept 27, @ 7:00 pm. For more information: Arcangelo (647)215-3978 alimanni@cfstoronto.com

Registration: https://bd902.eventbrite.ca

PILGRIMAGE – WITH FR. PAUL - APRIL 03-15, 2024
Starting in Venice Italy, with visits to famous sites, Basilicas and Churches in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Austria and concluding in Prague in the Czech Republic. For more information or to take a flyer at both entrances or email
agnes@cttour.ca or scan the QR code.

YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUS WEST BBQ Kick-Off party
This ministry aims to put Catholic men and women, 19-35, in fellowship and to give great formation opportunities. Young adults are invited to celebrate the start of a new year on September 30th at 6pm at St. Christopher’s Parish - 1171 Clarkson Rd N, Mississauga. See you at this FREE event!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
Jesus the Good Shepherd Covenant Community invites you to the Life in the Spirit Seminar on October 21st and 22nd 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Mississauga Seniors Centre, 1989 CAWTHRA Rd Mississauga.
Contact Kevin & Ingrid D’Souza at jkev.94@outlook.com

ADORATION COMMUNITY THEOLOGY Service retreats
For Women Oct 26 – 29 (Michele Steko 647-222-9702)
For Men Nov 9 – 12 (Marcel Pouliot 905-961-7111)
At Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre - 1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga.
“Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life.” Info at: www.actscanada.org

Join us at:
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\[11:00 am – 2:00 pm\]

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