

Sunday, November 15, 2020

# St. John of the Cross Parish

*Served by the Carmelites*



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday 9:30am—4:30pm  
Tuesday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm  
Wednesday 6:00pm—9:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am—12:00noon  
Sunday 8:00am—1:30pm

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1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225  
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**SCHOOLS**

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ST. 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.

**LET US CONTINUE TO STAY VIGILANT  
FOR SAFETY & HEALTH!**

**SOCIAL DISTANCE—SANITIZE HANDS**

**WEAR MASK—DISINFECT YOUR SPACE**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday through Saturday 9:00am  
Additional Mass on Wednesday 7:00pm  
Followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Additional Mass on 1st Friday 7:00pm  
Followed by Adoration and Benediction

**RECONCILIATION**

After the 9:00am morning mass, Monday through Saturday or by appointment.  
Contact the parish office to make an 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 expected to attend the 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.

Registration is required for Sunday masses. Click to Register for Mass.



**Register for Mass**



Click here for Live Stream

5pm Saturday Mass is livestreamed!

Click on AddMe to be added into the Parish Email List in order to receive parish notifications.



## DAILY MASS READINGS

November 16	Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5a; Lk 18:35-43
November 17	Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
November 18	Rev 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
November 19	Rev 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
November 20	Rev 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
November 21	Rev 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
November 22	Eze 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25: 31-46

## 1st RECONCILIATION

The dates for the 1st Reconciliation of Grade 2 students are moved and are tentatively scheduled in January 2021. The 1st Reconciliation Team will be connecting with you later for details.

If you have any questions, please call (905)821-1331 x 225

St. John of the Cross Parish continues to celebrate the Holy Masses as scheduled, weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Please follow safety and health protocols when coming into the church so we can continue to celebrate our faith together.

## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Today's Gospel presents to us the parable of the talents. This parable was between two other parables: the parable of the ten virgins (Mt 25:1-13) and the parable of the final judgment (Mt 25:31-46). These three parables clarify and orientate people concerning the coming of the Kingdom. The parable of the ten virgins insists on vigilance: the Kingdom may arrive at any moment. The parable of the final judgment says that in order to possess the Kingdom it is necessary to accept the little ones. The parable of

the talents directs us on what to do to make the Kingdom grow. It speaks of the gifts and the charisms which people receive from God. Every person has qualities, knows something that he/she can teach others. Nobody is just a pupil; nobody is just a teacher. We all learn from one another.

A key to understanding the parable: one of the things which has greater influence on the life of the people is the idea which we have of God. Among the Jews who followed the Pharisees, some imagined that God was a severe judge, who treated people according to the merit they had gained through the observance of the Law. That produced fear in the people and prevented them from growing. It especially prevented them from opening a space within them, to receive and accept the new experience of God which Jesus communicated. In order to help these people, Matthew tells the story of the talents.

The different money of the Kingdom. There is no difference between those who have received more and those who have received less. All have their gift according to their capacity. What is important is that this gift be placed at the service of the Kingdom and make the goods of the Kingdom grow. These gifts are love, fraternal spirit, sharing. The principal key of the parable does not consist in making the talents render something, but rather in relating to God in a correct way. The two first servants ask for nothing; they do not seek their own good; they do not want things for themselves; they do not close up in self; they do not calculate. In the most natural way, almost without being aware and without seeking their own merit, they begin to work, in such a way that the gift received from God may produce for God and for the Kingdom. The third servant is afraid, and because of this does nothing. According to the norms of the ancient law, he acts correctly. He fulfills the requirements. He loses nothing and gains nothing. And because of this he loses even what he had. The Kingdom is a risk. Anyone who does not want to run risks will lose the Kingdom!

Excerpt from ocardm.org

MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 16, 9am**

1. For birthday blessings of Valens Nicholson, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For birthday blessings of Matina Arvichetvan, requested by the grandparents
3. For birthday blessings for Gabrielle Amonte, requested by the Almonte Family
4. For the souls of the Highland Family, requested by the Robson Family

**Tuesday, November 17, 9am**

For souls of Maria and Erno Szekeres, requested by Tunde Szekeres

**Wednesday, November 18, 9am**

1. For soul of Ernest Ambrose, requested by Geraldine Robson & Family
2. For the living intention of Jana Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
3. For the 6th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Johnson & Hennie, requested by Mom and Dad

**Wednesday, November 18, 7pm**

For the souls of the deceased members of Barsey and Chaves Family, requested by the Barsey and Chaves Family

**Thursday, November 19, 9am**

1. For the souls of Wilfred and Myrtle D'Souza, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For a safe birth of Sayap Aude, requested by Sayap Aude
3. For the souls of the Fernandes Family, requested by Denise Rodgers

**Friday, November 20, 9am**

1. For the birthday blessings for Janice Manuel, requested by Mom & Dad
2. For a safe birth of Sayap Aude, requested by Sayap Aude

**Saturday, November 21, 9am**

1. For the souls of Lucien, Mary and Francis Apikian, requested by the Apikian Family
2. For a safe birth of Sayap Aude, requested by Sayap Aude

**Saturday, November 21, 5pm**

1. For the healing of Lisa O'Brien, requested by the family
2. For the soul of Lourenco Lobo, requested by Owen Lobo
3. For the 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Edgar & Leonie D'Silva, requested by Sanjay D'Silva and Family
4. For the healing and comfort of Deacon John Cannon

MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, November 22, 12pm**

For a safe birth of Sayap Aude, requested by Sayap Aude

**Sunday, November 22, 4pm**

1. For the souls of Sebastian & Eugene Pereira, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the soul of Valentine D'Cunha, requested by Stany D'Cunha

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

Christmas Novena Cards are now  
available in the parish office. \$3 each



SHEPHERD'S TRUST

Next weekend is the Shepherd's Trust Collection. **The Shepherds' Trust** supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry.

*There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts. —Albert Schweitzer*

# The St. Vincent de Paul Society Gift Card Drive

let's share the joy of christmas with our  
neighbors in need

The St. Vincent de Paul will be providing  
Christmas Hampers to those in need within the local  
community. Your support of gift cards will help support  
many families during this holiday season.

- Buy a gift card
- Attach the receipt to the gift card
- Return the gift card + receipt to  
the drop off box in the parish

## Suggested Stores:

- Walmart
- Freshco
- Superstore
- Metro
- Canadian Tire
- Erin Mills Town Centre
- Toys R Us
- Tim Hortons

**GIFT CARDS + RECEIPT WITH BALANCE  
SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE  
BY NOV 28/29TH.**

**thank you for your generosity**

For any further questions contact:  
Jovita D'Souza 416-834-3672

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# family at the Heart of formation

## Featured Speakers:



Cardinal Thomas Collins



Patrick Sullivan  
Creator of  
*Me and My House*  
Catholic Parenting Program



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of Toronto

Office of Formation for Discipleship

**A virtual gathering of families  
in the Archdiocese of Toronto**

**Saturday, November 28, 2020  
10 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.**

Online Zoom sessions and offline activities

Celebrate your faith and form your  
Catholic family culture at home!

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us.

Includes: prayer, songs, games, scripture,  
Q&A with Cardinal Collins, family activity challenges,  
and an evening parent talk and discussion  
with lay evangelist, Patrick Sullivan.

Free to attend, but tickets are limited.

Register today at

[www.archtoronto.org/family](http://www.archtoronto.org/family)

*"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed,  
knowing from whom you learned it." 2 Timothy 3:14*

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DIVE INTO THE STORY OF HOW  
CHRIST ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM IN

# Matthew

A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
JEFF CAVINS



You are invited to St. John of the Cross Parish  
Online Group Bible Study Program on the

## ***BOOK OF MATTHEW***

- Learn how Jesus is challenging and empowering us and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it
- Learn how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth.
- Understand the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan ... and more!

**SJOC Parish Bible Study Program is free. Participant workbook is required which gives you a 1-year access to the Book of Matthew videos to watch at home and the digital workbook for online reading. Cost of workbook: \$55.**

**Order your workbook as soon as possible. Call the parish office at 905.821.1331 or email the Parish Faith Formation at [sjocff@gmail.com](mailto:sjocff@gmail.com)**

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## TINY TIM'S COMMUNITY Christmas Auction

Your Knights of Columbus Council would like to invite all of our fellow St. John of the Cross parishioners, families and friends to wrap up their Christmas shopping this year by using our on-line *Tiny Tim On-Line Christmas Auction* at [www.32auctions.com/tinytim](http://www.32auctions.com/tinytim)

Check off all the people on your gift-giving list while promoting our local businesses and helping our neighbours in need. "Secret Santa"? Corporate Gifts? Kids, Family and Friends? Look no further! Take advantage of our "one stop shopping" convenience using our on-line auction.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. COVID-19 has ravaged our community and its businesses with devastating consequences. Yet, there are those in our neighbourhoods that have suffered far worse. The *Tiny Tim Community Christmas Auction* is a COVID friendly way to promote local businesses by auctioning off products and services donated by them. Donated products and services are then offered to the public on our virtual auction site. Auction proceeds are then passed on to our neighbours in most need.

In effect, this auction is all about "neighbours helping neighbours". As the saying goes: "One good turn deserves another!"

Why Tiny Tim? A character from the famous Victorian-era story, "A Christmas Carol", Tiny Tim, his family the Cratchett's and old Ebenezer Scrooge tell a heart-warming story of repentance, redemption, and the transformative power of love and charity. It is a story that is especially poignant during the season of goodwill to all. Tiny Tim has become synonymous with the holiday season.

*"As good as gold," said Bob, "and better. Somehow, he gets thoughtful, sitting by himself so much, and thinks the strangest things you ever heard. He told me, coming home, that he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day, who made lame beggars walk, and blind men see."*

- Bob Cratchett, Tiny Tim's father, Charles Dickens, 1843



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

**Credit card transactions can be called in over the phone.**

