

Sunday, December 27, 2020

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.

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Happy New Year!

We wish you all a Happy
& Healthy 2021!

May you be with our good God
throughout the New Year;

May God Bless you always with
enough happiness to keep you sweet;
enough trials to keep you strong;
enough success to keep you eager;
enough faith to give you courage;
and enough determination to make
each day a good one.

*Father Joyson, Father Felix,
& Deacon John*

2021

DAILY MASS READINGS

December 28	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matt 2:13-18
December 29	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
December 30	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
December 31	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
January 1	Numbers 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
January 2	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
January 3	Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*If Jesus is Life, Mary is the Mother of Life
 If Jesus is Hope, Mary is the Mother of Hope
 If Jesus is Peace, Mary is the Mother of Peace
 Mother of the Prince of Peace.*

“Hail, holy Mother! The child to whom you have birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever”. With this ancient greeting, today, the 8th day of the Octave of Christmas and the first of the year the Church greets the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoking her as Mother of God. In her the eternal Son of the Father took our very flesh and through Her became “son of David and son of Abraham” (Mt 1,1). Thus Mary is his true Mother; the Theotokos, Mother of God! Entering the new year, let us ask this holy Mother to bless us. Let us ask Her to give us Jesus, our full Blessing, in whom the Father blessed all history once and for all, making it become the history of salvation.

Justice and forgiveness: these are the two “pillars” of peace. Between justice and forgiveness there is not opposition but complementary, because both are essential for promoting peace. Indeed, far more than a temporary ceasefire, this is the deep healing of the

wounds that weary souls. Only forgiveness can quench the thirst for revenge and open hearts to an authentic and lasting reconciliation among peoples.



This appeal for justice and peace is first and foremost for those who believe in God, in particular for the great “Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, called to declare their firm and decisive rejection of violence. No one, for any reason, can kill in the name of God, who is one and merciful. God is life and the source of life. To believe in Him means to witness to his mercy and forgiveness, rejecting the exploitation of his holy Name.

An agonizing cry for peace is being raised from various parts of the world; it is rising particularly from the Land which God blessed with his Covenant and his Incarnation and for this reason is called “Holy”. The voice of your brother’s blood” cries out to God from that land (cf. Gn 4,10); the blood of brothers poured out by brothers who hark back to the same Patriarch Abraham; sons, like every human being, of the same heavenly Father.

Today, we turn our gaze to the Child whom Mary holds in her arms. In Him, we recognize the One in whom mercy and truth meet, justice and peace embrace. In Him, we adore the true Messiah, in whom, for our salvation, God joined together truth and mercy, justice and forgiveness. The Child born in Bethlehem is the eternal Word of the Father who became flesh for our salvation, he is “God-with us”, who brings with him the secret of true peace. He is the Prince of Peace.

(from St. Pope John Paul II Homily, 1 Jan 2002)

***Mary, Holy Mother of God,
 pray for us.***

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28, 9am

1. For Yorrick and Heather Desouza Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the intentions of the Joseph Barrett Clan, requested by Ena Barrett
3. For the soul of Mary Victoria Murphy, requested by the Murphy Family
4. For the soul of Nelly Parra, requested by Darly Osorio
5. For birthday thanksgiving and blessings of Mary D'Costa, requested by Michelle & Alan Mathews & family
6. For the soul of Archie Rodrigues, requested by Micelle, Gladys, Allan, & Jordan

Tuesday, December 29, 9am

1. For the soul of Joe and Louisa D'Souza, requested by Craig & Sandra D'Souza
2. For the soul of Basil Smith, requested by Margit Smith
3. For the soul of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin and Sandra Fernandes
4. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Cyrus & Rolinda D'Almeida
5. For the souls of Bernardina & Rufino Casino, requested by their children

Wednesday, December 30, 9am

1. For the soul of Yolanda Adrianza, requested by Manuel Herreira

Thursday, December 31, 4pm

1. For thanksgiving and praise to our Triune God, requested by Liane Harris & Family

Friday, January 1, 9am

1. For the soul of Esperanca Pinto, requested by Melissa D'Silva

Saturday, January 2, 9am

1. For the 39th Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving and blessings for Christine & Cordell Robson, requested by the Robson Family

Saturday, January 2, 5pm

1. For the 40th Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving and blessings for Rhona & Francis D'Silva, requested by the D'Silva Family
2. For birthday thanksgiving and blessings for Christian Peters, requested by the Harris-Peters Family

Sunday, January 3, 10am

1. For thanksgiving for Elva & Karl Chaves, requested by the Family
2. For the 59th Wedding Anniversary blessings and thanksgiving for Joseph & Catherine Fernandes, requested by the family

**Pope Saint John Paul II's
Prayer for Families**



“May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations. May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age! . . . may Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the ‘domestic church’ especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

*St. Pope John Paul II, pray for us
and for families.*

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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.

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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



THE LIVESTREAMED FEASTS MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 26th, 5:00pm, The Feast of the Holy Family

Thursday, December 31st, 5:00pm, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 2nd, 5:00pm, The Feast of the Epiphany

You can access the livestream from our parish website,

<http://www.sjocross.org>

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Sunday, December 27th, 8:00am-2:00pm

Friday, January 1st, 8:00am—2:00pm

Sunday, January 3rd, 8:00am—2:00pm

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-john-of-the-cross-parish-30474838986>