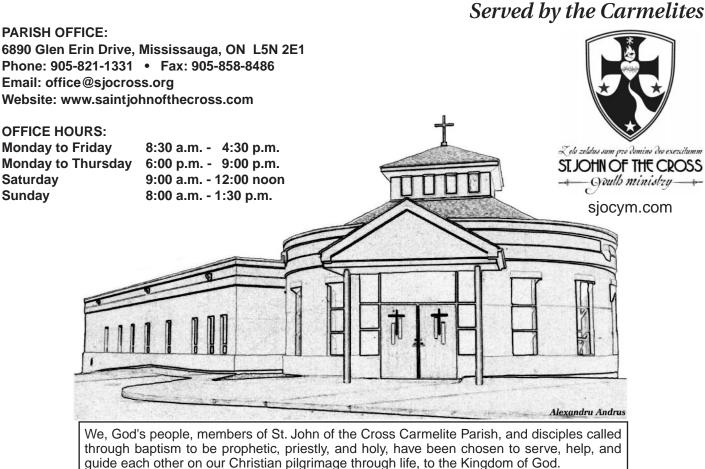
# St. John of the Cross Parish



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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St. Albert of Jerusalem	905-785-9298
St. Elizabeth Seton	905-821-2277
St. John of the Cross	905-824-3058
St. Richard	905-826-5572
St. Teresa of Avila	905-858-3462
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	905-785-0066
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.

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

READINGS OF THE WEEK				
Mon	Jan. 14	Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20		
Tues	Jan. 15	Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28		
Wed	Jan. 16	Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39		
Thurs	Jan. 17	Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45		
Fri	Jan. 18	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12		
Sat	Jan. 19	Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17		
Sun	Jan. 20	Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-12		
CHURCH				
Tue	Jan. 15	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm		
Wed	Jan. 16	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm		
Thurs	Jan. 17	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm		
Sat	Jan. 19	Children's Choir Practice 10:00-11:15am		
SEMINAR ROOM				
Mon	Jan. 14	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm		
Tue	Jan. 15	Baptism Class 7:00-10:00pm		
Wed	Jan. 16	Prime Time Crafts 1:30–4:30 pm		
Wed	Jan. 16	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm		
Thurs	Jan. 17	Special Events Committee 7:30-9:00pm		
NESSINGER HALL				

Mon	Jan. 14	EDGE Night 6:00-9:00pm	
Tue	Jan. 15	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm	
Wed	Jan. 16	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm	
Thurs	Jan. 17	Confirmation 6:30-8:30pm	
Sat	Jan. 19	Confirmation 10:00am-noon	
Sat	Jan. 19	CFCFFL, 6:30-10:30pm	



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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*.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT There is a promise of marriage between: Carlorenz Manaig & Iriz Grace Cruz

LET US PRAY FOR THIS COUPLE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE.



Next weekend is Coffee Sunday, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Lay Carmelites. COME & MINGLE!



## BAPTISM OF JESUS

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It echoes

the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. Why did He receive baptism? **First**, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. The Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

(Excerpts from Catholic-Daily-Reflection.com)

## PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

First Communion meetings will be held at St. John of the Cross Church in January 2019 for parents of children who received First Reconciliation in November. Please attend one of these meetings:

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 7:00pm or

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00pm Invitations and registrations will be delivered to the schools on the first week of January 2019. You will be required to submit your child's Baptismal certificate upon registration.

Call 905.821.1331 x 225 if you have any questions.

## A CARMELITE MOMENT



#### ST. ANDREW CORSINI

<u>Prayer:</u> God our Father, you reveal that those who work for peace will be called your children. Through the prayers of St. Andrew Corsini, who excelled as a peacemaker help us to work without

ceasing for that justice which brings truth and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## THE MASS – EVERYONE INVITED!

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.



See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Video showing will be in the church after the 4pm mass.

**PART 1**: Sunday, January 27, 5:30pm **PART 2**: Sunday, February 3, 5:30pm

Come and let us be drawn deeper into the love of God. To love is to desire to know the beloved.

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION

Please include in your prayers our Pope's intention for January:

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

#### **CHOSEN - Confirmation:**

Thursday, January 17 & Saturday, January 19, 2019 Who Is The Holy Spirit & What Does The Holy Spirit Do For Me?

#### EDGE - Grades 5 to 8:

Monday, January 14, 2019 - 6:30pm-8:30pm The Pursuit of Happiness: Living the Sacraments LIFE TEEN - High Schoolers:

Friday, January 11, 2019 - 6:30pm-8:30pm The Drive of Your Life: Conscience Formation Save the Date! Encounter: Adoration & Praise Wednesday, February 20, 2019

## DAILY READINGS ONLINE

Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto can now find the <u>Canadian</u> daily readings on their archdiocesan and parish websites. This includes the First Reading, Second Reading (when appropriate), Psalm, and Gospel Reading.

#### To access, go to www.sjocross.org

The **Daily Readings** tab is under the **Our Catholic Faith** drop-down menu.

#### 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**.

## SAVE THE DATE!



Knight of Hearts Annual Valentine Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Swagat Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$50/person

and will be sold after masses on the weekends of January 12, 19, and 26. For tickets, contact Mike, 905.819.1414 or Trevor, 905.785.2973.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are happy to have you. We are here to help you come closer to the Lord. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix. Come by the parish office when you get a chance and register as a new parishioner.

