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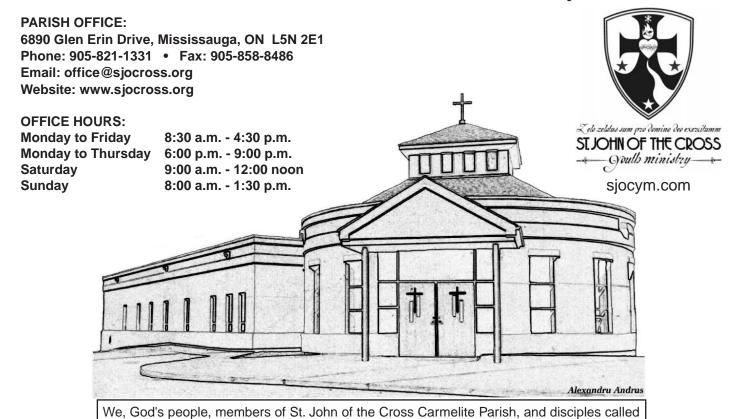
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PASTORAL TEAM

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration

Becoming like God

In the Gospel this Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly "discloses His divine glory" (CCC 555). Moreover, "the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (CCC 556).

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that "He was made man that we might be made God."

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	March 9	Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38
Tue	March 10	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++
Wed	March 11	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs	March 12	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Fri	March 13	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	March 14	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	March 15	Exodus 1:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Mon	Mar 9	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar 10	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Mar 11	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Mar 12	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Mar 13	1st Friday Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar 9	EDGE 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar 10	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Mar 10	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Mar 11	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Mar 11	Knights of Columbus 7:30-9:30pm
Thurs	Mar 12	Adult Sacramental Preparation 7:00-8:45pm
Thurs	Mar 12	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:30-9:00pm
Fri	Mar 13	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar 14	Day of Recollection 9:00am-12noon
Sat	Mar 14	Prime Time Club 2:00-10:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

ShareLife

Mon	Mar 9	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar 10	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:30pm
Wed	Mar 11	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Mar 11	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Mar 12	Pilgrimage Info Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar 14	Lay Carmelites 9:30-12:00noon
Sat	Mar 14	CFCFFL 6:30-10:30pm

ShareLife: It's who we are!

Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick, and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago—it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional

care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Info Meeting: March 12, 7:30pm Seminar Room

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar 9	 For the soul of Hari Sastry, requested by the Sastry Family For the soul of Hugh Simon, requested by Heather and Yorrick Desouza For the living and departed members of Heather Desouza, requested by Heather For the living and departed members of Yorrick Desouza, requested by Yorrick
Wed	Mar 11 7pm	 For the soul of Fr. Manuel D'Souza, requested by the Nicholson Family For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny For the birthday intention of Rebecca and John Paul Apedzan, requested by the family.
Thur	Mar 12 9am	For the soul of Enid Phillips, requested by Andrea Duszyszyn
Fri	Mar 13 9am	For the birthday intentions of Sheila Adudu, requested by the family
Sun	Mar 15 10am	 For the soul of Rosalind Agcaoili, requested by the Marquez Family For the living intention of Janet Omoro, requested by Mona May
	12pm	For the soul of Christina McKey, requested by Anna Hymans and Family

Marriage? Is it worth it? Fr. Errol Fernandes SJ

March 14th, 9:00am—12:00pm Email to register: sjoc.events@gmail.com

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

FREE Income Tax Preparation for low income individuals / families, newcomers and seniors is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Eligibility requirements are posted on the bulletin board. Contact the parish office to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:30am beginning February 29th and during the months of March and April.

Additional times from 1:00–3:30pm is added for April 18th and 25th.

WANTED MISSIONARIES!

The re:gen mission of the Archdiocese of Toronto is currently hiring young adults to become chastity or campus missionaries for 15 months starting in June 2020 until August 2021. If you or someone you know would be interested in this great opportunity, please contact Genicia Dabu at

regen@ocytoronto.org.

You can count on our prayers as you discern joining our team.



Every Friday during Lent, 7:00pm

Holy Mass is celebrated after the Stations of the Cross

REPENT. PRAISE. GIVE THANKS.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

FORGIVENESS: HUMAN AND DIVINE Fr. Jorge Amaro

Intro Talk:

March 21-22 during the Holy Mass Mission Talk:

March 23-25, 7:00-9:00pm

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

March Break Camp for Grades 1-6: Mon, Mar 16 - Fri, Mar 20, 9am-4pm daily with Extended Care available. Registration @ at parish office or @

www.jcym.ca/marchbreak



COME & SEE WEEKEND

Friday, March 13, 7:00pm to Sunday, March 15, 1:30pm, St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men, 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact the Parish Priest or the Office of Vocations at 416.968.0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org. Call

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