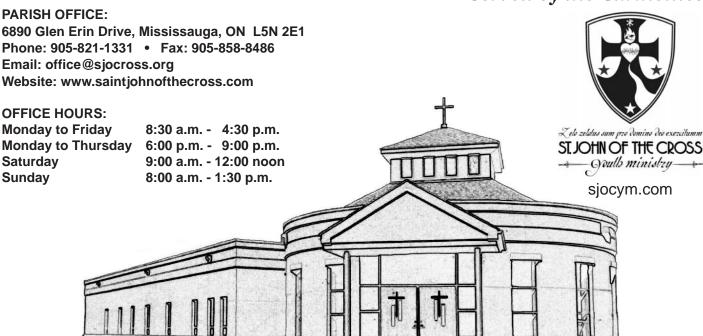
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St. John of the Cross Parish

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We, God's people, members of St. John of the Cross Carmelite Parish, and disciples called through baptism to be prophetic, priestly, and holy, have been chosen to serve, help, and guide each other on our Christian pilgrimage through life, to the Kingdom of God.

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 AT THE CHURCH

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Every Wednesday: additional mass 7:00 p.m. followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help First Friday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.

followed by Adoration

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Other times by appointment.

BAPTISM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Baptism Class prior to the birth of the baby. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or by visit to our Website.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel	905-824-1025

MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office if confined to home or hospitalization so sacramental care may be provided.

JOHN OF THE CROSS was born in 1542 at Fontiveros in Spain. He entered the Carmelite Community and was ordained a priest in 1567. Renowned for his wisdom and sanctity, he died at Ubeda in 1591. His writings are not only classics of spirituality, but also of Spanish literature. His best known books are The Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Oct. 15	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5.1; Luke 11:29-32
Tues	Oct. 16	Gal 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wed	Oct. 17	Gal 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thurs	Oct. 18	2 Tim 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9
Fri	Oct. 19	Eph 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Sat	Oct. 20	Eph 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sun	Oct. 21	Isaiah 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

CHURCH

CHERCH		
Tues	Oct. 16	Adult Choir 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Oct. 17	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 18	Altar Servers Training 6:45-8:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 18	Folk Choir 7:00-10:00pm
Sat	Oct. 20	Children Choir Practice 10:00-11:15am

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Oct. 15	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Oct. 16	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct. 17	Prime Time Crafts 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Wed	Oct. 17	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Oct. 18	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Oct. 19	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Sat	Oct. 20	Couples for Christ 1:00-5:00pm
Sat	Oct. 20	CFCFFL 6:30-10:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tues	Oct. 16	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm
Wed	Oct. 17	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Oct. 18	Confirmation 6:30-8:30pm
Sat	Oct. 20	Confirmation 10:00am–12noon



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*.

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.

"It is right, therefore, that we not just be called Christians, but that we actually BE Christians." – St. Ignatius of Antioch 35-108AD

Personal Encounter with the Saving Love of Jesus

264. The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which



urges us to ever greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known? If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that He will once more touch our hearts. We need to implore his grace daily, asking him to open our cold hearts and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence. Standing before him with open hearts, letting him look at us, we see that gaze of love which Nathaniel glimpsed on the day when Jesus said to him: "I saw you under the fig tree" (Jn 1:48). How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply to be in his presence! How much good it does us when he once more touches our lives and impels us to share his new life! What then happens is that "we speak of what we have seen and heard" (1 Jn 1:3). The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us. But if this is to come about, we need to recover a contemplative spirit which can help us to realize ever anew that we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us to lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others.

(Excerpts from Apostolic Exhortation EVANGELII GAUDIUM OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/document s/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-

gaudium.html#III.%E2%80%82From_the_heart_of_the_Gospel)

A CARMELITE MOMENT

Josepha Naval Girbes was born at Algemes in the Archdiocese of Valencia, Spain in 1820.
As a very young woman she consecrated herself to the Lord by a perpetual vow of chastity and by living a simple life. She dedicated herself generously to apostolic works in her parish community. She was a member of the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Teresa of Jesus.

Since parishes in a certain way represent the visible church established on the earth, Josepha, the Servant of God, regarded her parish as her Mother in faith and in grace, and as such she loved her and served her with humility and with a spirit of sacrifice.

Can we say the same of ourselves and how we offer ourselves up to God and serve others in our parish community?

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

Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger hall and luncheons in local restaurants. Held weekly are Line Dancing on Tuesdays at 1pm and Craft Group on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.



The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Soccer Challenge provides youth with a rewarding



activity, as winners are provided with a chance to compete at the council, district, regional and State level.

The competition is designed for participants to demonstrate the most basic soccer skills – the penalty kick. Each participant will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).

This Challenge is open to all boys and girls in the community from ages 9 to 14 years. The Proof of age as of September 1st is required. The competition is set up to start at the council level, with all participants competing within their own gender and age group.

Each Participant is required to fill a Soccer Challenge Entry form/score sheet that will be provided after all

masses this weekend. There is no cost for participating.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

On the weekend of Oct. 20/21, please take time to complete the form and return to the church office.

This weekend we stress Commitment to God and to our Church. We stress Time, Talent and Treasure wherein we are called to live out our Baptism by giving back to God and to the Church our Time, Talent and Treasure, also called Stewardship. As Christian stewards we receive God's gifts gratefully and cherish and tend them in a responsible manner and we share them in justice and love with others and return them with increase to the Lord.

The seven secrets of successful stewards:

- 1) Give until it feels good.
- 2) See not obligation, but opportunity.
- 3) Give to specifics.
- 4) Have an "attitude of gratitude"
- 5) Share various gifts at the right times.
- 6) Realize God will point the way.
- 7) See stewardship as a spiritual act.

The adage attributed to St. Francis, "Preach the Gospel, and use words if necessary." As Catholics we have heard, "Our actions speak louder than words." Good stewardship excites, fulfils and brings us closer to God who is the giver of our gifts. (Taken from Catholic Update)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invites you to a



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