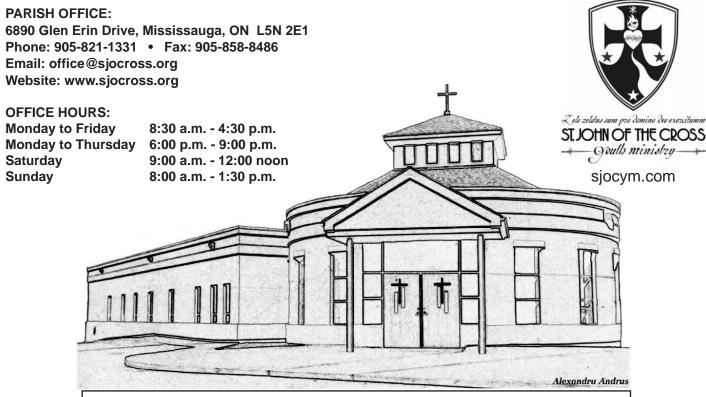
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St. John of the Cross Parish

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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:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. Sunday:

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. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are also expected to attend this class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website.

MARRIAGE

PASTORAL TEAM **Tel/Voice Mail**

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St. Teresa of Avila	905-858-3462
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	905-785-0066
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	905-824-1025

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.

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflections Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

1st Reading: Revelation 12:7-12a 2nd Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Gospel: John 1:47-51—Jesus calls Nathaniel

All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelations, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society. This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer "always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God" (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

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 3, from 7-8pm. Children do not need to attend.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage between

JONATHAN EMANUEL PONTE & SANDRA ANN DI LORIO

on October 5, 2019

Let us pray for this couple for a happy marriage.

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH		
Tue	Oct 1	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 2	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Sept 30	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Oct 1	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Wed	Oct 2	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	RCIC Parents' Meeting
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 5	3rd Order Carmelite Meeting 9:00am-1:00pm
Sat	Oct 5	CFCFFL 7:00-10:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Oct 1	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Oct 2	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	1st Communion Make-Up Mtg. 7:00-8:30pm
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 5	CFCFFL 6:30-10:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

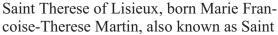
Mon	Sept 30	Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50
Tue	Oct 1	Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wed	Oct 2	Exodus 23:20-23a; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Thurs	Oct 3	Nehemiah 8:1-41,5-6,7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
Fri	Oct 4	Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
Sat	Oct 5	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
Sun	Oct 6	Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8,3-14; Luke 17:5-10

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

	MASS INTENTIONS		
Tue	Oct 1 9am	For the 36th Birthday Intention of Joanna Kurnat	
Thurs	Oct 3 9am	For the soul of Sebastian Gomes, requested by Fermina For the soul of Rita Perera, requested by Tressel Perera	
Fri	Oct 4 7pm	For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett	
Sat	Oct 5 5pm	For the soul of Henry Menezes, requested by the family	
Sun	Oct 6 10am	For the soul of Rita Perera, requested by Manel For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Cernelio	
	4pm	For the soul of Maria DeJesus Ventura, requested by Antonio Ventura	

FEAST DAY MASS

Tuesday, October 1, 7:00pm



Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly knows as "The Little flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower."

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the feast day of Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite Saint. Refreshments will follow after the mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parish contacts for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic schools are listed below. Message will be returned by one of the members of the Sacramental Team.

1st Communion/Reconciliation 905.821.1331 x 225 Confirmation confirmation@sjocross.org

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 6 - After the 12noon Mass Glen Erin and Derry

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YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Registration for EDGE (Grades 5-8), LIFE TEEN (Grades 9-12) & Confirmation Prep. now open @ www.jcym.ca

Next EDGE Night: Mon., Oct.7 - Rome Sweet Home



EDUCATE, REFLECT, ACT!

Federal Election Debate From a Catholic Perspective

Thursday, October 3, 2019—7:30pm

As we discern the path forward for our country through the October 21 federal election, you are invited to a special debate being held on Thursday, October 3 at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. 1,000 Catholics from across the archdiocese will gather to hear candidates from the four major political parties debate issues of importance to the Catholic community. Moderated by veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this is a free ticketed event. The evening will also include reflections and prayer offered by Cardinal Thomas Collins. For more information, elections resources and to order tickets, visit www.archtoronto.org/election

ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

Sunday, October 6th, 5:00pm at Nessinger Hall *WELCOME!*



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