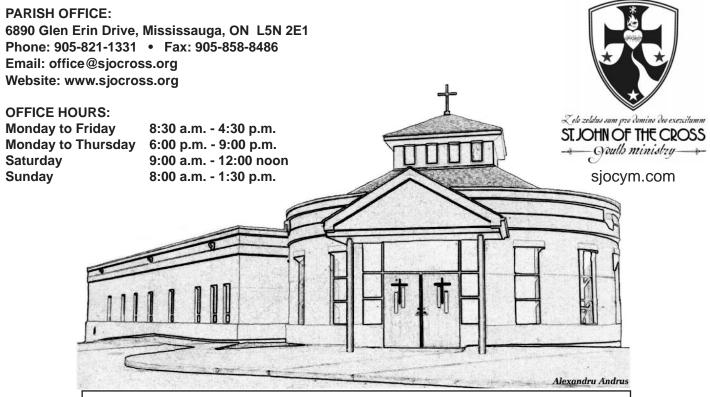
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# St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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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#### **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.

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R	EADING	S OF THE WEEK
Mon	Sept 9	Colossians 1:24-2.3; Luke 6:6-11
Tue	Sept 10	Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19
Wed	Sept 11	Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
Thurs	Sept 12	Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38
Fri	Sept 13	1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42
Sat	Sept 14	Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17
Sun	Sept 15	Exo 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32
CHURCH		
Tue	Sept 10	Adult Choir Practice 7:30-10:00pm
Wed	Sept 11	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Sept 12	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Sept 13	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
	SEMI	NAR ROOM
Tue	Sept 10	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Wed	Sept 11	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Thurs	Sept 12	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 13	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Sept 14	Lay Carmelite Formation 9:00am-3:00pm
NESSINGER HALL		
Tue	Sept 10	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Sept 10	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Sept 11	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-9:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS		
Wed	Sept. 11 7pm	For the soul of Effie D'Souza, requested by Trevor D'Souza     For thanksgiving intentions of Liane Harris & Family, requested by the family
Thurs	Sept. 12	For the living intention of Michael Harrison, requested by his family
Fri	Sept. 13	For the soul of Ed Zahodnik, requested by Catherine
Sat	Sept. 14 9am	<ol> <li>For the souls of Rosa and Raymond Pahlawan, requested by the family.</li> <li>For the souls of Julia and Ernest Apikian, requested by the family.</li> <li>For the soul of Susan Gonsalves, requested by Machado family.</li> </ol>
Sun	Sept. 15 12pm	For the soul of Antoni Svalinski, requested by Ivona Frandsen

Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm

Wednesday Evening Eucharistic Celebration at 7:00pm is followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



## The Exaltation of the Cross

### September 14

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

Today, we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper

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camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

(Source: Loyola Press,

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/triumph-of-the-cross)

Community Rosary starts at 6:30pm.

### CARMELITE VOCATION PRAYER

Gracious God,

We thank you for the gift of Carmel.

We ask you to continue to call forth men and women of fearless hearts to the Order of Carmel. May they be like the prophet Elijah, full of zealous love for you.

May Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, be our model that they might say "Yes" to your invitation to serve you and your Church.

Inspire them to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, prayerfully working to build your kingdom of justice and peace.

Faithful God, give them the grace and courage to discern and respond generously to your call. Amen.



## POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for the Pope's intention:

### The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

### LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

Are you called to visit the sick, elderly and the home-bound? This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, eld-



erly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass.

Training will be on Sept. 21 and 28, 9:30am-4pm. Must attend both dates.

Call Sally Amaral, 416.934.3400 x 518 or email samaral@archtoronto.org. Cost: \$35.

### **CORN FEST**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling fresh corn on the 14th and 15th of September after each mass.

The cost of the corn will be \$10 for 10 or \$5 for five.



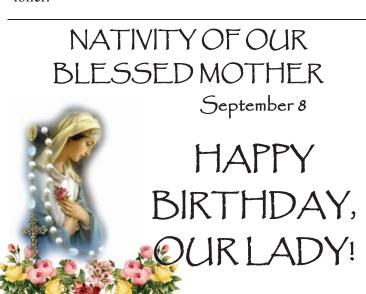
#### CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 Catechist Formation Program. New courses and seminars have been added to allow for more specialization. Contact Connie Price, 416.934.3400 x 513 or email at cprice@archtoronto.org.

Perfect prayer is attained not with many words but with loving desire.— St. Catherine of Sienna

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are glad to have you join our family. Feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Joyson or to our Associate Pastor, Fr. Felix, and when you get a chance, come by the Parish Office to register as a new parishioner.





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