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## Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God!

He gives us victory  
through Our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*



 <b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Monday, October 9</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> † Gerard O'Keeffe
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b> <b>7:00 am</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	† Joe DaCosta † Antonio Pavao
<b>Wednesday, October 11</b> <b>7:00 am</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	Special Intention † Maria DaSilva
<b>Thursday, October 12</b> <b>7:00 am</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	In Thanksgiving † Larry Souza & Family
<b>Friday, October 13</b> <b>7:00 am</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>8:00 pm</b>	† Nihal Benedict † Noel & Doris Fortes † Flavio & Benito Comarin † Joseph Dias <b>Our Lady of Fatima Procession</b>
<b>Saturday, October 14</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	† Scholastica & Matthew Menezes In Thanksgiving

### Thanksgiving and Gratitude

To be essentially Catholic is to celebrate the Eucharist, a word which comes from the Greek term Eukaristein, and which means “*thanksgiving*.” This is a wonderful message to share with our family and teach to our children.

“*Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others*” (Roman statesman Cicero). By its nature, gratitude leads to humility and wisdom, because a grateful heart understands that none of us is really independent. We’re designed to depend on each other as a family; and to depend as a family on God. At its heart, Thanksgiving has always been about acknowledging our dependence on God, and offering Him our love and gratitude. Thanksgiving offers a great opportunity to reflect on everything that God has done for us and to give thanks to God in recognition of that goodness and providence. Our children learn to celebrate Thanksgiving with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy. Our families celebrate this day and remember that our lives as Catholics are a constant act of thanksgiving.

Our daily activities should give glory and thanks to God, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist. The Catechism says, “The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the church expresses her gratitude to God for all His benefits, for all that He has accomplished through creation, redemption and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all ‘thanksgiving.’” (CCC 1360)

Leading up to Thanksgiving Day, we can integrate the great blessings of our lives with the source of life, our creator. Take the time to recognize blessings in our lives. Take some time to name your blessings out loud. At every dinner, have everyone in your family name one way in which he or she is blessed.

Recognize the blessings you have, rather than those you don’t. We will appreciate just how very rich our lives are. Invite everyone to name something they’re most thankful for. The answers may surprise people, make them think and add to the prayerfulness. A simple gratitude journal is where you write down five things for which you are grateful every day. Your children will be surprised at how quickly he/she will start to recognize things for which he/she is grateful.

If you consider someone to be a blessing in your life, let that person know. Tell your kids, parents, siblings or friends how much they mean to you and why. Try to do something nice for someone today. It doesn’t have to be something big. Bake some cookies, give flowers, write a heartfelt message or send an e-Card. You’d be surprised how much such blessings will be appreciated.

~ “A Catholic Thanksgiving Filled with Faith, Food & Fun” spxdallasschool.org



“Give thanks to  
The Lord, FOR he  
is good; FOR his  
steadfast love  
endures forever!”  
Psalms



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THANKSGIVING - MONDAY (Oct 9<sup>th</sup>)**

There will be **NO 7am Mass** on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 100 Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

#### Candlelight Procession for our Lady of Fatima



We will be having a procession, in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, on **Friday October 13**. This replaces adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Just prior to the Mass there will be a public recitation of the Rosary starting at 7 pm.

**Come join us for this special celebration walk!**

**Procissão de velas em honra de Nossa Senhora de Fatima, no dia 13 de Outubro depois da missa da Sabado.**

**Vamos com a sua presença honrar a Senhora de Fatima.**



### Celebrate our Catholic Faith in Canada 150

Presided by Most Reverend Bishop Robert Kasun to give thanks for our Catholic faith in Canada and continue the festivities of our country’s 150th birthday. **Mass will be held on Saturday, October 14 at St. Joseph’s Church at 11:00 AM, but please be there by 10:30 AM.**

A reception and cultural performance will follow the Eucharistic Celebration. Tickets will be sold for \$15. Early bird tickets can be purchased for \$10 until September 8th.

**Buy tickets online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hallelujah-catholic-faith-in-canada-150-tickets-35747549884>, or contact CGCG representatives** (contact information found on event poster) for tickets to the reception/cultural performance. *This event is hosted by Canadian Goan Christian Group (CGCG), a collaboration of Canadians of GAME Ancestry (Goan, Anglo-Indian, Mangalorean, East Indian).*

**ST. JOSEPH PROTECTORS**



The next general meeting will be **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the upstairs small meeting room**. Protecting life is so very important in these turbulent times and a great way to stand up for Christ, the Church and life. Please consider joining St. Joseph Protectors, our own pro-life ministry. We will be doing new and exciting things. Everyone is welcome !

**THURSDAY EVENING COFFEE CLUB**



Join Deacon George for an hour of coffee, tea and Catholic fellowship. Explore scriptures, share stories, and discuss questions of life and faith.

**Thursday evenings at 7pm in the upstairs meeting room: October 5, 12, 19, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 14**  
*Just drop in – Everyone is welcome.*

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – OCTOBER 22, 2017**



We wish to honour our amazing parish volunteers who are cordially invited to a luncheon in thanksgiving and appreciation for their hard work and dedication to St. Joseph Church on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are asked to register at the Parish Office and obtain a luncheon voucher. Please register by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for final confirmation of numbers for food required.

**FEATURED ON FORMED.ORG**



**LISTEN: Change the World in 60 Seconds.** Tom Peterson was an award-winning national advertising executive, but lukewarm in his faith. Then, in 1997, he attended a Catholic men's retreat. While praying before the Blessed Sacrament, he experienced a profound spiritual transformation and a clear vocational calling. God was inviting him to use his talents in television media for a greater good...to evangelize the world. Soon after, Peterson founded CatholicsComeHome.org and VirtueMedia.org, to promote evangelization and the sanctity of life. (36 minutes)



**READ: CHANCE OR THE DANCE? A CRITIQUE OF MODERN SECULARISM.** Contrasting the Christian and secular worldviews, Howard refreshes our minds with the illuminated view of Christianity as it imbued the world in times past—showing that we cannot live meaningful lives without this Christian understanding of things. An inspiring apology for Christianity, and a stirring critique of secularism.



**WATCH: RELIGIOUS MYSTERIES Episode 1 THE SECRET OF BERNADETTE.** An exploration into the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, as well as into the character and holiness of St. Bernadette. (47 minutes)

*To view logon to formed.org and find under: WATCH, READ or LISTEN (Registration is free with parish code V9WRHN)*

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings  
You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal:  
our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter,  
the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.*



**YOUTH SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR**

**COPIES OF BAPTISM AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS**

**For parents of children in our Catholic elementary schools attending:**

St. Barbara, St. Gregory, St. Herbert, St. Julia, St. Raymond or Our Lady of Good Voyage elementary schools



**First Holy Communion Registration**

will be in the Church Hall on:  
**Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**



**Confirmation Registration**

Will close on October 13<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm.  
**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**For parents of children who do not attend Catholic elementary schools**



**Children's Catechism Class Registration**

For children in Grade 1 or Grade 2 who wish to receive First Holy Communion (2 year program)  
Please contact the parish office.

For registration for **Confirmation** for children **NOT** in our Catholic elementary schools please contact the parish office.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE SEPT 27 – NOV 5, 2017**

Join with others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil as we ask for God's protection of all human life. The vigil runs daily from 8 am to 8 pm for 40 days at the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway W (corner of Confederation). Free parking and signs are at nearby St. Catherine of Sienna parish (2340 Hurontario Rd). **Our parish dates to pray at the vigil site are Wednesdays: Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.** We are asking for volunteers sign up to pray for each hour long shift. **Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies of the Church.** If you cannot pray on our day please volunteer for another time. To sign-up for other times please visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) and find Mississauga in the "Find a Campaign" button. Or email [mississauga40days@gmail.com](mailto:mississauga40days@gmail.com). **COME PRAY WITH US!**

**CARMELITE SISTERS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**



Carmel Heights will be having a huge Christmas Bazaar sale on **October 19 & 20 from 3 – 7 pm and Saturday October 21 9am – 2 pm at 1720 Sherwood Forest Circle** (Mississauga Rd and Dundas). There will be Christmas trees, decorations, toys, jewelry, collectibles, furniture and more. The Bake Sale will only be on Saturday.



**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

*Prayer Meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. – Parish Hall*

OUR SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES:

**ONE-DAY ADVENT RETREAT**

**"OUR JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM".** Preacher: **Rev. Fr. Matthias Amuzu**, Spiritual Director (CCRC)

Saturday, November 11– 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our journey to Bethlehem might be long and arduous, but like Mary and Joseph and the hidden Christ Child, let us face the journey with hope that God will see us through.

**Registrations:** after Masses Sat. October 28 & Sun. October 29 / Sat. November 4 & Sun. November 5 (\$10 – includes refreshments and lunch). **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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