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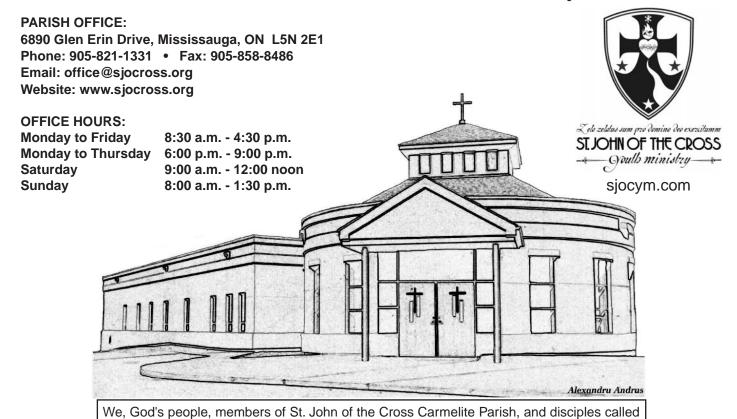
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Confirmation

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.

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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.

### 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2nd Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus

Giving our First Fruits

The image of Zacchaeus, a man short in stature climbing a tree to see Jesus, is probably one that is very familiar to us. However, despite this familiarity, there is a deep message that can often be overlooked. When Zacchaeus has a conversion experience, he vows not only to correct the wrong he has done, but to give back "four times as much." Zacchaeus teaches us that we shouldn't give the bare minimum but seek greater generosity in our gifts, especially of our time and talents.

The USCCB's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship proclaims that "stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in advance, from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after other obligations have been met) about what will be given." We should periodically ask ourselves, are we really giving God the best of our time and talents or do other obligations take priority?

For example, with respect to time, we should strive to establish and protect scheduled moments of daily prayer. Likewise, with our talents, we should try to offer our gifts first for the good of the church before our own personal interests. For example, do we rarely volunteer or only assist at the parish volunteer days when we happen to have a leftover time, or do we proactively schedule our week so as to ensure that it is a priority? Let us prayerfully review how we use our time and talents and seek ways to better serve the Kingdom of God within our parishes.

#### 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

#### RESERVATIONS

#### **CHURCH**

Tue	Nov 5	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sun	Nov 10	Baptism 2:00pm

#### **SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	Nov 4	RCIA 7:00—9:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Lay Carmelite Formation I 9:30am-12:00pm

#### **NESSINGER HALL**

Mon	Nov 4	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	RCIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm
Fri	Nov 8	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Lay Carmelite 1:00-5:00pm

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Nov 4	Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tue	Nov 5	Romans 12:5-16a; Luke 14:15-24
Wed	Nov 6	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thurs	Nov 7	Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
Fri	Nov 8	Romans 15: 14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Sat	Nov 9	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2:13-22
Sun	Nov 10	2Maccabees 7:1-2, 7, 9-14++; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27, 34-38

### YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon Nov 11th - The Media

& Conforming to Christ Next LIFE Night: Fri Nov 8th - Freedom &

**Failure** 

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Eternal rest grant unto the poor souls in purgatory, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

	MASS INTENTIONS				
Wed	Nov 6 7pm	For the soul of Hazel Vieira, requested by Janet and Leo Jeyapaul     For the soul of Patrick Mercer, requested by the Mercer Family			
Thurs	Nov 7 9am	For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews     For the soul of Celine Crasto, requested by the Ross Family			
Fri	Nov 8 9am	For the living intention of Sergio Scarabello, requested by Teresita Cruz			
Sat	Nov 9 9am	For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews     For the living intention of the Harrison Family, requested by Bushra Harrison			
	5pm	<ol> <li>For the soul of Marina Mariathas, requested by Mihutshi</li> <li>For the soul of George V. Gonsalves, requested by Michelle Coutinho</li> <li>For the soul of Sean Bell, requested by Michelle Coutinho</li> <li>For the soul of Manual Frias, requested by Isabel Frias</li> </ol>			
Sun	Nov 10 10am	For the soul of Sharon O'Connell Clahane, requested by Rick Clahane			

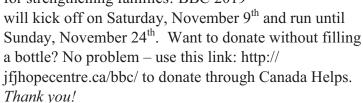


### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

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The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 at St. John of the Cross Parish will be participating in Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC) 2019 in support of JFJ Hope Centre in their 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary year. "Fill a bottle, make a difference!" Because of you, a young couple can receive counseling for an unplanned pregnancy, a single mom will get practical help and

parenting supports, and children will benefit from the relationship counseling their parents' receive. Strong families build a strong world. Thank you for strengthening families! BBC 2019



Lord, let me shun any joy that is without You and never seek any joy other than you. St. Thomas Aquinas

### Why Do We Pray for the Dead?

Catholic teaching regarding praying for the dead is connected with scripture, tradition and the doctrine of the communion of saints, which is part of the Creed.

As Catholics, we believe those who have died are separated from us physically, though spiritually they remain connected to us. Death does not sever the bonds of communion. Catholic tradition holds that when a person dies; if they are in a state of grace – they will enter heaven; if they reject God; they enter hell; and if throughout their lives they showed by works of charity and/or profession of belief in God; though they are not be in a state of grace; they enter Purgatory.

Within the Catholic tradition then, this is the purpose behind the various forms of prayer for the dead. We ask God during these prayers foremost to be merciful to the deceased; to forgive them their sins, to welcome them into paradise and to comfort those in grief. It is worthy then for us to pray for these intentions.

Catholic tradition to pray for the dead is found in Scripture and tradition where the living offer to God to graciously accept good works on behalf of the souls of the deceased to remit some part or all of the deceased's atonement. This is referred to as obtaining an indulgence for the deceased.

This tradition of over 2000 years still continues in the Eucharistic prayer. Based on Scripture and tradition, the Roman Catholic Liturgy for the Dead has prayers for the deceased; prayers for those who left behind; prayers for all those who have died and prayers asking God to forgive sins throughout the Mass and other funeral liturgies.

#### BUNDLE UP COLLECTION



The St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting Bundle up Sunday on November 16th and 17th. The truck will be in the Church parking lot accepting donations

before and after all the masses on this weekend. Acceptable items include: gently used clothing, coats, gently used boots, shoes, bedding, drapes, towels, new toys, and textiles (No mattresses).

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