

CAN I BE A SAINT?

For this is the will of God,
Your sanctification.

1 Th. 4:3



“The saints manifest in many ways the powerful and transforming presence of the Risen One; they let Christ possess their lives completely, being able to affirm as St. Paul, “yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me” (Gal 2:20). Following their example, taking recourse to their intercession, entering into communion with them, joins us to Christ. Holiness does not consist of extraordinary enterprises, but in union with Christ, in living

his mysteries, in making our own his attitudes, his thoughts, his conduct. How can we respond to this call? Can I do so with my own strength? The answer is clear: A holy life is not primarily the fruit of our own effort, of our actions, because it is God who makes us saints, and the action of the Holy Spirit who encourages us from within; it is the life itself of the Risen Christ, which has been communicated to us and which transforms us.

Three steps to holiness: (1) the encounter with the Risen One on Sunday; (2) contact with God at the beginning and end of the day; (3) in decisions, to follow the “road signs” that God has communicated to us (the Commandments).

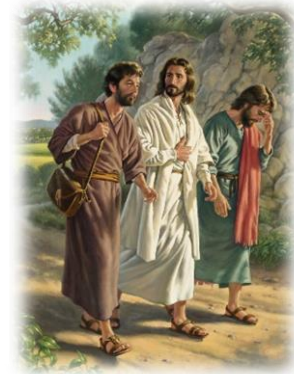
Can we, with our limitations, our weakness, reach so high? Yes, for me not only the great saints that I love and know well are “road signs,” but also the simple saints, that is, the good persons that I see in my life, who will never be canonized. They are ordinary people, to say it somehow, without a visible heroism, but in their everyday goodness I see the truth of the faith. This goodness, which they have matured in the faith of the Church, is for me a sure defence of Christianity and the sign of where the truth is. I would like to invite you to open yourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit who transforms our life to be pieces of the great mosaic of holiness that God is creating in history, so that the Face of Christ will shine in the fullness of its brilliance. Let us not be afraid to look on high, to the height of God; let us not be afraid that God will ask too much of us, but let us be guided in all our daily actions by his Word, even if we feel that we are poor, inadequate, sinners: He will be the one to transform us according to his love.”
~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE draw that was to take place April 17, has been postponed to June 12. Winners will be contacted by phone.

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Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 25 TO MAY 3

Saturday	April 25	
	Assunta Iuele	Rosemary Furino
Sunday	April 26	Third Sunday of Easter
	Our Parishioners	
	Pina & Joe Di Stefano	The Family
Monday	April 27	
	Anne Murray	Kathleen & Tom
Tuesday	April 28	
	The Wall & Ross families	Diane
Wednesday	April 29	
	Abraham Joseph	Celine Joseph
Thursday	April 30	
	Sean Richardson	Dawn & Gerry
Friday	May 1	
	Diamante, Alex & Giuseppe Della Rocca	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	May 2	
	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	May 3	
	Salvatore Battaglia & Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia	Josie & Nancy Battaglia
	Nina & Jenny Gallo	Anna & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

April 26: Mary Bastone, requested by the family

May 3: Salvatore Battaglia & Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia, requested by Josie & Nancy Battaglia.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS

Please print the form attached to the Becketmail newsletter, complete it with your banking information and return it to the parish office with a void cheque:

- via regular postal mail
- by scanning and emailing it, or
- by dropping it off in the parish office mailbox.

As is the case with any agreement authorizing regular payments to a business or other institution, Pre-Authorized Debit payments (PAD's) will allow you to make your contributions on a recurring basis. Note that you may cancel this agreement by advising our office at any time. Online donations continue to be available as another option via our parish website (www.becket.ca). For more information contact the parish bookkeeper Elizabeth Barroso at becketpad@gmail.com (514) 626-4111, ext. 226.

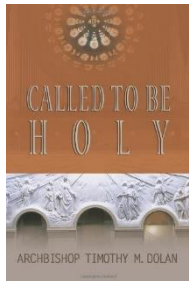
Your generosity during these difficult times is very much appreciated, as utilities, maintenance and minimal salaries continue despite the church being closed.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Theresa Leutschaft (Brennan), Claude Legault, brother of Sylvain Legault.
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WORTHWHILE READING

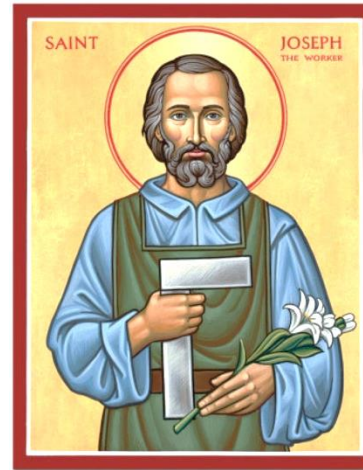
Called to Be Holy by Archbishop of New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan.



In this book Cardinal Dolan presents short chapters on the necessities of a healthy spiritual life. He reflects on humility, on patience, on Penance and many others. Each chapter is peppered with illustrations from his own ministry, from the lives of the saints and from the experiences of seminarians he encountered when he was rector of the North American College in Rome. Many also include beautiful prayers from saints and other figures in the Church. This is

certainly a nourishing read, a good aid to evaluate your spiritual life and make sure it's on track, or a good incentive and guide to help you get back on track.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER FEAST DAY – MAY 1



The title, St Joseph the Worker, was given to St Joseph, the patron of carpenters, builders and all workers by Pope Pius XII in 1955. May 1 also coincides in many countries with the working holiday weekend to celebrate the 'unofficial' start of summertime. St Joseph is also patron saint of the universal Church, of Canada, of the dying, marriages, fatherhood, families, house sales and finances. He is also an excellent example of humility and obedience to the calling of God in his life. However, it is St Joseph's patronage of workers that is one of his most illustrious titles, warranting a special feast day in his honour. St Joseph was himself a

humble carpenter who knew what it was to work hard, often for meagre pay, in order to earn a living to support his wife and foster child. Though a hard worker, he knew poverty and when presenting gifts at Jesus' presentation in the Temple, it was the gift of the poor that St. Joseph presented to God, 'a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons' (Lk2:24). In these times with so much uncertainty about work and income, we ask for Joseph's intercession and help from Heaven to help us in our work or indeed to find good, productive work which will improve the society in which we live and give us a spirit of peace and joy.

Pope Pius XII wrote a prayer especially for this great Feast:

"O glorious St Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labour the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so harmful to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate you, O Patriarch St Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen."