

St. John of the Cross Parish

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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always; Pray continually;
Give thanks for everything.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Oct. 8	Gal 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tues	Oct. 9	Gal 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
Wed	Oct. 10	Gal 2:1-2, 7:14; Luke 11:1-4
Thurs	Oct. 11	Gal 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
Fri	Oct. 12	Gal 3:6-14++; Luke 11:15-26
Sat	Oct. 13	Gal 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
Sun	Oct. 14	Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

CHURCH

Tues	Oct. 9	Adult Choir 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Oct. 10	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 11	Altar Servers Training 6:45-8:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 11	Folk Choir 7:00-10:00pm
Fri	Oct. 12	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Oct. 13	Lectors Training 9:45-10:45am
Sun	Oct. 14	Baptism 2:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Wed	Oct. 10	Prime Time Crafts 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thurs	Oct. 11	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Oct. 12	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Sat	Oct. 13	Lay Carmelite Meeting 9:00-12:00noon
Sat	Oct. 13	Lay Carmelite Formation 1:00-2:00pm
Sat	Oct. 13	CFCFFL 6:30-10:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Wed	Oct. 10	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 11	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm
Thurs	Oct. 11	First Communion A & B 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Oct. 12	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Oct. 12	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct. 13	Prime Time Potluck 3:00-11:00pm

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



There is a promise of marriage between:
 Michael Adrian Amirthanathan & Minukshi
 Carmel Anandarajah

LET US PRAY FOR THIS COUPLE
 FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE



Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from St. John of the Cross Parish visit you while you are in the hospital? Or would you like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick? *Please let us know by calling the parish office.*

“It is love alone that gives worth to all things.” - St. Teresa of Avila

**Gratitude is the Heart's Memory:
 A Thanksgiving Reflection**

The celebration of Thanksgiving in Canada makes an interesting counterpoint to the holiday celebrated by our American neighbours.



While Americans remember the Pilgrims settling in the New World, Canadians give thanks for a successful harvest. At the heart of our Thanksgiving celebration is the idea of giving thanks for the goodness of the season past. And yet how often do we simply give thanks to God for who we are and what we have when things are going well in our lives?

Thankfulness is much more than saying "Thank you" because we have to. Thankfulness is a way to experience the world, a way to perceive, a way to be surprised. Thankfulness is having open eyes and a short distance between the eyes and the heart. In the New Testament, so much of Jesus' ministry took place at table. So many meals punctuate the New Testament – meals with Levi and his friends, meals with Simon the Pharisee, meals with crowds on the hillsides, meals with disciples, the ideal meals described in his parables. You can eat your way through the gospels! It is ultimately during the final meal that Jesus leaves us with his most precious gift in the Eucharist.

To acknowledge others, to say thank you, is a mark of greatness. If our colleagues and volunteers are dispirited and unmotivated, might it have something to do with the fact that we have never expressed our gratitude to them for who they are and what they do? The courage to thank – that is, the courage to see the gifts and experiences of this world all together as a gift – changes not only the person who gains this insight. It also changes the environment, the world, and those who surround that person.

Gratitude is creative. People bound together by gratitude are always discovering and awakening abundant sources of strength. The more thankful a person is, the richer he or she is within. Thankful people store up in their grateful memory all the good experiences of the past, just as the French proverb states: "**Gratitude is the heart's memory.**"

Happy Thanksgiving and bon appetit!

Excerpts from Fr. Thomas Rosica CSB,
 CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation
<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/gratitude-is-the-hearts-memory-a-thanksgiving-reflection.html>



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

is the process for people to both enter the Catholic Church and complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) as adults. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church, please contact or have them contact the parish office at 905 821-1331.

The next program begins October 15.



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

Similar to the RCIA, the RCIC is a program for children between the ages of 7 and 14 who have not yet been baptized. For more information, contact the parish office at 905 821-1331 soon.

The next program begins on October 17.

A CARMELITE MOMENT



St. Teresa of Jesus
(Also known as Saint Teresa of Avila)

From the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Jesus:
We should always be mindful of Christ's love. Whoever lives in the presence of so good a friend and excellent a leader, who went ahead of us to be the first to suffer, can endure all things. The Lord helps us, strengthens us, and never fails; He is a true friend.

Do you feel God's presence in your life?

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

This ministry offers spiritual support in a group setting and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Our ministers' journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion. The next 6-week group session will start on **October 5** thru November 9, Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm. To register, contact the parish office (905) 821.1331 or Muriel Haney at muriel1066@bell.net.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic school. Message will be returned by Sacramental Team.

905.821.1331 x 225 1st Communion / Reconciliation
905.821.1331 x 230 Confirmation

Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION CATCH-UP MEETING

Registration for all sacraments is the responsibility of the parish. Children do not receive sacraments automatically because they are in a particular grade.

First Communion Make-up Meeting is scheduled at the church for all parents of baptized children in Grade 2 and above on **Thursday, October 11, from 7-8pm**. Children do not need to attend.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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blessed



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