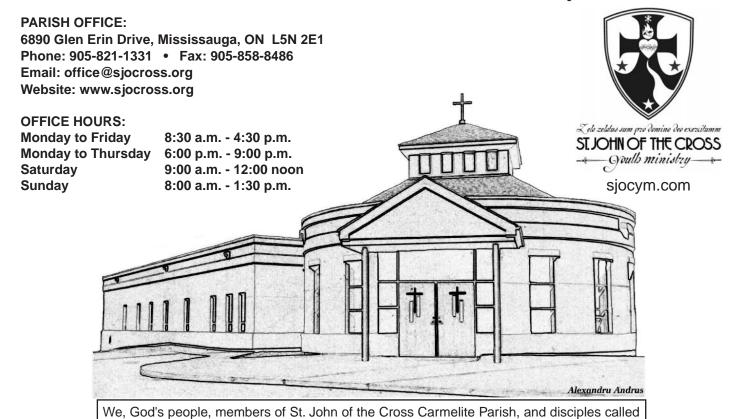
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# St. John of the Cross Parish

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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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#### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225 Confirmation 230

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### 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

### Living in the Living Waters

In the Gospel today, we reflect on the episode of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was "tired" yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that "the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Through this image of water, Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wished to lavish upon His children (CCC 728).

As stewards of Christ, we are called to generously

share our time with our parish However, a of our gifts guidance and Holy Spirit can to becoming couraged or important to



and talents community. mere sharing without the strength of the easily lead us burnt out, disresentful. It is have all of our

charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way, it is not our own merits but the Lord's grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

Lord, you know that I love you.

Bless my love, O Lord,

Make it pure and holy.

#### RESERVATIONS

#### CHURCH Mon Mar 16 RCIA 7:00-9:00pm Mar 17 Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm Tue Wed Mar 18 Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm Thurs Mar 19 Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm Mar 13 Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass Fri

#### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar 16	March Camp 7:00am-5:00pm
Mon	Mar 16	CWL 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar 17	March Camp 7:00am-5:00pm
Tue	Mar 17	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Mar 17	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Mar 18	March Camp 7:00am-5:00pm
Wed	Mar 18	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Mar 19	March Camp 7:00am-5:00pm
Thurs	Mar 19	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:00pm
Fri	Mar 20	March Camp 7:00am-5:00pm
Sat	Mar 21	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00pm

#### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Mar 16	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar 17	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Mar 18	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Mar 18	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Mar 19	Adult Sacramental Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar 21	Rosary Apostolate 9:30-11:30am
Sat	Mar 21	CFCFFL 6:30-10:30pm

# Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At

this ShareLife-funded agency, she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen gradusted and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Mar 17 9am	For the soul of Silvano San Francisco, requested by Arthur Rodrigues
Wed	Mar 18 7pm	For the healing of Nadine and Adrian Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny
Thurs	Mar 19 9am	For the soul of Avis Jobity, requested by Joseph Family     For the conversion of sinners and salvation of souls in families, requested by Anne Kenny
Sat	Mar 21 5pm	For the soul of Joan Dacosta, requested by the Dacosta Family
Sun	Mar 22 10am	For the soul of Joe Lobo, requested by the Saldanha Family     For the soul of Joh d'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

READINGS OF THE WEEK			
Mon	March 16	2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30	
Tue	March 17	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35	
Wed	March 18	Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19	
Thurs	March 19	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Luke 2:41-51a	
Fri	March 20	Hosea 14:1-9; Mark 12:28b-34	
Sat	March 21	Hosea 5:15b-6.6++; Luke 18:9-14	
Sun	March 22	1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41	

# NURTURE LIFE, OPPOSE DEATH ON DEMAND! CONTACT YOUR MP!

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org/euthanisia

We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.



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

EDGE: Teaching Mass, Mon Mar 23rd LIFE TEEN: Mass Fitness, Fri Mar 27th

**Cross Camp for Grades 1-6:** 

Aug 10-14, 17-21: 9am-4pm daily with

**Extended Care.** 

Registration @ www.jcym.ca/crosscamp





#### COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND!

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice this weekend hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Mingle around and get to know another member of our community.

# JCYM March 2020 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.

### Our doors are always open to new youth. Come join us!

Monday, 9 March 2020 Source & Summit: Eucharist In Scripture Monday, 23 March 2020 Celebration of Thanksgiving: Teaching Mass

**EASTER** 

Monday, 27 April 2020 **Identity: Male & Female** Monday, 11 May 2020 Bad News: Suffering & Evil Monday, 25 May 2020 **Eternal Kingdom: Second Coming & Last Judgement** Monday, 8 June 2020

**CLOSING NIGHT: The Finish Line** 



**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.

# Our doors are always open to new youth. Come join us!

Friday, 13 March 2020	ENCOUNTER
Friday, 27 March 2020	MASS FITNESS

#### **EASTER**

Friday, 24 April 2020 **LUX SEMI-FORMAL UNEXPECTED GIFT** Friday, 8 May 2020 Friday, 22 May 2020 ABUNDANT SACRIFICE Friday, 5 June 2020 **CLOSING NIGHT** 



# **JCYM March 2020 Update**



For youth currently in Grades 1-6 Mon March 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm @ St. John of the Cross Parish

FEE: \$25 per Day, OR \$100 for the Week (\$25 Discount) Family Discount: Siblings \$20/day OR \$80/week

#### **EXTENDED CARE:**

Daily with AM (8-9am) and/or PM (4-5pm) options - \$5/day Family Discount: 2nd/3rd Child Extended Care is free

# **REGISTER ONLINE**

www.jcym.ca/marchbreak
Paper Forms also available at Parish Office & YM Hub \*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, July 19, 2020



For youth going into Grades 1-6 in September 2020 Week 1: Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 3:30pm Week 2: Monday August 17th - Friday August 21st 9:00am - 3:30pm @ St. John of the Cross Parish

**FEE:** \$100/Week / \$180/2Weeks (\$20 Discount)

Family Discounts for Siblings

#### **EXTENDED CARE:**

Daily w AM (7:30-9am) and/or PM (3:30-5pm) options - \$5/day Family Discount: 2nd/3rd Child Extended Care is free



# REGISTER ONLINE

# www.jcym.ca/crosscamp

Paper Forms also available at Parish Office & YM Hub \*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday July 19th, 2020 \*\*



EDGE Camp is a fun and engaging five-day Catholic overnight adventure camp in Haliburton with:

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More info & registration @ www.jcym.ca/edgecamp

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#### CASH FOR CARS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Cash for Cars Raffle Tickets this weekend after every Holy Mass. The proceeds from the sale will be going to the Arthritis Society and the Special Olympics. The price of the ticket is \$5 and a book of ten is \$50. Please help us support this worthy cause.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League will be holding an informational meeting to all the ladies parishioners on Monday, March 16th, 7pm in the parish hall. Women above 16 years old are welcome.

### FAMILY PRAYER MISSION LENTEN RETREAT

March 20, 6:00-9:00pm March 21,9:00am-6:00pm March 22, 9:00am-6:00pm

St. John's Hall 2185 Stavebank Road, Mississauga

For tickets, contact Shiju Thomas, 647.284.2430 or Thomas Barretto, 647.200.6885

www.familyprayermission.org

#### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

March 20-22, 2020 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Road)

Theme: In the Spirit of Quietude Preached by Fr. Peter Nowak, OMI

For more info, call 905.278.5229

# **BULLETIN POSTING**

<u>Parish Ministry Coordinators</u>: If you have any announcement that you want to put in the bulletin, please submit it at least <u>ten days</u> before the issue date. *Thank you*.

# FIRST COMMUNION MAKE-UP ENROLLMENT

For children going for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion who missed the Rite of Enrollment, there will be a make-up on Sunday, March 29th, at 10am mass. Parents of these children are asked to bring them in so they can participate in this important rite.

### **FASTING RETREAT @ DIVINE**

March 28 & 29, 9:00am-6:00pm Participants must attend both days Divine Retreat Centre Toronto

Retreat given by Fr. Sam Samuel and Fr. Louis, Vincentian Order

> Registration is free. Call DRCT at 647.949.4932 or email enquirydrct@gmail.com

#### 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.

#### 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 during the months of March and April.

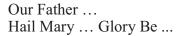
Additional times from 1:00–3:30pm is added for April 18th and 25th.

O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen. Henry Nouwen

# POPE FRANCIS' MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

#### **Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.





#### PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

Pontifical collection for the custody of the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 10 for the benefit of the Church and the Christians of the Holy Land

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at Holy Places, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to support the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom depend on your support for their lives.

This year, the Pontifical Collection for the support of the Holy Land will be taken up during the Good Friday services on April 10, 2020.

#### BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

May 12th —June 30th 6:30-8:30pm, Seminar Room

This ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone. Contact Muriel at muriel1066@bell.net or call 905.507.1581 to register.

You have only one life and it will soon be past, and only what's done for Christ will last.— Chuck Smith

#### PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

The traditional triad of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are a path of purification for participating more fully in the Lord's Passion and Resurrection which will be our principal meditation in Holy Week.

**Prayer** is for every season. Worthy participation in Holy Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic tradition. Perhaps we can find a Mass early in the morning before work, or during the lunch hour. The rock foundation of our prayer life is established through mental or quiet prayer—ideally before the Most Blessed Sacrament, but perhaps even in a quiet corner of our room.

While the Church recommends **Fasting**, there are any number of other mortifications that can help strengthen us against selfishness.

We often "give up" things during Lent, and rightly so. These mortifications, when we make them out of a motive of love for God, and in the State of Sanctifying Grace, can be meritorious; they can help us and others grow in holiness. They also help fortify our will for doing good, and for becoming detached from material things.

**Almsgiving** usually refers to giving some portion of our worldly goods to the poor. This is a great work of generosity. Stewardship, as taught in the Sacred Scriptures, means to give back to God a tithe.

When we refer to almsgiving in the Lenten context, we might include other forms of charity or kindness. Acts of kindness, even those unseen by others, can take the form of actions, words, or prayers that unselfishly seek to assist others. They can be grand or tiny. Developing the virtue of charity and practicing even charitable or loving thought can deepen within us and others the love that Jesus demonstrates and teaches.

Making sacrifices out of a motive of love for God, makes us more like Jesus Christ, Who in the Paschal (Easter) Mystery suffered, died, and rose that we might have life. The path to Easter, to sharing in the life of the Risen Christ, is the Cross. "If anyone whishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Mt 16:24-25)

Excerpts from Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving by Clemens Pater

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