

Gethsemane Newsletter



“Come & See”

Sacred Heart Of Jesus - We Trust In You! Immaculate Heart Of Mary - Pray For Us!



The hearts of Jesus and Mary are so filled with love for us! They are with us as we walk through life everyday. Let us consecrate our hearts, our lives and all that we are to the loving hearts of Jesus and Mary daily and we will find peace and rest for our souls. Jesus who wants to journey with us says to us, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give your rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew, 11:28-30). This is the promise of Jesus, if we surrender our lives daily to Him. In most of our homes, we have enthroned the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as a symbol of His great love for us - a love that is human, spiritual and divine.

Let us seek from the Immaculate Heart of Mary purity of heart. Let us pray to the Blessed Mother to help us to fight sin - to overcome our pride, selfishness, greed and everything that separates us from her Beloved Son. She will come to our aid as a true mother does and soon we will find our hearts flooding with the Divine Love of Jesus!



Happy Father's Day

- June 19th



June is the month of the Sacred Heart and we rejoice in the Heart of Jesus which is so filled with love for us - Fathers - as Heads of the Family, dedicate your home to the Sacred of Heart of Jesus, who will refresh you and strengthen the bonds of your family. May you always feel the presence of our Beloved Mother with you and may you be abundantly blest and strengthened for all the sacrifices you make for your family. Happy Father's Day to All the Special Dads!

Gethsemane Youth Summer Camp

Come and enjoy a few days of fun in the relaxing atmosphere of the Ignatius Formation Centre at Deemerton in the town of Mildmay, part of the South Bruce. Enjoy the fresh air of farm country - watch cattle graze, dairy products being produced, modelling of agricultural equipment, power generation and the mystery of lighthouses ...all of this while focusing on the “SOURCE OF EVERY BLESSING - JESUS” - through Prayer and Fellowship, Holy Mass and Adoration.

DETAILS:

- **Date:** Saturday August 6, 2005 to Wednesday August 10, 2005 (5 days).
- **Departure:** Saturday morning, return to Toronto on Wednesday evening (pick up and drop off locations to be announced later).
- **Age group:** 10 and above
- **Seats Avail.:** 50-60
- **Cost:** \$180/child (including food, accommodation and transportation).
- **Registration:** First come first serve basis, by Saturday May 14, 2005.
- **Contact:** Alwin Fernandes (English Prayer Group) Usha Jacob or Suja Lukose (Malayalam Prayer Group).

News In Brief



Youth Conference - Friday, May 13, 2005, Ottawa - Suresh Dominic writes, "A special thank you to all of you for your prayers for the Gethsemane Youth Music Ministry's Ottawa program. It was indeed awesome. All Praise and Glory be to God.

The organizers, school chaplains and teachers from various schools were amazed by our children's performance as well as their commitment to the Lord. By popular demand the group was asked to sing a song that they had not practiced. As always, the Lord never failed us and the song was so anointed, even the chaplains and teachers along with the youth began dancing and praising God. We had a hard time to stop.

We have an invitation to sing at the National Pro-Life Conference in Montreal (November, 2005) and also at the Burlington Youth Conference in February 2006. Please start praying for these events that the Holy Spirit may give us the discernment, i.e. to sing only for the Glory of God. All made possible by the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Upcoming Events

- June 11th - Monthly Youth Program (second Saturday) - Youth please attend and bring a friend along!
- Catechism Classes - Although we had started the Catechism Classes sometime ago, we had been trying to get it organized. With the help of our Spiritual Director, Msgr. Sheehy, we now have a clearer plan for organizing the Catechism classes properly and effectively in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will keep you informed of the progress / implementation of this plan. Suresh Dominic.

Personal Testimonies To The Power Of Prayer

Indira - My first grand daughter is eight months old and is trying to talk. I am very happy to say that my grand daughter was baptized even though her Mom is not a Catholic. We were all watching the movie, "Gospel of John" and as all children do, my little grand daughter was also watching. Much to our surprise, her first word of speech was "Jesus". This made me really happy. Praise the Lord! Indira, April 15, 2005.

Sheldon - My brother is almost ready to immigrate to Canada. I was praying that I would be able to find him a nice place. I was suddenly asked by the landlord to vacate my apartment. I was confused and prayed to the Lord for guidance. Through one of the members at the Gethsemane prayer group, I was able to locate a two-bedroom apartment, which is also close to a Church. Praise the Lord! Sheldon, April 22, 2005.

Cecilia - I have been regularly attending the Gethsemane Prayer meeting for the last year, as I was here visiting my son and his family. In 2002, I lost my husband and I felt very sad. As I started attending the prayer meetings, my spirit was lifted up and I felt very happy. I had a feeling of family - I felt that you all were like my sons and daughters. Despite the fact that I have to leave Canada, I still feel happy and joyful. Praise the Lord! Cecilia, April 22, 2005.

~ sing praises to our **SOB** always! ~

Naveen - For the last three years, I have been working as a labourer. Two weeks ago, I was blest with a job in my own line, without even having to go through the Canadian certification process. Praise the Lord! Naveen, April 29, 2005.

Assuntha - My son was in a major car accident. We started praying as soon as we heard the news. When we reached the spot we were devastated to see the car, which was in such bad shape. Above all, we were so greatly relieved because our son and the boys in the car were all saved - they walked away unharmed from the accident. Praise the Lord! Assuntha, April 29, 2005.

Molby - We were cooking and forgot about the oil in the pan on the oven. It caught fire and the smoke alarm went off. Only then we realized what had happened. We were scared and concerned for our little son. We tried to put out the flames without much success. We started praying and claiming the Word of God. Composure came over us and the flames subsided and we were able to put out the fire. Praise the Lord! Molby, April 29, 2005.

Kim - I was given a key for safe keeping, which I lost. I prayed hard to St. Anthony and searched everywhere for the key, without much success. I continued praying to St. Anthony and when I went to the elevator, I saw the key lying at my feet. I want to thank God and St. Anthony for helping me to find the key. Thank you Lord! Praise you Lord! Kim, April 29, 2005.



Goodbye & God Bless Maria & John Curran!

Almost all of us in the Gethsemane Ministry know Maria who has been very involved with the youth group. Maria and John were married on May 28th and they will be going to Australia to start their life journey together. We praise and thank God for having blest us through Maria's work in Gethsemane and we pray that the Lord will use them in His vineyard in Australia. No matter where we are, we are bound together through the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Marriage is a life-long covenant and we ask the Lord to Bless Maria and John with His abundant blessings in their lives together.

The Gethsemane Ministry would like to thank Maria for her wonderful contribution to the Ministry and to the Youth Group in particular, since its inception six years ago. Maria, you are a seedling of the Gethsemane Ministry being transplanted to Australia and we are very proud of you! God Bless You and John!

Our weekly evening prayer and fellowship is held at
Madonna Catholic Secondary School, 20 Dubray Avenue, near Keele and Wilson.
 In English: Friday at 7:30 p.m. | In Malayalam: Saturday at 6.30 p.m.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER?

This is our newsletter. We are happy to hear from you. Feel free to contribute articles, testimonies and your feedback, at the prayer meeting, to:
 Stan Rodrigo, Mathew Pongonthara, Joseph Kulathinal, Wilma Ambrose or Michael Fonseca

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