

Sunday, November 29, 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 Masses are livestreamed.



Click here for Live Stream

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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

November 30	Rom 10:9-18; Matt 4:18-22
December 1	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
December 2	Isa 25:6-10a; Matt 15:29-37
December 3	Isa 26:1-6; Matt 7:21, 24-27
December 4	Isa 29:17-24; Matt 9:27-31
December 5	Isa 30:19-21; 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
December 6	Isa 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Livestream from your home parish

- ➔ Monday to Saturday, 9am Weekday Mass
- ➔ Saturday evening, 5pm Weekend Mass
- ➔ Sunday, 10-11am, Holy Hour

Lighting of the First Advent Candle



Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose. Each day at home, the candles are lit, perhaps before the evening

meal – one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A fifth candle, which is white and called the Christ candle, may be placed in the center of the Advent Wreath and lit on Christmas Eve.

FIRST WEEK: The Prophets' Candle
The Candle of HOPE

The first candle is sometimes called the candle of prophecy because it symbolizes the promises the prophets delivered as messages from God; prom-

ises that foretold Christ's birth. Others consider the candle to be a symbol of the hope we have in Christ and so it is called the Hope candle.

PRAYER:

First Candle - The Candle of Hope
The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Leader: May your hearts be filled with hope as you hear the promises God made to bless all the peoples on earth through Abraham, the father of our faith.

All: Thanks be to God

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we will light a candle to remember the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.

Genesis Chapter 12

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (NRSV)

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever. (A person lights the first candle here)

Leader: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus we give thanks for our Father Abraham who by faith obeyed your call and became the father of many nations. Give us faith to listen to your voice that our hearts may be filled with the hope of our Lord Jesus. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30, 9am

1. For the soul of Robert S. K. Lim, requested by Virginia Tan
2. For the souls of Edwin and Edith Fernandes, requested by Denise Rodgers
3. For the soul of Priscilla Barsey, requested by Elva Barsey
4. For birthday blessings for Ross Barsey, requested by Elva Barsey
5. For the soul of Imelda Abreu, requested by John D'Souza

Tuesday, December 1, 9am

1. For the soul of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes & DeSouza Families
2. For thanksgiving from Saldanha, requested by the Saldanha family
3. For the healing of a parishioner, requested by Rachel Saldanha
4. For the souls of Pedro & Remedios Tuason, requested by Ditas Supleo

Wednesday, December 2, 9am

1. For thanksgiving for answered prayers, requested by Shara Baksh
2. For blessings for Neil as he starts a new job, requested by Shara Baksh

Wednesday, December 2, 7pm

1. For the souls of Narciso, Gregorio & Benita Tuiza, requested by Tuiza Family
2. For the soul of Freeda Fernandes, requested by John D'Souza

Thursday, December 3, 9am

1. For the soul of Francis Xavier Menezes, requested by Charlotte D'Costa & family
2. For special intention of Adrian Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett
3. For the 90th birthday blessings for Greta Dega, requested by Mark and family

Friday, December 4, 9am

1. For the souls of Lawrence & Ida Lewis, requested by Nicholson Family
2. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by Nicholson Family
3. For the soul of Emma Pelegrine San Antonio, requested by the family
4. For the healing and quick recovery of Jaxon Ymbang, requested by Teresa Vergara
5. For the soul of Flor Sales Nepomoceno, requested by Efren Regio

Friday, December 4, 7pm

1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
2. For the soul of Savio Britto, requested by a

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- parishioner
3. For the souls of David & Mary Mercer and their 3 deceased sons, requested by Mercer Family
2. For the soul of Flor Sales Nepomoceno, requested Dorita Regio and family

Saturday, December 5, 9am

1. For the living intention of Ryan Desouza, requested by Desouza Family
2. For the birthday blessings for Irene Fernandes, requested by a well wisher

Saturday, December 5, 5pm

1. For the soul of Ronald D'Souza, requested by Clara D'Souza and family

Sunday, November 29, 10am

1. For the soul of Ann Ottermiller, requested by Cheryl Rodgers

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

MEN'S FRATERNITY

That Man is You! (TMIY) is a program that combines Scripture, Solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We gather at 7:00am on Saturday, November 28th through the Zoom platform with video presentations, which will be followed by breakout groups that provide an opportunity to discuss what's been presented. We will be done by 8:30 am.

The best way to judge a program is by its success. Men who've attended the program and have been Catholic their whole lives say this is the program they've been waiting for. Due to the COVID guidelines there will be no in person meetings. We would encourage you to register yourselves by email at the following address:

sjocmensfraternity@gmail.com

Attached is a link to a typical testimonial from participants, who have completed the program.
<https://vimeo.com/342469814>

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

When You Listen to a Witness, You Become a Witness [Thursday, December 3 – 5 p.m.]
A VIRTUAL EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Please join the International March of the Living, Fundacion Amigos de Yad Vashem Panama – EMET and March of the Living Toronto for this online event. This program is part of a survivors of the Holocaust series and will feature Mania Hudy in an inspirational Q&A with Dalia Mizrahi, educator and active member of Fundacion Amigos de Yad Vashem Panama – EMET.

The program will be held in both English and Spanish. All are welcome.]

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BecomeAWitness>

Thursday, December 3 – 8 p.m.

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

COVID can't stop Christmas. And this year, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir's Christmas concert is finally coming to Canada ... virtually! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube livestreamed event where you can meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there!

LEARN MORE: <https://bit.ly/StPaulsChristmasVideo>

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/StPaulsChristmasConcert>

All Roads Pass through Mary: The Marian Principle: Old Covenant Pictures of the Blessed Mother [Wednesday, December 16 – 7 to 9 p.m.]

VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR HEBREW CATHOLICS

Fr. Charles Anang is a dynamic speaker, teacher and writer who effectively combines theology with spirituality. With a unique devotion to the Blessed Mother, he will speak about the Old Covenant pre-figuration of Mary as the "New Eve," the "New Ark of the Covenant" and as Mother and Queen. But even more, since the Church is Marian in her essence, the Church represents her in its ministry and identity, so this talk will describe some of these elements called: the Marian principle. All are welcome. No registration is required but please contact AHC Toronto for Zoom link at: ahctoronto@gmail.com.

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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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

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.

