

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Preparing for St. Joseph's Workshop this past Friday, I realized once again how important it is to try to pray without ceasing and love God in every moment. It sounds like an almost impossible task but nothing is impossible with God, especially trying to put His Word into practice.

In case you don't know, St. Joseph's Workshop is an attempt to foster and encourage prayer and deeper faith for individuals and for families. The reality for many people is that we are too busy, or we get pulled in so many directions, and we can lose our focus on our attraction to God. Many people say they don't have time for religious things but, the truth is, we lose so much if we lose our connection to God.

I would say the great thing about St. Joseph's Workshop is that it tries to employ simple means to strengthen faith. It is like a monthly reminder to think of our life of faith.

First of all, gathering with others is beneficial, especially with brothers and sisters in the house of the Lord. Fellowship and discussion are extremely helpful. Exposition with Benediction, opportunity for Confession, as well as praying the Rosary, are also ways to lift our hearts to the Lord and share our faith with others. This is not a complicated program.

I am happy that, among so many other initiatives in this parish, there is the St. Joseph's Workshop. St. Joseph himself is a tremendous example of living in the presence of Jesus and listening to His Word.

Hopefully, all of the efforts of St. Joseph's Workshop will help some people to be better aware of Jesus working in their lives. Jesus promised to be with us always and He established the Church to build up His Kingdom on earth. The Kingdom of Heaven will not be fully realized until the end of time as we know it, but there is no time like the present for us to turn away from sin and follow Jesus with our whole mind, heart and soul.

May St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother watch over us and may Jesus bless us always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.