

Our Mission Statement:

St. Joseph's Workshop is an apostolic initiative established to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of ones faith and spiritual life. It aims to achieve this through quality publications and other educational, historical, devotional and inspirational materials of Christian content and message.

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Thanking you first, etc...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and most importantly your friendship. Many of you have been with me in my journey in operating St. Joseph's Workshop. You are not customers, but collaborators and friends. We have shared so many intimate details of our lives, the happy parts and not so happy parts. And we were both enriched by those encounters, and continues to be enriched by that bond of friendship and trust. As I get older, I reflect more and listen more to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It seems to me that the Lord peels off one layer at a time His mission for me at St. Joseph's Workshop. Each year brings new insights and new inspiration. I was lured by Our Lord little by little, attracting me with what I am

most inclined with, while taking away that which I am most inclined with. You see I had so many earthly attachments. It was a challenging journey but along the way, He sent in a lot of support, assurances and more importantly prayers through people like you. All I consider friends and collaborators. I always believe "The Lord sends who He sends" and you are all God sent. I am most thankful.

September last year, a dear friend and an avid collaborator of St. Joseph's Workshop, Deb Hale, was called by Our Lord. Before her passing away... she made a declaration. She said that once she gets to heaven, she will look for Adam and Eve and will tell them how they screwed-up things for us here on earth (ha! ha! ha!). That is Deb... she has that unexpected sense

of humor in the midst of pain and sufferings. I miss her!

Last December we had our 12th annual "Get-Together". I remember the first get-together we had, there were just three of us (Theresa D' Marchi, Mary Jean Belford and myself). For our 2013 get-together in spite of the severe weather condition, we were 60 souls, altogether. We thank Father Marco for his dedication and the beautiful reflection he gave on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you also for the volunteers that day : Cathie Atwater, Vicky Velasco, Lisa and Alex Asinas. Ria, our new girl in town is most patient and helpful to me before and after the event. Then of course Millie Ozaeta & Rexie Florov who tries their best to cover for me when I need most.

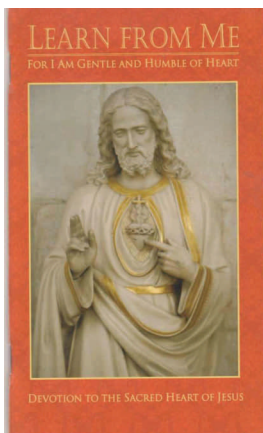
We dedicate this year to the Sacred Heart of Jesus...

Several weeks ago we were hit by a brutal ice storm (my very first experience since we migrated here in Canada). As I was getting out of the parking lot of the Church, I noticed this big tree, whose big branch was bent down by the

weight of the ice. The branch was obviously frozen and could snap out from its trunk, anytime . As I look at it, I thought that this could be likened to our hearts if we allow ice to settle in. A cold heart is indifferent to the

pains & sufferings of other people. A cold heart cannot experience joy, either. My dear friends the devotion to the burning Sacred Heart of Our Lord is that heat that will keep our hearts from being frozen and cold.





“Learn From Me”

By Fr. Marco Testa

Just Remember This 12 Promises...

...of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary (*copied from “Learn From Me” by Fr. Marco Testa*)

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes
3. I will comfort them in their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection
9. I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence, they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

And this my friends came from the very sacred lips of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Step in the Right Direction for 2014..... Listen to the Words of God everywhere...

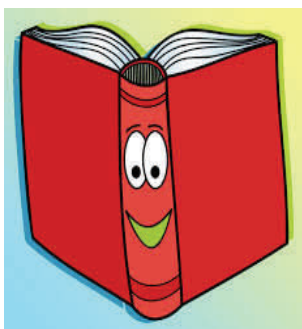
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sary and Common Prayers, and the Daily Readings by Year and Cycles . The size ? just the palm of your hand! You can carry it and listen to it anywhere: while working, waiting in line, cooking, exercising, resting, etc. Imagine going to bed and falling asleep while your brain is listening to

the Words of God. How cool is that. And to top this all ... it has the imprimatur!

Check the next page for details and ordering information. We have several units in stock and can order more when necessary.



Book Buddy

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Will you Be my BOOK BUDDY ???...

This year, we are starting a new initiative ...

Book Buddy! It is similar to a Book Club, but different in a way that we will not meet to discuss the book recommended for reading. Rather, I will call your attention to a book, which could be an old classic or a newly published

one, with maximum reading time of 2 months. If you join the Book Buddy, which is by the way, no charge, you get 20% off the recommended reading material and you get a 5% discount coupon which you can apply to a book of your choice for future purchase, if you provide a minimum of two sentences of

commentary about the recommended book just read. With your permission, I will publish in the STJO website your review along with the other commentaries. What is the purpose of this initiative?... Briefly I would describe it as... “a purpose driven reading” ! LOL... ;-)

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- Narrated Rosary and Common Prayers [Voice Menu](#) for sight impaired

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1st Recommended Book for "Book Buddy".. "How to Read A Book"

By : Mortimer J. Adler.

Let us not be fooled by the simplicity of the title of the book. This book contains tons of hidden treasures. I was a fool for having ignored this book for a long time. A priest friend who is now based in Rome recommended this book to me to

carry at the store and I sold many copies over the years, while ignoring it. Thank goodness I have to re-wrap it after a customer opened it to peruse it. That is when I checked out the table of contents and looked through the book. I found a treasure. I would like to share this to

you. This new found old classic will further enhance your future reading experience.... Guaranteed! And oh, if you have children, you can help them improve their reading skills, which according to the author comprises many acts or elements.

Call or email me to join!!!



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TALKS Scheduled for 2014...

These dates are all tentative and you will be advised when the complete information is confirmed:

- March 08—Fr. Peter Shumelda Topic: “MODELLING ST. JOSEPH IN OUR CATHOLIC HOMES : *Strategies for Parents in Keeping Their Children Catholic or Bringing Them Back to the Fold*”
- June (TBA) - 2 hour spiritual “Talk” before the summer break
- September (TBA) - Bio-Ethics
- December—STJO’s 13th Annual Get-Together

All “Talks” is free of charge, except for the September “Talk” where a donation will be requested for Metanoia Community Foundation & a tax receipt can be issued upon request.

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We have a new face in the store!

Ria Manansala joined us last October. She is the new girl in town. She moved from Surrey, BC. A University graduate with a degree in performing arts, she hopes to perform in theatres and be the best in the field! Welcome Ria... we hope to see you perform in one of those big-budgeted musical shows!



Train the Trainers (or Facilitators...) and more...

Do you want to learn how to facilitate a Bible Study , or similar undertaking either at the Church or in your own home? Or, do you have a talent to share, in teaching others to conduct such undertaking? Please send us an email. We would like to hear from you.

We are planning to offer a Facilitators training Program.

Please let us know by sending an email to :

sockeemendiola@gmail.com , if you are interested in attending

the training program or would like to be a Trainer. By attending the facilitator’s training program, you will enjoy discounted price on all study materials and resource binder.

This initiative is still in its “inspiration stage”, and thus, please I need your prayers and any help or suggestions to make this a reality is very much appreciated.

With this, I end....

Please pray for me as I pray for you and your family at Mass. St. Joseph’s Workshop is my pathway to Heaven, please help me to get there!



This Kiwi fruit looks unappetizing from the outside, but the inside is sweet and loaded with vitamin C. Sometimes, we encounter people like this in our life ... rough on the outside but very generous and caring inside. We just have to spend a little time to get to know them. God is the only one who knows the inside and love us just the same even if the outside is rough.