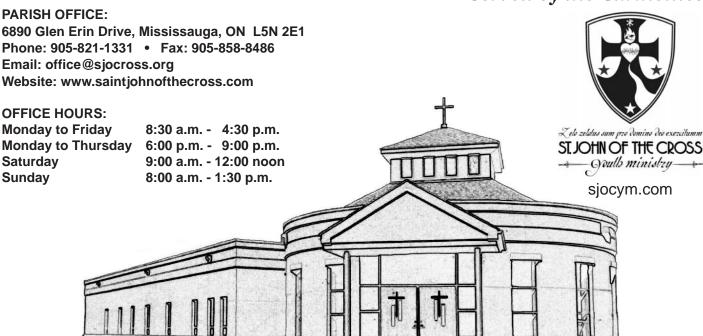
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# St. John of the Cross Parish

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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.

#### PASTORAL TEAM Tel/Voice Mail

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#### **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   | Nov. 19 | Davidation 1.1 4. 2.1 5a. Lulra 19.25 42 |
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| MOII  | NOV. 19 | Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5a; Luke 18:35-43  |
| Tues  | Nov. 20 | Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10    |
| Wed   | Nov. 21 | Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28         |
| Thurs | Nov. 22 | Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44         |
| Fri   | Nov. 23 | Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48        |
| Sat   | Nov. 24 | Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40        |
| Sun   | Nov. 25 | Daniel 7:13-14; John 18:33b-37           |

#### **CHURCH**

| Mon   | Nov. 19 | Eucharistic Ministry 7:00-8:00pm |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Tues  | Nov. 20 | Adult Choir 8:00-10:00pm         |
| Wed   | Nov. 21 | Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm       |
| Thurs | Nov. 22 | Reconciliation 7:00pm            |
| Thurs | Nov. 23 | Folk Choir 7:00-10:00pm          |

#### SEMINAR ROOM

| Mon | Nov. 19 | RCIA 7:00-9:00pm                    |
|-----|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Wed | Nov. 21 | Prime Time Crafts 1:30 – 4:30 pm    |
| Wed | Nov. 21 | Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm |
| Fri | Nov. 23 | Photo Directory 2:00-9:00pm         |
| Sat | Nov. 24 | Photo Directory 8:30am-3:30pm       |

#### **NESSINGER HALL**

| Tues | Nov. 20 | Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm |
|------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Wed  | Nov. 21 | RCIC 6:30-7:30pm                    |
| Fri  | Nov. 23 | LifeTeen 6:00-9:00pm                |
| Fri  | Nov. 24 | CFC 6:30-10:00pm                    |



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.

#### VOCATION CALLING

If we dare trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of time comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon in His church, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416.968.0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

#### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

There is a promise of marriage between: Christopher James and Leigh-Ann Mok. LET US PRAY FOR THIS COUPLE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE.

## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

<sup>1440</sup> Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.<sup>38</sup>

#### Only God forgives sin

<sup>1441</sup> Only God forgives sins.<sup>39</sup> Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>40</sup> Further, **by virtue of his divine authority** he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.

1444 In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."

#### **Contrition**

Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."

<sup>1455</sup> The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible. (Excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic church http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c2a 4.htm)

"A soul does not benefit from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery." - Saint Faustina

#### 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.

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.

#### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

There are a few spaces left for Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact the parish office to book your time slot if you did not have your photo session yet.

## BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Society clothing drive is this weekend. A collection



bin is in the parish parking lot for you to drop off used clothing, footwear, beddings, draperies, and towels. Donations received are used to help the many charitable works of the society. *Thank you for your generosity*.



#### SHEPHERDS' TRUST

The Shepherds Trust collection takes place this weekend. Envelopes will be distributed in all masses.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next **EDGE** Night:

Monday, Nov 26 - Yes Mother: Mary, Mother of God

Next LIFE Night:

Friday, Nov 23 - Word Made Flesh: The Incarnation

Next **Spiritus Vitae** Night: Wednesday, Dec 05 www.sjocym.com/young-adults

## A CARMELITE MOMENT All Carmelite Saints

The whole family of Carmel in the homeland, with Mary its Mother at its head, is the reason for our joy and praise to the Father on this day. We recall our brothers and sisters who once dedicated their lives to continual prayer on earth and now share in the worship of heaven. We unite ourselves spiritually to their glory, all the while journeying along the paths they traveled with courage, as they lived in obedience to Christ and followed in the footsteps of Our Lady.



#### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Don't forget to pick up your bottle!

The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 at St. John of the Cross Parish are participating in BBC 2018 in support of JFJ Hope Centre. Their vision: We believe that strong families build a strong world, and that faithfully



extending God's love will enrich our community now and for future generations. Because of you, a young couple can receive counselling for an unplanned pregnancy, a single mom will get practical help and parenting supports, and children will benefit from the relationship counselling their parents' receive. BBC 2018 will run from **Saturday**, **November 17**th **until Sunday**, **December 9**th. Fill a bottle, make a difference! Want to donate without filling a bottle? No problem – use this link: http://jfjhopecentre.ca/bbc/ to donate through Canada Helps. Thank you!!

Christmas Novena Cards from the Society of the Little Flower is available in the parish office at \$3 each. There are a few designs for you to choose from.



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