# St. Joseph Parish

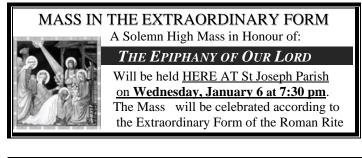
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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

Mass Intentions	
Monday, January 4	
7:00 am	† Rafael & Delphine D'Souza
8:30 am	† Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, January 5	
7:00 am	† Carmelo Pinizzotto
8:30 am	† Joe Lobo
Wednesday, January 6	St. André Bessette, Religious
7:00 am	† Pires Mendonca
8:30 am	† Philomena Lobo-Pires
Thursday, January 7	
7:00 am	† Gene Kurlowicz
8:30 am	† Dimas Pedro DaSilva
Friday, January 11	
7:00 am	Special Intention
8:30 am	† Vince Cancellara
7:30 pm	† Beverley Bolster
	† Flavio Comarin & Family
8:00 pm	HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, January 9	
9:00 am	† Anna Senatore
	† Dimas Pedro Da Silva





As a result of the extensive renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will travel throughout the archdiocese in 2015/2016. *On Sunday, January 10, it will be hosted at <u>St. Mary's Parish, 66A Main St. South, Brampton.</u> We hope you will be able to join Cardinal Collins and our faith community.* 

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast.

More information and archived video of Lectio Divina can be found online at https://www.archtoronto.org/lectio.

# St. André Bessette

Chronic stomach pains had made it impossible for Alfred to hold a job very long and since he was a boy he had wandered from shop to shop, farm to farm, staying only until his employers found out how little work he could do. The Holy Cross Brothers took him into the novitiate but soon found out what others had learned -- as hard as Alfred, now Brother Andre, wanted to work, he simply wasn't strong enough. They asked him to leave the order, but Andre, out of desperation again, appealed to a visiting bishop who promised him that Andre would stay and take his vows.

After his vows, Brother Andre was sent to Notre Dame College in Montreal (a school for boys age seven to twelve) as a porter. There his responsibilities were to answer the door, to welcome guests, find the people they were visiting, wake up those in the school, and deliver mail. Brother Andre joked later, "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years."

In 1904, he surprised the Archbishop of Montreal by requesting permission to build a chapel to Saint Joseph on the mountain near the college. The Archbishop refused to go into debt and would only give permission for Brother Andre to build what he had money for.

The nickels and dimes he had collected for years amounted to only a few hundred dollars but with it he built a small wood shelter only fifteen feet by eighteen feet. Next he added a roof. Then eventually came walls, heating, a paved road up the mountain, a shelter for pilgrims, and finally a place where Brother Andre and others could live and take care of the shrine -- and the pilgrims who came - full-time. Through kindness, caring, and devotion, Brother Andre helped many souls experience healing and renewal on the mountaintop. There were even cases of physical healing. But for everything, Brother Andre thanked St. Joseph.

Despite financial troubles, Brother Andre never lost faith or devotion. He had started to build a basilica on the mountain but the Depression had interfered. At ninety-years old he told his co-workers to place a statue of St. Joseph in the unfinished, unroofed basilica. He was so ill he had to be carried up the mountain to see the statue in its new home. Brother Andre died soon after on January 6, and didn't live to see the work on the basilica completed. But in Brother Andre's mind it never would be completed because he always saw more ways to express his devotion and to heal others. As long as he lived, the man who had trouble keeping work for himself, would never have stopped working for God.

On October 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI formally declared sainthood for Blessed Andre.

# **Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January 2016**

grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Universal: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE,

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.



**Evangelization:** <u>CHRISTIAN UNITY</u> That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the

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The Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy will resume January 10.

# SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

A New Year's Resolution .....

A Spiritual Adoption is a promise before God to pray for 9 months for the life of an unborn child under the threat of abortion. <u>Please join us after the 9am Mass on Saturday</u> <u>January 9<sup>th</sup> in the church</u> to begin our journey of hope together. *Think about it!* 

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2016

Friday, Feb. 19: 8pm-10pm & Saturday Feb. 20: 10am-5pm; Friday, Feb. 26: 8pm-10pm & Saturday, Feb. 27: 10am-5pm. Couples must attend all four days. To register, attend at the Parish Office to

complete registration form.

#### CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES - KINDERGARTEN 2016

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on <u>Tuesday</u>, January 12 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Snow date, Wednesday, January 13 7:00 - to 8:30 p.m. *Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school*.

# **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016**

Envelope boxes <u>for 2016</u> are in the Hallway between the <u>office and the hall in numerical order</u>. For those using PAG (pre-authorized giving), your envelope box is still available if you wish to use for those additional envelopes for collections outside of the monthly deductions. Those left behind in January will be cancelled and the numbers redistributed to new parishioners. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON YOUR ENVELOPE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** *Prayer Services every Wednesday 7 pm – Parish Hall*

Our Weekly Regular Prayer Services commence Wednesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall Next DMPG **Youth Group Meeting** will be on <u>Saturday, January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.</u> in the basement meeting room. Movie "**WAR ROOM**" – Wednesday, January 20

<u>at 7 p.m.</u> in the Parish Hall. Admission Free. Love Offering will be appreciated.

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

<u>Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.</u> in the Church Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Pierre Farrugia

## FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2016 OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**First Holy Communion** dates were made available the Weekend of <u>December 5/6.</u> If you did not get a date contact Andrew at sacraments.streetsville@gmail.com.

# SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

.... will take place at our elementary schools (listed on the bulletin cover) on:

January 25\* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

January 27, 28, 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Snow Date: Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. See more at:

Information about how to register can be found at dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools

# Vita Centre

Vita Centre a project started by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies, <u>has reached the</u> <u>25th anniversary</u>. Again this year, they are <u>seeking</u> <u>donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes</u>. Please place your donations in the boxes in the front lobby of the church.

# CHURCH HISTORY FAITH STUDY - EPIC



The Crusades, The Inquisition, "The Dark Ages", The Galileo Affair, What Would You Say?

If you were asked about...

As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2,000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: *Epic*. This highly praised 20 week Study gives an understanding of Church history that enables us to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

# Join us <u>Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church Hall</u> <u>starting January 4<sup>th</sup></u>.

Cost is \$40 for materials and registration. Register with the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com.

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