



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

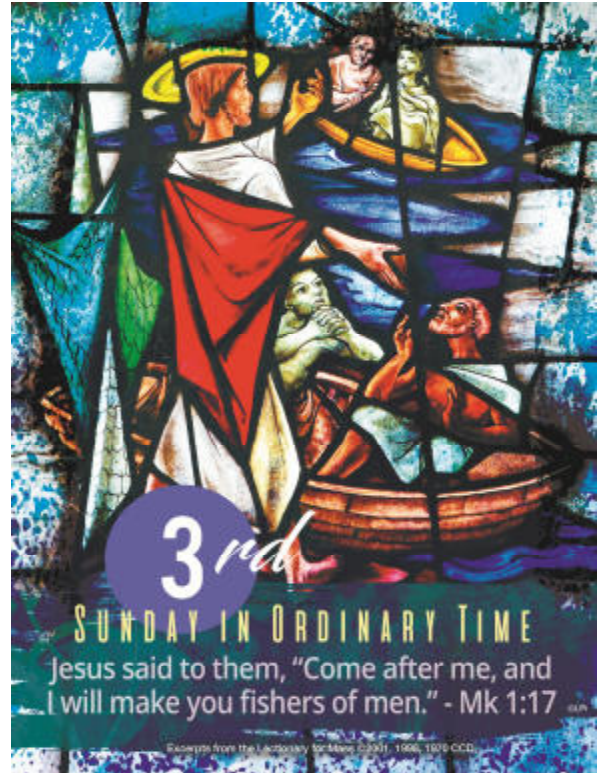
Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
 to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

January 24, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever

think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Social Media

Dear Parishioners,

I have been aware and engaged with the internet since the early 1990's. A friend and classmate of mine was very tech oriented and gifted. My first experience of on-line discussion was the forums and bulletin boards that universities would create for various classes or communities. I was always on the sidelines, more of a spectator than a participant.

All that changed in 1995 when I joined AOL and started exploring their services. The main reason to join was e-mail and instant messaging to chat with my friends from high school that were still in my life. Much to my surprise were the chatrooms, which were the first real experience of social media for me. It was amazing to chat with people all over the nation and all over the world.

Chatrooms were an opportunity to connect with people you knew in real life as well as people you may never meet in real life but came to know through these conversations. The semi-anonymous nature of screennames exposed people's attitudes real quick. Someone people came in with good attitudes and behaviors, others became trolls. Trolls only come to disrupt, to argue and often to attack others. Some fragile souls I knew were marred by the "jerk-baggery" of their fellow visitors to AOL. I was pretty active on AOL from 1995 until 2003.

In 2003 various other "Social Medias" came into my life, MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. MySpace was a flash in the pan, and Facebook became my main experience of social media. I was on Facebook until 2016 and then returned after a break of a year or so. Since returning I have had mixed feeling about Facebook and its use of data, what it advocates and censors. It has the right and freedom to manage its platform as it sees fit. I'm still on Facebook and Twitter, but those are not places of engagement for me anymore.

If you want to ever connect with me on-line, I have started a community on Locals. I will provide the link at the bottom. Locals has a format similar to Facebook without all the adds, management of data and promotion or censorship of things that matter or don't matter to me. My Locals community is free at the moment, but may be subject to a monthly fee. If that comes to pass, I will make it as minimum as possible and any proceeds will go to the Vincent de Paul Society or some other charity. I am not there for additional income, but rather other opportunities to connect with parishioners, neighbors and anyone who might wander onto the community.

Peace,



<https://atpadres.locals.com/>

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

"Jesus said to [Simon and his brother Andrew], 'Come with me, and I will teach you to catch men.'
At once they. .. went with him." *Mark 1:17-18*

John Henry Newman went to Rome to discern if Jesus was calling him to follow him as a Roman Catholic. One day on the return voyage he prayed, "Lead me, O Lord! ... I cannot see the way.... Lead, kindly Light." The words brought such peace to him that he took a pencil and began to write. When he finished, he had written the lyrics to the famous hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Upon his return to England, he entered the Catholic Church and became one of its greatest leaders.

Can I recall a time when, like Newman, I placed all of my trust in Jesus to lead me through a night of darkness?

Lead, kindly Light. . . / The night is dark, and I am far from home; / Lead Thou me on..... / I do not ask to see / The distant scene_ one step enough for me. John Henry Newman

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Ministry Schedule

January 23—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Jackie Dunn
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Zoey Panus
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Ed Etzkorn
Proj: Lucy Smith

January 24—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Bob Leeker, Chuck Kettler
Music: Verdi & cantor
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Ron Jacob, Tom Meczowski, Dave London
Proj: Dawn Strobbach

January 24—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Chris Richter, Aaron Waldeck, Donna Hecht
Lec: Joe Willis, Mary Busby-Simpson
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Bill Riley, Chris Molitor, Ron Simpson
Proj: Sophia Simon

Pope's Intentions for January: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace
to live in full fellowship with our
brothers and sisters of other religions,
praying for one another, open to all.



Ministry Schedule

January 30—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Chris Warren, Wally & Jan Karase
Lec: Mike Greene, **volunteer please**
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Ush: Andy Pope, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

January 31—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Dave London, Kris Jenkins
Music: Verdi & cantor
Serv: Mary Grace Becker
Ush: Larry Smith, Frank Kardasz, Gary Potter
Proj: Margie Vandeven

January 31—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Michelle Greiwe, Sharon Smith, Laura Orf
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Ush: Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber
Proj: Brooke Houlthausen

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of January 24: Betsy Struckhoff
Week of January 31: Carolyn Schellert

Purificators

Month of January: Carol Ostermeyer

Please contact Bryan in the church office if you are willing to be put on a schedule to advance the projection at Mass: 636-398-5270 or bryanbeams@ihm-newmelle.org

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Nancy Hollenstein, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Betty Boyd, Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Gary Potter, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),

Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),

John Stringer (friend of Larry & Rita Bendel), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),

Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),

Marlene Hegemeier (sister of Pat Roche), Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),

Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),

Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),

Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25	
8:00am	Pauline Chabak +
Tuesday, January 26	
8:00am	Ed Orf +
Wednesday, January 27	
8:00am	Jan Shea +
Thursday, January 28	
8:00am	Moira Ryan +
Friday, January 29	
8:00am	Sam Modica +
Saturday, January 30	
8:00am	Audrey Hueffmeier +
4:00pm	The Schneider Family
Sunday, January 31	
7:30am	All Souls + People of IHM
9:30am	Martha Aleling + Herbert O. Fine +

This Week at Home

social distancing recommended at all events



- Monday, January 24
Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Men For Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm
- Tuesday, January 26
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
- Wednesday, January 27
Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm
Reconciliation, 7pm
- Thursday, January 28
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Youth Group meeting, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
- Friday, January 29
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon
- Saturday, January 30
Reconciliation, 8:45am

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot \behind Fr. Tom's house.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Mon: Acts 22:3-16 /Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18
Tue: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96/Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110/Mk 4:1-20
Thu: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24//Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/
Mk 4:35-41

Contributions, January 16/17

General Offertory:	\$6,175.00
Online—General Offertory:	\$6,224.74
TOTAL:	\$12,399.74

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

We pray: that we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to *"Follow Him"* and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.

Needed at the Pantry

Laundry detergent, coffee, pancake syrup, grape jelly, canned fruit, canned corn, men's deodorant, shaving lotion, body wash, body lotion, bisquick, canned mixed vegetables, oil, sugar, all purpose cleaner, cold and hot cereal, sugar. Please no glass jars of pasta sauce.



Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 8 families, providing \$1,128 in food, \$1,754 for utility, gasoline and other expenses. May God bless you!

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Ed Reuther Jr.
brother of Vince & Denise Reuther
Sandy Knott and Jerry Knott
parishioners, attended 4pm Mass
Msgr. Raymond Orf
frequent visiting priest for IHM
Jameo Klemme
son of Greg & Pam Klemme
Walt Reel
father of Mike & Cathy Reel and Sue Roethler
Adrian Gober-Barstow
granddaughter of Ray and Janice Gober
Janie Roth
wife of Charlie Roth

May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

- Every action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, proposes to render procreation impossible, is intrinsically _____.
 - evil
 - productive
 - negative
 - responsible
- The innate language that expresses the total self-giving of spouses is overlaid, through contraception, by a _____ language, that of not giving oneself totally to the other.
 - sign
 - contradictory
 - mutual
 - love
- Contraception leads not only to a positive refusal to be open to life but also to a falsification of the inner truth of _____ love.
 - young
 - conjugal
 - mystical
 - romantic
- The differences of contraception and recourse to the rhythm of the cycle involves in the final analysis two _____ concepts of the human person and of human sexuality.
 - complementary
 - unitive
 - irreconcilable
 - parallel
- Human life and the duty of transmitting it are not limited by the horizons of this life only: their true evaluation and full _____ can be understood only in reference to man's eternal destiny.
 - justice
 - embrace
 - significance
 - order
- The _____ may not legitimately usurp the initiative of spouses, who have the primary responsibility for the procreation and education of their children.
 - county
 - courts
 - medical community
 - state
- Sacred scripture and the Church's traditional practice see in _____ families a sign of God's blessing and the parent's generosity.
 - extended
 - large
 - two child
 - small
- Techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely _____.
 - dangerous
 - immoral
 - medicinal
 - disastrous
- Techniques involving only the married couple (artificial insemination and fertilization) are perhaps less reprehensible, yet remain morally _____.
 - acceptable
 - barbaric
 - neutral
 - unacceptable
- A domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person is in itself contrary to the _____ and equality that must be common to parents and children.
 - dignity
 - sanity
 - tranquility
 - vanity



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- Jan 21: Building Discipleship
Jan. 28: Luke 18 planning and practice skit. Practice stocks 1 through 4.
Feb. 4: Luke 18 discussions and practice talks 5 thru 8
Feb. 11: Luke 18 final preparations
Feb. 12: Luke 18 setup
Feb. 13: Luke 18 lock-in Retreat for all IHM 8th graders. Check in at 9am. Ends after Mass on Feb. 14
Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday, 7pm Mass
Feb. 25: Fish and fisherman party

PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional "focus" in Church tradition. January is dedicated to **the Holy Name of Jesus**. Consider speaking about the name of Jesus with your children, how it should be spoken of as a blessing, not as a swear word. Consider how one ought to reverence the name of Jesus, especially during Mass, when the Church asks that we give a small head bow when the Lord's name is said.



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby	Injuries/Surgeries
Military deployment	Extended illnesses
Condolences	Group events

Please contact Kelly Meyer at meyer5853@qmcinc.org if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

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Seats Still Available...

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN still has some seats available for our 2021 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, DC, from January 28 thru 30, Thursday thru Saturday. For Ages 7-107. Buses depart from several areas throughout St. Louis, including Hobby Lobby in St. Charles. Cost is \$230. January 22 is the registration deadline. Register online or download the form:

www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org - 314-434-4900 / mrl.eastern@yahoo.com



2021 Archdiocesan Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour

Join young adults (19-39) throughout the Archdiocese to pray for an end to abortion and promote a greater respect for all human life. This annual Archdiocesan event, co-sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry and Respect Life Apostolate, will be held on **Thursday, January 28** at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We'll begin with a talk by Brian Westbrook (Coalition for Life St. Louis) followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information contact: stlya@archstl.org or 314-792-7555.

Visit online: <https://stlyoungadults.com/calendar/young-adult-pro-life-holy-hour/>

Visit our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/867594807338869>

Archdiocesan LifeLine Coalition Campaign

LifeLine Coalition provides assistance to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy, helping with medical expenses, food, clothing, housing, educational counseling, adoption services, and spiritual guidance. All donations go directly to the LifeLine Coalition agencies that serve these women and families, the area Birthrights, Our Lady's Inn, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, and our own Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund.

Envelopes for making donations are available in the Narthex. Donations can be sent directly to:
Respect Life Apostolate, Mail Stop 340001, PO Box 953745, St. Louis, MO 63195-3745.

Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them His peace."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion."

Prayer Shawls: If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.

Men's Annual White House Retreat

This is an invitation to the men of IHM to attend the annual White House Retreat starting Thursday, March 25 and ending on Sunday, March 28. Please contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301 if you would like to be put on the wait list.



Please call Peggy in the parish office if you need help in obtaining your 2020 Contribution Statement



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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America at Mass this Weekend

For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have participated in the Collection for the Church in Latin America as a concrete expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean. This year the needs of the Church in Latin America are even greater in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Your contribution to the collection this weekend, no matter how small, is a chance for you to support religious education, evangelization, and formation of priests and religious sisters and brothers throughout the Americas. Join the conversation on Twitter #1churchmission and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

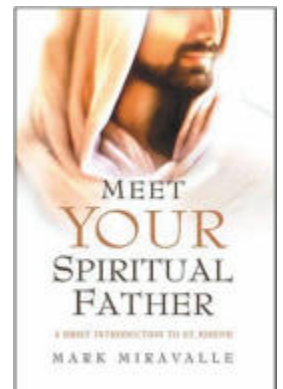
(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the *Grand Hall* past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the *Narthex*

Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex: Year of St. Joseph



St. Joseph: Our Father in Faith (Knights of Columbus – Building the Domestic Church Series) Even though the Evangelists do not record one word spoken by Joseph of Nazareth, the Holy Spirit has inspired Christians throughout the ages to love the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of the Son of God. Because of Saint Joseph's relationship with Jesus and Mary, he enjoys a relationship with the Church that is foundational. Pope John Paul II has noted that Saint Joseph's example "transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be." Note: This booklet can also be read online.

Meet the man who raised the Son of God and discover the role he wants to play in our life. With down-to-earth practical wisdom and sublime insights, Dr. Mark Miravalle lifts the veil that has shrouded this glorious patriarch for centuries, revealing the treasures and benefits of having an intimate relationship with the virginal father of the Son of God. Those who read *Meet Your Spiritual Father* will find priceless treasures not only in this easy-to-read book but also in having St. Joseph as their spiritual father.



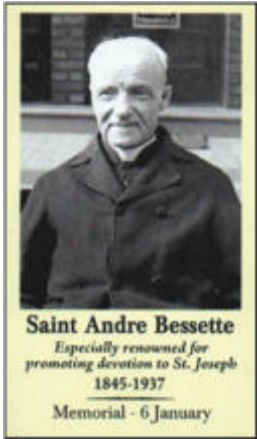
I am created to do or to be something for which no one else is created: I have a place in God's counsels, in God's world, which no one else has. Whether I be rich or poor, despised or esteemed by man, God knows me and calls me by my name.

—St. John Henry Newman

Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis Declared a “Year of St. Joseph” from December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 with His Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* “A Father’s Heart.” It is the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX.

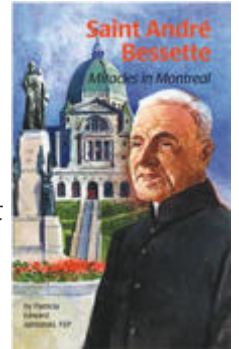
St. Joseph Oil and Brother Andre



An ordinary Brother of Holy Cross, Saint André Bessette (Feast Day January 6th) spent most of his life answering the door for his religious community. Through his extraordinary devotion to Saint Joseph and his prayers for those in need, thousands of people were miraculously healed and helped.

Inspired by God to build the Oratory of Saint Joseph, Brother André Bessette is beloved in his native Canada and beyond. Saint André Bessette was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2010.

Brother Andre was inspired by a devotion that he heard was already being practiced in France. He took a bit of oil from a lamp that was burning in front of a statue of Saint Joseph. He offered it to sick people telling them to rub it on their aching body and to pray to Saint Joseph for relief. There were an estimated 10,000 people cured during his lifetime. This Canadian saint is one of the greatest conduits of healing the Church has ever seen.



Saint Joseph Oil is not a treatment. Nor is it a preparation with curative powers, to say nothing of a magical practice. It must be viewed as a gesture of faith. This tradition continues today at Saint Joseph’s Oratory of Mount Royal. A basin containing ordinary vegetable oil is fixed in front of a statue of Saint Joseph, and a wick, floating on the surface, burns night and day as a kind of perpetual votive lamp. The oil is then put in bottles and made available to pilgrims.

There are bottles of oil from the actual shrine in St. Joseph’s chapel and in the office. You are welcome to stop by and bless yourself with the oil in faith, taking Andre’s advice to Go to Joseph.



Guidebook Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our parish: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertised. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office by February 15.

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Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic Adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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