

Sunday, December 13, 2020

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



Holy Mass Schedule:

Monday to Saturday at 9am

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 5pm on Saturday. The livestream link for Sunday Mass is emailed to parishioners who are in the parish email list.

All Public Masses are livestreamed.



Click here for Live Stream

If you see VIDEO UNAVAILABLE message after you click Live Stream, then click on **WATCH THIS VIDEO ON YOUTUBE**

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RECONCILIATION

Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class which are currently being given online. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A baptism package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for completion. Baptism process starts when the parish office receives the completed baptism forms that are in the package. Please call the office for assistance.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS continue to be celebrated in our parish at this time. Please contact the office for details.

To be added into the parish email list, please click



Or copy and paste <http://bit.ly/SJOCAddme> in your browser.

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OFFICE HOURS:

The church is on lockdown and the building is closed until further notice.

Someone will be in the office from 9:30am to 12noon to answer your calls or to let you in if you have any appointment.

Email-Transfer Steps



1. Use email: admin@sjocross.org
2. Write your First & Last name
3. Your phone number
4. In the Message Box, indicate the Purpose of this fund, and
5. Answer to the security question

DAILY MASS READINGS

December 14	Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
December 15	Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
December 16	Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25; Luke 7:19-23
December 17	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Matt 1:1-17
December 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matt 1:18-24
December 19	Judges 13:2-7; 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
December 20	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

As part of our preparation for Christmas, below is the schedule for the Parish Advent Reconciliation. Please follow the instruction of the volunteer to ensure safety and church capacity protocols.

- Monday, December 14th**
from 10:00am-11:00am
- Tuesday, December 15th**
from 10:00am-12:00noon
and from 6:00—8:00pm
- Wednesday, December 16th**
from 10:00am—12:00noon
and from 6:00-8:00pm
- Thursday, December 17th**
from 11:00am-12:00noon
- Friday, December 18th**
from 10:00am-12:00noon
- Saturday, December 19th**
from 10:00am-12:00noon

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Third Candle - The Candle of Joy

THIRD WEEK *The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink, as well as the two previously burned purple candles, after the following prayer has been said.*

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
The three candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the third week.



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RECONCILED!

CALLING 5 to 14 YEARS OLD!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

KIDS! You still have time to create your poster for **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** Contest.

This year, you will be submitting your artwork electronically. Deadline for submission is this Tuesday, December 15th.

Contest open for ages 5 to 14 years.

For more details and for the registration form, click <https://bit.ly/SJOCKeepChrist>

"My soul rejoices in my God."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14, 9am

1. For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett

Tuesday, December 15, 9am

1. For the living intention of Jason DeSouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the 65th birthday blessings and 30th wedding anniversary of Braz Dias, requested by Jill

Wednesday, December 16, 9am

1. For the soul of Efren Pagiuro, requested by Ellen Villanueva
2. For the soul of Edgardo Margarejo, requested by Albert Margarejo
3. For the soul of Dr. Jacob Chako on his 26th death anniversary, requested by Manoj Jacob

Thursday, December 17, 9am

1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Arvind Kattar

Friday, December 18, 9am

1. For thanksgiving for blessings received, requested by Hedy and Robert Castelino

Saturday, December 19, 9am

1. For the 50th wedding anniversary of Marino and Zeno Perera, requested by the Zeno family
2. For the souls of Ivan and Teresa D'Souza, requested by Gary D'Souza and family

Sunday, December 20, 10am

1. For birthday blessings and thanksgiving of Ross Lobo, requested by the Lobo family
2. For the soul of Natty D'Souza, requested by the Fernandes, D'Souza and Colithas family

For these intentions, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society of St John of the Cross Parish would like to thank you for your generous response to our call to Help With our Christmas Drive this year.

2020 is indeed a tough year financially but through your generosity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to distribute 68 hampers to our Neighbors in Need for Christmas this year. Each hamper contained a Box of Food, Grocery Vouchers and Gift cards. This helped put a smile on the faces of 220 Children and Adults in our Community.

So we say,

Thank you! Thank You and Thank You!

2 Cor 9 6 -8 God Loves the Cheerful Giver

Saint John of the Cross: Our Patron Saint's Story (Feast Day: December 14)

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full.

SEE FLYER FOR TALK ABOUT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Sunday, December 13, 2020



Know our patron saint, St. John of the Cross!

The Dark Night of the Soul, Yesterday and Today Revisiting John of the Cross' Classic Text and Symbol

Inaugural Lecture

For the Endowed Chair of Carmelite Studies



Fr. Steven Payne, OCD

December 14th, Feast Day of St. John of the Cross

3:30—4:30pm

Online Access Link:

<https://cua.zoom.us/j/84245640017>

No registration required.

*"The soul that walks in love neither
tires others nor grows tired."*

St. John of the Cross, 1542-1591



THE TINY TIM CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Sing your own *Christmas Carol* this year by doing your Christmas shopping with our on-line auction platform.

Check off all the people on your gift-giving list while promoting our local businesses and helping our neighbours in need.

Take a look at our website today! Bid soon and bid often!

Auction ends December 15th !

www.32auctions.com/tinytim

“God bless us every one!” Tiny Tim

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The parish office is now accepting debit and credit card for payments and contributions.

Credit card transactions can be called in over the phone.

