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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Denis Parish is to create a warm and welcoming, Christ-centred, Catholic community that answers the call to know, love, and serve God by spreading the Gospel through words and actions.

PASTORAL TEAM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed everyday for lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Please feel free to drop anything off outside of
business hours through the mail slot.*

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SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

(IN CHURCH)

Tuesday to Friday: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

*Please call the parish office to schedule an
appointment with the priest!*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Sunday to Saturday: 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

(1ST THURSDAY & 1ST FRIDAY)

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

DEVOTION TO MARY

(DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY)

7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Please call the parish office and/or fill out a census card.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, March 22 – Private Mass

Fr. Stephen saying the 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral

Tuesday, March 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the McDonald-Braun Families

Wednesday, March 24 – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 25 – 8:00 a.m.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Carmela Lombardi & Rosalia Bruzzese

Friday, March 26 – 8:00 a.m.

Luigi Giancola

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 27 – 4:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. David Nixon

Sunday, March 28 – 8:00 a.m.

Thomas Stockwell

Doreen Turner

Michael

Robert Jong

Francis Grennan

Sunday, March 28 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, March 28 – 12:00 p.m.

Wojciech Nowak



COLLECTION FOR MARCH 14

Offertory	\$ 3,345.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,415.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,760.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

This past week we celebrated the *Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Principal Patron of the Canada & Patron of the Universal Church*. On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, the Holy Father, Pope Francis issued the *Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde"*. The title translates to, *"With a Father's heart"*.

The document describes the life of St. Joseph and offers seven characteristics of his life:

1. A beloved father
2. A tender and loving father
3. An obedient father
4. An accepting father
5. A creatively courageous father
6. A working father
7. A father in the shadows

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

I would recommend that during this year of St. Joseph, you take the time to read this beautiful reflection on the *Saviour of the Saviour & the Terror of Demons*.

This week we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*. In the Gospel we hear those iconic words of Mary, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let it be done to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38). This feast day marks the day when Mary said "Yes" to God to become the *Theotokos* (The Mother of God). The Annunciation (March 25) takes place exactly nine months before the Nativity of our Lord (December 25).

All of heaven and earth awaited Mary's reply to the angel. St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote:

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

And with the phrase, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let it be done to me according to your word"* the angels breathed a sigh of relief. However, unlike the angels, we know Mary's answer; and her yes, gave us salvation Himself.

When we think things are impossible, we must never forget that all things are possible for God. And we must never forget that one “yes” changed the world. What is the one “yes” that God is asking of you today? Whatever it may be, do it with great confidence and joy, even if it seems impossible, for never know how your one “yes” can change the world!

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

COVID-19 UPDATE

If the Niagara Region remains in the Red-Control zone, the following will be the Mass schedule:

All weekday Masses in the Church, as well as the Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses will be in the Church.

For a variety of reasons, we will continue to celebrate the Saturday 4:00 p.m. & Sunday 12:00 p.m. Masses in the parish parking lot.

If the Niagara Region returns to the Grey-Lockdown zone, all Masses will remain in the parking lot. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.stdenischurch.ca or call the parish office at 905-685-5911.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Very closely related to the COVID update above, is the Holy Week & Sacred Triduum scheduled. With several factors to consider, including the ones given a few weeks ago, Holy Week & the Triduum are some of the most well attended Masses/Services in the Church’s calendar. As such, celebrating some events in the parking lot will allow us to welcome the greatest number of people without a tedious and strenuous reservation system.

Therefore, if the Niagara Region is in the Red-Control zone during Holy Week & the Triduum, the following will be the schedule:

Tuesday, March 30

Tuesday of Holy Week – 8:00 a.m. (church)

Wednesday, March 31

N.B. No Mass as Fr. Stephen will be at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass with Bishop Bergie

Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00 p.m. (church)

Friday, April 2

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00 p.m. (parking lot)

Saturday, April 3

Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection – 8:00 p.m. (church)

Sunday, April 4

The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (parking lot)

EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are you interested in offering an Easter Candle for your deceased loved one? These candles for Easter will be lit on Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil and continue to burn throughout the Octave.

These candles will be a visual reminder to each of what Jesus meant when he said, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life*” (John 8:12).

The cost is \$5.00 per candle – which will include one name (or couple, if married); or simply the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family).

Please PRINT names clearly and legibly. Please return your envelope either in the collection basket or through the mail slot at the parish office.

The deadline to submit your requests will be Monday, March 29th. This will allow enough time to prepare the candles for the Easter Vigil.

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A few recommendations for The Annunciation:

1. Mary, God’s Yes to Man
2. 33 Days to Morning Glory
3. Symbolon: The Story of Salvation

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Here is the prayer to St. Joseph we say after Mass:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Friday, March 26th at 7:30 a.m. for Stations of the Cross (either in the Church or in the parking lot, depending on our colour zone).

FR. BEN’S PURGATORIO

Please join Fr. Ben’s *Purgatorio* on Thursday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall, please bring your book.

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