

Gethsemane Newsletter



"Come & See"

Summer!!!



Its many things – it's the end of the school year for many of the children and they look forward to the next two months to enjoy the outdoors, hopefully till the last ray of the sun has set. It's also a special time for the gardener – as spring has blossomed into summer and with it comes such vivid hues of our favourite flowers – pansies, roses, dahlias, lilies, primrose and on and on ... For some it is to have fresh crunchy lettuce leaves, beans, all so tender and delicious. All that we see and enjoy have been planted by loving hands and nurtured with a lot of care and attention – pruned, weeded, fertilized and watered. It is the same with our Loving God and Father – He has so beautifully created each one of us, in His image and likeness, however, each one of us is to reflect only one miniscule part of Him. That's why He had to make millions of us so that we can together reflect His Fullness. Our lives are nurtured through each other and our souls are nourished through the Sacraments. Let us stay in communion with each other and with Our Lord Jesus, through the power of His Holy Spirit!

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).
- **Pick Up/ Drop off:** Front parking lot of the Madonna Catholic Secondary School, 20 Dubray Avenue (near Keele and Wilson), where we meet for the weekly fellowship.
- **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).

Gethsemane Live-In Retreat - Saturday June 18 & Sunday June 19, 2005

The theme for this lovely time away was "All for Jesus". About 230 adults and youth attended this wonderful weekend, during which we felt and experienced the calming and loving presence of Jesus. We were blest to have Msgr. Sheehy and Fr. Adams hear confessions and celebrate Mass for us on Saturday and Sunday respectively. In his homily to us at the Saturday Mass and Benediction, Msgr. Sheehy, Spiritual Director of the Gethsemane Ministries said, "If you think your problems are so huge that Jesus can't handle them, you should pack up and go home; it doesn't make much sense sticking with such a weak master. Remember there are no problems too big for Jesus to handle. Love Jesus and Trust Jesus".

Also many families were deeply touched by their individual and mutual experience at the retreat. Families' feedback was that above all, they experienced the power of forgiveness – i.e. of giving and receiving forgiveness.





Praise & Worship - Gethsemane Live-In Retreat

Personal Testimonies To The Power Of Prayer

Zita - I praise and thank my God for making it possible for me to travel to California. I had a fall and was experiencing a lot of pain, which at times was excruciating that I thought I would need to cancel my trip. I went to Mass and during Communion I claimed the Lord's healing of my pain. I was completely relieved of the pain and was able to travel to California and also come back without any pain or difficulty. Praise the Lord! Zita, May 6, 2005

Flavia - Two weeks ago, one of my friend's husband underwent triple bypass surgery. My friend called us and we went to the hospital - all of us formed a circle and started praying the rosary. After praying the rosary, we got news that my friend had regained consciousness. A few days later, my friend called me and informed that he was not fully well yet. He further informed that on the day of the surgery he very clearly felt God's presence and grace with him, which I believe was reinforced through the prayer of the rosary. Praise the Lord! Flavia, May 6, 2005.

George - I underwent prostate surgery and was still experiencing a little bleeding and was not feeling completely well. Today, I've come to thank and praise the Lord because the bleeding has stopped and I feel completely better. Praise the Lord! George, May 13, 2005.

Gina - My son was in an accident and had severe pain in his right hand and could barely move. On April 29th I came up and asked you for your prayers. Today, he is able to move his hand and his pain has disappeared. Praise the Lord! Gina, May 13, 2005.

Linda - My son had lost his glasses while on the subway. We contacted the subway, called the insurance and were to make an appointment with the specialist. My husband checked with a shop in the subway and much to our amazement we found my son's glasses. Praise the Lord! Linda, May 27, 2005.

Loyola - My daughter testified on my behalf in January - and now I do so in person to give praise and glory to God for taking care of me and giving me angels to take care of my wife and myself on our trip to India. Our passport had expired, we had to be transported back to Amsterdam and our visas transferred. Through it all, we were helped along the way, by strangers, sent by the Lord. On our return, our ticket to Amsterdam was refunded. I thank and praise my Lord - He took care of every detail for us! Praise the Lord! Loyola, May 13, 2005.

Phyllis Labruzzo - A friend of mine normally calls me once a year. However, two weeks ago, I received an unexpected call from her. She was experiencing a lot of difficulty with her family and was very angry, that she was contemplating suicide. The Holy Spirit inspired me with the right words to comfort her and finally when our conversation ended, she felt that she was wrapped around with peace. I called her the next day and she said she was feeling so peaceful and that there was no more anger left in her. Praise the Lord! Phyllis, May 27, 2005.

John & Mona, Seattle, WA, U.S.A - We decided to buy a home and we saw a lot of houses, while preparing to come to Toronto. Since we were travelling to Toronto at different times - almost a month apart, we prayed that we would find a home, which we would be able to see together, to make a decision. The Lord heard our prayers and granted the desire of our hearts - we saw a house together, which we felt was our "home". We placed an offer on April 30th and on May 26th we closed on the home without any problems or complications!!!! We thank the Gethsemane Ministries for their prayers and give All Praise and Glory to the Lord! Mona and John, June 23, 2005

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