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SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday through Saturday:
 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
First Friday:
 (Mass followed by Adoration)

PASTORAL TEAM **Tel/Voice Mail**
 Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor Ext 228
 Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor 224
 Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor 223
 Rev. Mr. John Cannon, Deacon 222
 Mrs. Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate 226

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 25	Isaiah 62.11-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.15-20
Tues	Dec 26	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59; Matthew 10.17-22
Wed	Dec 27	1 John 1.1-4; John 20.2-8
Thurs	Dec 28	1 John 1.5-2.2; Matthew 2.13-18
Fri	Dec 29	1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35
Sat	Dec 30	1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40
Sun	Dec 31	Sirach 3.26,12-14; Colossians 3.12-21; Luke 2.22-40

CHURCH

Tues	Dec 26	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 27	Band practice 8 -10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 28	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.



Perhaps you've been wondering about ... the celebration of Christmas to which our Advent has been leading.

We gather throughout the Christmas season to celebrate a God who, in a desperate, irrevocable act of love, has stooped to become a human being. After Advent's reminder that our destiny is in the New Jerusalem, Christmas brings us to a stable in Bethlehem.

This God does not cling to the safety of heaven: this God takes shelter in the womb of young girl and sleeps in an animal's feed box.

If our Advent has been fruitful, we will see in our celebrations throughout the Christmas season that the baby in the manger is the man who died horribly that we might live forever;

we will see that shepherds and magi-kings come to honour the babe who is both shepherd and king. The Word-made-flesh dwells among us; we have seen his glory.

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Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: SUNDAY, DEC 24th

At the Church: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:30 PM,
 And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: MONDAY, DEC 25th

At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
 (Note: There will not be an :00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS, SUNDAY, DEC. 31st at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, MONDAY, JAN. 1st

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon

Schedule is also posted on our website:

www.saintjohnofthecross.com

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE FOR

SATURDAY, DEC 30TH 2017 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 31ST, 2017 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Merry Christmas

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 th	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 th	OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 th	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
MONDAY, JANUARY 1 st , 2018	OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

GROWING IN FAITH

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Nativity of the Lord

“A light will shine on us this day: The Lord is born for us.”

What will you do during this Christmas season to reflect in your heart, as Mary did, on God's gift of the Saviour?



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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COUNCIL # 12706

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council, Knights of Columbus would like to thank Fr. Joseph, Fr. Felix, and Fr. Sebastian and the parish staff and community for their support in our recent recruitment drive. We also thank our Spiritual Advisor, Deacon John for his enthusiastic address to our parishioners regarding the Knights. The recruitment drive was a great success. Thank you again!

ADULT FAITH: PIVOTAL PLAYERS

You are invited to a series of learning and discussion on Tuesday evenings about the different pivotal players who contributed to the Catholic church through the centuries.

Mark your calendars!

We'll start on Tuesday **January 9th**, 6 pm

Register for free.

Call Liane, 905-821-1331 ext 226

PERSON WITH SKETCHING TALENTS NEEDED

Our Gardening Committee is leading an effort to convert the non-repairable fountain garden in the front lawn into an accessible outdoor meditation area with an appropriate statue and benches. A horseshoe shaped area is envisaged with the opening facing the church and this be accomplished by re-using the existing rockery and shrubberies. A small fund-raising effort is envisaged to accomplish this and the information poster could benefit from a sketch (hand drawn or computer generated) depicting what it would look like. If you have such skills, please contact Al at 416-970-9242.

Ministry to the Bereaved

The ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting. Our ministers journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion as wounded healers. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

We ask that the person who wishes to begin this program, contact Muriel Haney directly. Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone. **For information:**

muriel1066@bell.net Muriel Haney 905 507-1581

PRIME TIME CLUB - (a social group for those over 50)
Membership - \$10 per year.

Events include monthly dinner in Nessinger Hall and a local restaurant outing. Craft Group meets every Wednesday at 2:00 pm and Line Dancing every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

Contact – Mary Wong 905 824 8537

CHURCH YEAR END

Thank you to all those who donated this year. If you would like to make a donation to be included on your 2017 tax receipt, please do so on or before Thursday, December 28th. This will allow us to record the amount on the computer and deposit the money by, December 29th, 2017.

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2018 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1st, 2018 please use your 2018 Envelopes.

DO NOT USE any previous year's envelopes. Envelopes not picked-up will be re-instated in the computer and given out to new parishioners, assuming that you have moved out of the area. Year will be finalized on the computer the last week of January, 2018 and the 2017 Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up shortly thereafter.



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January 10, 2018

MISSISSAUGA CONVENTION CENTRE

75 Derry Road West, Mississauga, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Register by January 4, 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCSCJan10>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVITY OF THE LORD December 25th, 2017.

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997**. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

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