

JOYFUL NOISE

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“One of the nicest surprises of living around the year with the Church is to find that Halloween is part of it.” - Mary Reed Newland, *The Year and Our Children*, pg 228.

For those who celebrate, Pumpkin-spice season began August 26, unofficially marking the shift from summer to autumn. (For those unfamiliar, here's a primer on the cultural phenomena.) Much like the celebration of Christmas creeping up sooner and sooner in our collective cultural calendars, autumn's seasonal trappings are increasingly being honoured long before the official fall equinox. This trend is so pronounced that it has a name: the holiday creep.

For those who haven't been getting their pumpkin-spice fix since August, here's your reminder that it's officially October, Autumn is truly underway, and Halloween is around the corner. Growing up, all the Catholic families I knew celebrated Halloween without issue. It was only as an adult I learnt there is some contention around the holiday within the Catholic community. However, like most theological and liturgical debates, its not so simple. Click here and here to learn the Catholic roots of Halloween and what that means for our celebrations. And for something different, click here for spooky movie recommendations with Catholic themes.

October isn't just about Halloween though. Click here for an October liturgical calendar with suggested activities for your family. Finally, this month is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Click here for a “Holy Rosary: Catholic 101” playlist on YouTube by Ascension and here for FORMED's collection of Rosary meditations.

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Women at the Well Virtual Prayer Group Weds 8 – 9 pm ET Springs in the Desert (a U.S.-based ministry) offers an informal, weekly drop-in prayer group via zoom for fellowship and support for women carrying the crosses of infertility and loss. Click here to learn more.

Project Rachel Retreat Nov 14-16 Project Rachel at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge offers twice yearly retreats for post-abortive women in a beautiful, natural setting, free from judgement or condemnation. Call 613-473-2679 or click here for more information.

“Creation” Catechesis Workshop Nov 29 Our next catechesis workshop will launch a four-part series on the Kerygma. All catechists and pastors are encouraged to attend. Click here for the poster.

Learn Catholic Social Teaching with the the Angelicum Click here for a free video series about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

New CCL NFP Resources Click here for the Couple to Couple League's flyer of their new Natural Family Planning programming and resources.

Have a question or need support? Want to share about your parish's ministry initiatives? Just want to chat?



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