

Tantalizing Tacos at Jose's Cantina



Jose's Cantina, owned by the charismatic and dedicated Roberto Gallo, is a prime choice for foodies in St. Ignace seeking authentic flavors and a fresh dining experience. During my visit, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Gallo to discuss his passion for mouthwatering tacos and more.



A Fresh Start to Every Day: From Scratch!



Passion for Quality and Flavor



Great food always starts with quality ingredients, and Gallo sources his delicious whitefish right here in St. Ignace. The menu features a noteworthy Whitefish Taco, Gallo's take on the classic fish taco with battered and fried whitefish enveloped in a crispy taco shell and topped with shredded cabbage, cilantro, and homemade sauces. It is one of the biggest sellers at José's Cantina.

This marvel is made possible by the high-quality whitefish supplied by Massey Fish Company - a local, family-owned fish purveyor. Gallo raved: "Massey's always takes care of me. I love Massey's. They give me the best fish."

Taco Perfection: The QUESABIRRIA Phenomenon



While each taco on the menu is worthy in its own right, Gallo was especially excited to tell us about the Quesabirria taco. "That one's an amazing taco. Amazing! One of the best tacos." The Quesabirria taco gets its wonderful flavor from crispy grilled corn tortillas filled with *birria* - zesty meat stewed in chili sauce, and topped with diced onions, cilantro, and served with consommé.

I know what I'm ordering!

From Sauces to Salsas



For Gallo, great food isn't just about assembling ingredients; it's about combining the freshest flavors: "You know when it comes to Mexican food, I like the freshest ingredients, everything, you know? My steak, my fish, my shredded chicken, my viria, you name it. From green sauce to habanero sauce, each sauce and salsa is made fresh every day. I make it fresh every single day!"



Love for St. Ignace & the Joy of Sharing Food



The owner's love for **St. Ignace** became readily apparent. "I love St. Ignace. I just wanted to bring them the best." His journey into the culinary world began at age 19, and he spent over a decade honing his skills and mastering the art of Mexican cuisine. "I was working with the previous owners, and then I got the opportunity to buy the place. And I just went with it. I love it."



Gallo succinctly summed up his personal philosophy: "I love food. Food is love to me. That's why I love to make the best food here. Because we need food. Everybody needs food, so I try to bring the best that I can."

If you're seeking an unforgettable dining experience, shimmy on down to Jose's Cantina in downtown St. Ignace. The food

is excellent, and the location sublime, and the menu features an awesome vegetarian selection. The José's Cantina team's dedication to freshness, relentless pursuit of culinary excellence, and zeal for sharing exceptional food make this restaurant a must-visit for Mexican food enthusiasts!

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