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PARISH TEAM

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest Fr Anish Alex Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr George Jurenas Deacon



Feast of the Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 30 |

4:30 pm In honour of Our Lady
of Prompt Succor

SUN 31 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Carl Misquitta

9:30 am *Pro Popolo*

11:00 am † Deceased of Baretto
& Gracias families

12:30 pm †

4:30 pm For peace in the Holy Land

MON

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

**TUES 02 | St Basil the Great
& St Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 am † Manuel Costa

WED 03 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 am In Thanksgiving

THUR 04 | St. John of the Cross

8:30 am † George Fernandes

FRI 05 |

8:30 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

7:30 pm † Jose Baptista

SAT 06 |

9:00 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

Sunday Children's Liturgy

Will resume on Sunday January 7.

Deacon George's Spiritual Walk-In Ministry

Will resume February 1st.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral
(455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

Theme: "**You shall love the Lord your God...
and your neighbour as yourself.**" (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide
representation of Christian leaders to pray for
the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus
Christ for the Church. This event is jointly
organized by the Office for Promoting
Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area
Council of Christian Churches

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Although we are used to thinking of Our Blessed Lady as the Mother of God, and honouring her as such, we must remember that there was a time in the history of the Church when certain theologians denied that Mary was God's Mother.

They were prepared to allow that she was Mother of Christ the Lord, but claimed that she could not be, nor could any human person be, the Mother of Almighty God.

But the Church constantly believes otherwise, and at the Council of Ephesus in the year 431 A.D. the Bishops of the Universal Church met together to decree solemnly that the faith of the Church from the time of the Apostles has always been that Our Blessed Lady is indeed the "God-bearer" or, in Greek, the "Theotókos". To celebrate this definition, Pope Liberius built a magnificent Church in Rome to honour Mary the Mother of God, the Church we still know today as "St. Mary Major", adorned with beautiful ancient mosaics depicting the role of the Mother of God and the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in her. The Roman Church from those times has honoured "*The Mother of God*" on January 1st.

Together with Fr Anish, Deacon George and the staff

I wish you all a peace and hope filled New Year. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOSEPH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2024

Registration and course fee payment (\$200 per couple) at the parish office begins December 9th and you will be provided with your course materials and full details at that time. The course will comprise of two parts:

1st half is an online video component to be completed by March 22. Bring the notice of completion with you to the 2nd half.

2nd half is an in-person weekend component at St Joseph on Friday, April 12th: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Sat, April 13th: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10/11, 2024

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass at 3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more info and to register.

PARISH OFFICE Closes Dec 22 at noon & reopens Jan 2.

For funerals or an anointing leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For funerals or anointings please leave a message on the emergency line. For other urgent matters please leave a message or send us an email.

Donation Receipts for 2023 - REMINDER

We will need all donations for 2023 into the parish before Dec 31st in order to be included for a tax receipt. Any donations for 2023 received for the Solemnity of Mary Masses onward, will form part of 2024 donations.

MINISTRIES

JESUS & THE END TIMES: A Catholic View of the Last Days
Dr. Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times in this 4 session Bible study: What is the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now? **FREE – NO REGISTRATION**
MONDAYS 7 pm in the hall: Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5 & Feb 12
TUESDAYS 9 am upstairs on Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6 & Feb 13

ST. JOSEPH PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Are you or do you know a young person looking to grow in faith, make some friends and some have fun while doing so? Then we have something for you!

LifeTeen: for grades 9-12 | Edge: for grades 6-8

For more info or to register, please email our Youth Minister, Megan, at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com, and be sure to follow our instagram page @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Vita Centre Donation Drive

In support of Vita Centre, collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the front entrance or contact gk8661@ontariokofc.ca for monetary donations.

COFFEE HOUR WITH GUEST SPEAKER

January 10 at 9am

Topic: Life Coaches

AROUND THE ARCH

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25

Registration at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Register online at dpdcsb.org

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PILGRIMAGE – WITH FR. PAUL - APRIL 03-15, 2024

Starting in Venice with visits to famous sites, Basilicas and Churches in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Austria and Prague. For info take a flyer at both entrances.

*But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint ~ Isaiah 40:31*

NEW YEAR 2024

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

* NO 6:00 pm Mass *

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

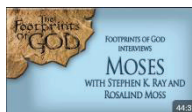
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PICK OF THE WEEK



Christmas | Sacred Art 21 min

"Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby



A Closer Look at Moses 44 min

The Footprints of God series take you on journeys of discovery through the lands of the Bible to meet the key figures in salvation history. Now enjoy Steve Ray's fascinating conversations with experts on each of the topics, uncovering even more interesting facts. Steve Ray interviews Rosalind Moss and digs deeper into the life of Moses and the exodus from Egypt. These unscripted conversations are lively and entertaining, theologically rich and thought-provoking. Listen in and learn more about the story of salvation.

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage 33m



This special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to be the places associated with Christ's Birth.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.

Register at formed.org with your email & Parish code **V9WRHN** (or search for St. Joseph Parish Mississauga)

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings Wednesdays - 7 pm in the Parish Hall

OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. with Holy Mass in the Church
Followed by Reception in the Hall (Finger Food will be appreciated)
All are welcome to join us to thank God for these 30 years!

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6.45 p.m.

All are welcome to join us to thank God for these 30 years!

Smile for the week

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PERSON WHO
STOLE A CALENDAR ON NEW YEAR'S?

Answer

They got 12 months.

Let us devote ourselves to
Lord Jesus and seek His
precious blessings for a life
that is always blessed

Happy New Year

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