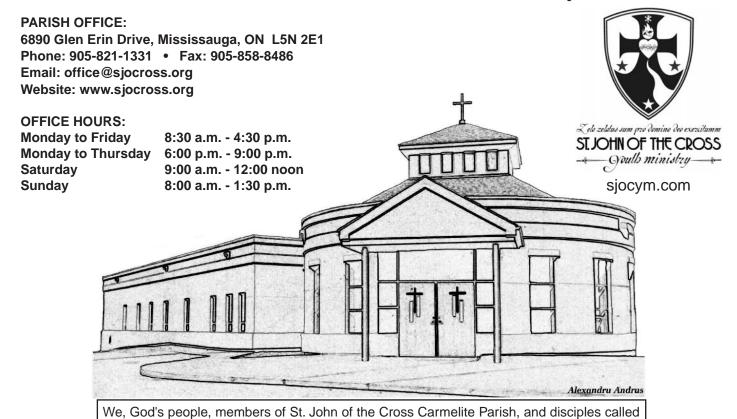
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through baptism to be prophetic, priestly, and holy, have been chosen to serve, help, and

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. 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

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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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor

1st Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19 - The Destruction of the Temple

and Signs of the End Times

Contemplating Life and Death

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* asserts that "the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities."

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that, "we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need."

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love and worship God and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. St. Teresa of Avila

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage between

CHRISTIAN JUSTIN MONTANO and APRIL BELINDA JONES

on November 23, 2019

Let us pray for this couple for a happy marriage.



| READINGS OF THE WEEK | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Mon | Nov 18 | 1 Macc 1:10-15,41-43, 54-57,62-64; Luke 18:35-43 | |
| Tue | Nov 19 | 2 Macc 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 | |
| Wed | Nov 20 | 2 Macc 7:1,20-31; Luke 19:11-28 | |
| Thurs | Nov 21 | 1 Macc 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 | |
| Fri | Nov 22 | 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 | |
| Sat | Nov 23 | 1 Macc 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 | |
| Sun | Nov 24 | 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 | |

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

| Tue | Nov 19 | Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm | | |
|-------|--------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Wed | Nov 20 | Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm | | |
| Thurs | Nov 21 | Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm | | |

SEMINAR ROOM

| Mon | Nov 18 | RCIA 7:00—9:00pm |
|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Wed | Nov 20 | Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm |
| Wed | Nov 20 | Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm |
| Sat | Nov 23 | Rosary Apostolate 9:30-11:30am |

NESSINGER HALL

| Mon | Nov 18 | Knights of Hearts 7:00-9:00pm | | |
|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| Tue | Nov 19 | Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm | | |
| Wed | Nov 20 | CIC 6:30-7:30pm | | |
| Thurs | Nov 21 | Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm | | |

COFFEE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND!

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice next weekend hosted by the Lectors and the Eucharistic Ministry. Mingle around and get to know another family member in our community.

| | MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
|-------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Mon | Nov 18 9am | For the soul of Catherine Michael, requested by Vincent & Family | | | |
| Wed | Nov 20 9am | For thanksgiving intention of Sylvia D'Souza, requested by Rhonda Remedios | | | |
| | 7pm | For the soul of Ricardo Lobo, requested by the Lobo Family For the souls of Lionel Barrett, his parents, and deceased siblings, requested by Ena Barret | | | |
| Thurs | Nov 21 9am | For the living intention of Hedy & Robert Castelino, requested by Hedy and Robert | | | |
| Fri | Nov 22 9am | For the thanksgiving intention of Tim Remedios, requested by Rhonda Remedios | | | |
| Sat | Nov 23 9am | For the soul of Lucien Apikian, requested by the Apikian Family | | | |
| | 5pm | For the soul of Ryan Duke, requested by Harry Duke For the deceased members of Joseph and Elaine Fletcher, requested by Ena Barret For the soul of Sarah Ferriera, requested by Lynda Tavares and family | | | |
| Sun | Nov 24 10am | For thanksgiving intention for Steve Harris' 64th birthday, requested by the family For the soul of Stella Harrison, requested by the Montague family For the soul of Tracy Fernandes, requested by the Desouza Family | | | |
| | 4pm | For the soul of Neil Dissanaike, requested by Anthony Dissanaike | | | |

Baby Bottle Campaign



The Baby Bottle Campaign is drawing to a close! Thank you so much for your support! Please bring your



bottles back to church by November 24th! Thank you!



Community Rosary at 6:30pm every Wednesday before the 7pm Mass. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows after the Mass.

Come, let us gather, worship, and praise our God as ONE BIG FAMILY!

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon Nov 11th - The Media & Conforming to Christ

Next LIFE Night: Fri Nov 23rd - Regenerate(d)
Conference

Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca



PARISH VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROCESS

If you are interested in volunteering at St. John of the Cross Parish, please obtain the necessary application form from the Parish Secretary. As a reminder, our volunteer ministries are either General Risk or **High Risk** (which involve working with vulnerable participants, e.g. children, the elderly, those with developmental disabilities or people experiencing trauma or abuse). **High Risk Ministry volunteers will be required to go through a screening process (interview, three reference checks and police clearance).** Please note that any current General Risk Ministry volunteer wishing to join a High Risk Ministry will still need to go through the screening process.

We wish to thank all volunteers for their interest and valuable time.

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST!



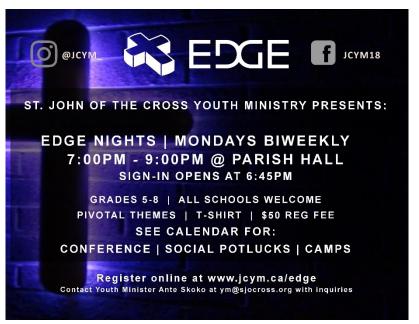
The Knights of Columbus are having a poster contest for kids from ages 5 to 14 years old.

The theme of the contest is **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!** All the instructions are printed on the forms. For further info and to get your forms for this contest, please see the knights after mass or you can collect the forms from the church office. The posters along with the form should be returned to the Church no later that Sunday, December 1st, 2019.

JC Youth Ministry - November 2019 Update



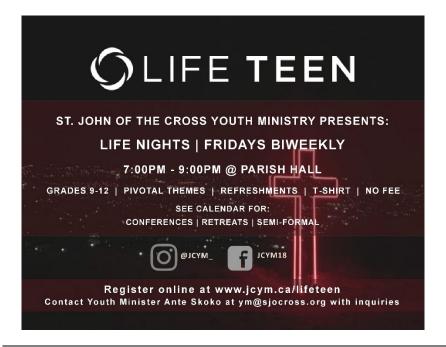
EDGE helps Middle Schoolers (Grade 5-8) unleash who they were created to be, in Christ.



Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge speaks to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. Edge has different semesters of Edge Nights every year, retreats, and has an adult Core Team, to assist in ministry and teaching in a way that young people can understand.



LIFE TEEN strengthens teens' Catholic identity, while rooting them firmly in Christ and His Church



We at JCYM believe a revolution is happening. And we believe that this revolution is taking place in our Church, in our homes, in our schools and in our workplaces. It is a Catholic revolution, it is a generation of teenagers, parents, young and old alike who are rising up to proudly live their lives for Jesus Christ. The LIFE TEEN ministry at St. John of the Cross is a small part of this larger movement that extends far beyond the walls of our parish. LIFE TEEN began as a ministry in 2005 in Arizona & has since spread through North America; guided by the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Mary, drawing strength through the Holy Mass & Eucharist.



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www.jcym.ca/confirmation confirmation@sjocross.org

| SESSION# | THU SESSION | SAT SESSION | THEME | DESCRIPTION | LESSON # |
|----------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|----------|
| | Thursday, 7 | Saturday, 9 | Who Is Jesus? | The Person and Mission of Christ | 5 |
| 3 | November 2019 | November 2019 | Why be Catholic? | Discovering the Church Jesus Founded | 6 |
| | Thursday, 21 | Saturday, 23 | Where am I go-ing? | A Look at the Four Last Things | 7 |
| 4 | November 2019 | November 2019 | How do I get there? | The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments | 8 |



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1st Wednesday Monthly | Western Region Parishes www.sjocym.com/young-adults|www.facebook.com/SpiritusVitaeTO
November 9th, 2019: Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. http://ocytoronto.org/renewto/





Next up for our Monthly Movie Night:

The Nativity Story

Saturday, November 23rd | 6:15pm Screening Open to Everyone | Hosted by YM Free Event | Refreshments Served

www.jcym.ca/movienight

<u>A drama that focuses on the period in Mary and Joseph's life where they</u> journeyed to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.



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"All the efforts of the human mind cannot exhaust the essence of a single fly." - St. Thomas Aquinas

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

CARMELITE MOMENTS

ST. ELIZABETH SETON

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803,



leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

St. Elizabeth Seton, pray for us.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS

We will have the Rite of Acceptance on November 30th, 5pm Mass for our adult and children candidates. It is a rite in the Catholic Church for those who are inquiring about the Catholic Faith and have journeyed during the Period of Pre-Catechumenate.

The rite that is called the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers His grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.

From this time on, the Church embraces the catechumens as its own with a mother's love and concern. Joined to the Church, the catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of liturgical celebrations.

PRIME TIME CLUB

A social group for those over 50 with a membership of \$10 per year. Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger Hall and luncheon in local restaurants. Held weekly are Line Dancing on Tuesdays at 1pm & Craft Group on Wednesdays at 2pm. Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 8, 2020 Knights of Columbus 20th Anniversary Valentine Dinner and Dance Apollo Convention Centre



MOVING?

Please let the Parish Office know if you are moving so we can update our records. Thank you!



SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a "faith in action." The Shepherds' Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity.

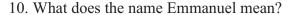
The Shepherds' Trust collection this year will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 16-17. As well, please consider remembering The Shepherds' Trust in your will. This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

KIDS FUN TRIVIA

How many can you answer right?

- 1. What was the name of the man who built an ark and took the animals in two by two?
- 2. How many days does lent last for?
- 3. How many Sacraments are there?
- 4. Who taught us the Our Father prayer?
- 5. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary to tell her that she would have a baby and he was to be called Jesus?
- 6. How many mysteries are there in the Rosary?
- 7. Who baptized Jesus?
- 8. What guided the three kings to Bethlehem?
- 9. What were the names of the first man and the first woman?





TEENS & ADULTS

How well do you know the Catholic Faith? Play the online game at

https://trivia.stanneaz.org/ *Have fun!*

Method of Practicing the Presence of God from Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection

Speaking humbly and lovingly with Him all the time, at every moment, especially in times of temptation, suffering, aridity, weariness, even infidelity and sin.

The practice is an application of our mind to God, or a remembrance of God present, that can be brought about either by the imagination or the understanding.

During our work and other activities, even during reading and writing or religious exercises-no matter how spiritual- we must stop for a moment, as often as possible, to adore God in the depths of our hearts, to sayor him.

The habit is formed by repetition of acts and frequently bringing the mind back into God's presence....conversing with God everywhere, asking him for what is needed, and rejoicing continuously with him in countless ways.

LECTIO DIVINA with CARDINAL COLLINS

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years, in which *they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God*.

Although there is an element of study in "Lectio Divina", it is not the same as Bible study, or exegesis, where one seeks to interpret the sacred text through analysis, and with the help of the work of scripture scholars.

In Lectio Divina we seek not to master or grasp the sacred text, but rather through it, prayerfully and silently, to come into the presence of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our heart as much as our heads, so that it may transform us.

Lectio Divina is not intended to increase our intellectual knowledge of the Bible (though it also has that effect); instead, it is intended to draw us closer to God, and to transform our attitudes and behaviour.

Archives of Cardinal Collins Lectio Divina videos are at https://www.archtoronto.org/lectio

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thess 5:17



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