



FILE « A.S.J. »
(Year of St. Joseph)

Activity / Event	SAINT JOSEPH – PATRON OF WORKERS
Date	1ST & 2ND OF May 2021
Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appreciating our Essential Workers 2. Non-perishable food & hygiene product Collection (May 1st to 16th)

PROJECT #1	Gratitude to our essential workers
Prayer Intentions	<p>To our "essentials", the apostles of today - <i>Father André Lafleur</i></p> <p>We want to give you thanks for the apostles that you put on our path today. There are many of them who carry the torch of life, who give service, who sow love through shared mutual aid, who "are essential" for their neighbour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We give you thanks for all those who devote themselves to the sick, providing them with the necessary care, both physical and psychological, and in particular for all those who have accompanied the people who have left us during the past year. 2. We salute all the apostles who work in the world of education, whether in teaching, daycare, maintenance or administrative support. 3. We bless you for all the artists who bring their talent to fruition and revive our culture in all its forms; they thus contribute to sowing hope through beauty and creativity. 4. We salute all the volunteers who generously provide indispensable support in the Church and society. 5. We commend all workers in industry, commerce, communications, transportation, and public services. 6. For the leaders of community organizations and associations who dedicate themselves to offering activities and services to their members. 7. The apostles of today are also young people who participate by their ambition and their research in the development of our living environments, who have initiatives for progress, who walk with resilience and uncertainty. 8. The apostles of today are the parents who, day after day, invent ways to ensure the well-being of their family. 9. The apostles of today are the grandparents who teach, through their love, the inestimable value of the family and the importance of not forgetting our roots. 10. The apostles of today are all those involved in the Church, who have at heart to reveal the loving and faithful presence of God, not only in a church but also in all hearts that need resurrection. 11. We welcome the presence of people with disabilities who bring their witness of abandonment and who struggle to ensure that every person has a recognized and compassionate place. 12. The apostles of today, Lord, you know them better than we do: all the untitled, anonymous, forgotten people, engaged in a mission of life and sometimes of survival, where only you know how to recognize their goodness.

Activities for the community	<p>Highlight our appreciation to essential workers with an action outside the church.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Illuminating a tree with a visual; - Banner; - Plant a tree to remember their contribution; - Install a bench to honor essential workers, a time to rest and think about them; - See with the city for a display or collaboration in a city park. <p>Invite representatives from essential services for the moment of recognition.</p> <p>Publicize this initiative through your Parish Leaflet, website and social networks.</p> <p>Translated with www.DeepL.com/Translator (free version)</p>
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PROJECT #2	COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS (May 1st to 16th)
Objectif	<p>Awareness of the challenges faced by people who have lost their jobs due to health issues or the pandemic: lost wages, separation, anxiety, etc.</p>
Prière	<p>Prayer to Saint Joseph, patron saint of workers - <i>JOHN XXIII</i></p> <p>O Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are without work, for those who want to earn their living for the life of their family.</p> <p>You who are the patron saint of workers, may unemployment disappear from our society; that all those who have the capacity to work may use their strengths and talents in the service of their brothers and sisters for a salary worthy of their efforts.</p> <p>You who are the patron of families, do not allow that those who have children to feed and educate lack the necessary resources.</p> <p>Have mercy on our brothers [and sisters] who are helpless and poor because of disease or social disorder.</p> <p>Inspire governments, business leaders and all those in charge of initiatives and just solutions: that each person may have the joy to contribute, according to his abilities, to the communal prosperity by earning an honorable living.</p> <p>May we all benefit from the abundant goods that God has given us and that we help those countries less fortunate than our own. Amen</p>

Activities for the Community	<p>Collection of non-perishable food and hygiene products in a particular way these 3 weekends, but this project can continue throughout the year, because hunger does not take a break.</p> <p>See with the city the possibility of promoting the food drive on their website, social networks or on their electronic boards.</p>
Image on the collection boxes	<p>Image in English in an attached file (Legal format)</p> 
What to do with the food collected	<p>If your parish does not offer a food assistance service, a mutual aid resource will have been identified by the person in charge of the pastoral region.</p>

Let us know about your achievements so we can share them on our social media....
A picture is worth a thousand words!

THANK YOU for your collaboration!

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