

Sunday, August 15, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses or by appointment.

BAPTISM

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 for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

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 office.



**CLICK TO REGISTER
FOR WEEKEND MASS**

Registration is required for in-person participation in the weekend Holy Masses: Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 8am, 10am, 12noon, & 4pm.



**Click here for
Live Stream**

All 9am morning masses, Monday to Saturday and the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass will be livestreamed.

AddMe

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click **AddMe** to be added into the Parish Email List.

**PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY
PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S
SAFETY:**

1. 6-ft distancing at all times
2. Wear mask
3. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

Happy Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!



“The Church today invites us to contemplate” the mystery of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s bodily Assumption into heaven. That was the message of Pope Francis at the Angelus on Wednesday. This mystery, he said, “shows us that God wills to save the whole human person: body and soul.”

For the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Holy Father explained that, at the end of her life, Mary was taken “body and soul” into heaven; her body “did not know the corruption of the grave.” This, he said, was a special privilege granted to the Mother of God on account of her unique corporal and spiritual union with her Son, Jesus.

This privilege, he continued, “gives us the confirmation of our own glorious destiny.” In the past, philosophers had understood the value of the human soul, and that it was destined to happiness. But they could not conceive that the body, too was destined for heavenly beatitude in union with the soul. This is the Christian doctrine of the “resurrection of the body,” which Pope Francis described as “an element proper to Christian revelation [and] a pivotal element of our faith.”

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with words of encouragement: “If we have lived in this way, in the joyful service of God, which is expressed also in generous service to our brothers and sisters, our destiny, on the day of the resurrection, will be like that of our heavenly Mother. It will be given to us, then, to realize fully the exhortation of Saint Paul: ‘Glorify God in your body!’ and we will glorify him forever in heaven.”

(Excerpt from Pope Francis, Vatican News)

WEDNESDAY ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Weekly Adoration & Benediction every Wednesday at 7pm here in our beautiful parish.

This Wednesday, the Parish Youth Group will lead the meditation and the Parish Prayer Group will lead the Holy Rosary.

The Adoration will be livestreamed.

<https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/livestream/>



The Church that Jesus established is beautiful! It’s roots can be traced all the way back to the 12 apostles and to Jesus.

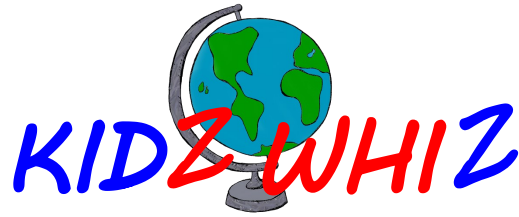
Do you know anyone who may be curious or want to know more about God, the Catholic Faith, and the Church? They can call the parish office for more information about RCIA. Ask for one of the priests or Liane at (905) 821.1331.

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.”

Mary’s Song of Praise, (Luke 1:46-48)

“... Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14



Kids, let’s go outside Canada this time.

1. Where does the Pope resides?

Answer: _____

2. Jesus was born in what city?

Answer: _____

3. What is the name of the sea that Moses parted so that the Israelites can go to the other side?

Answer: _____

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK: FAMILY OUTREACH PROJECT

Discuss with family members the importance of sharing your material goods with the poor and the needy. Plan to set aside a certain amount of money each month to donate to a charity of the family’s choice (children can contribute a portion from their allowance).



FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP) Mission:



The SSVP is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

This month the St John of the Cross Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society served 14 families which consisted of

18 adults and 22 Children for a total of 40 people . We handed out non perishable food items , 20 Missis-sauga bus tickets, \$ 700.00 worth of Grocery Vouch-ers , cleaning products and toiletries.

We continue to ask for food donations and this month we are in need of canned meat , canned vege-tables, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, and jams.

We must thank you for your kind donations and support.

God Bless!

Two Steps to E-Transfer:

- 1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org
- 2) Send a separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 16, 9am

1. For the soul of Yorrick, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the soul of Catherine Fernando, requested by the Fernando Family
3. For the soul of Milagros Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto
4. Birthday Blessings for Alastair Manuel requested Tony & Jane Fernandes & Family

Tuesday, August 17, 9am

1. For the soul of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Irene Fernandes & Family
2. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
3. For the soul of Milagros Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto

Wednesday, August 18, 9am

1. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the soul of Milagros Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto
3. For the deceased members of the D'Costa Family, requested by Hedy & Robert Castelino

Thursday, August 19, 9am

1. For the 32nd Wedding Anniversary of Victor & Gloria Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes & DeSouza Families
2. For the soul of Odette Sookram, requested by the Family
3. For the soul of Yorrick, Desouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
4. For the soul of Milagros Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto
5. For the souls of Charlie & Angelica D'Souza, Requested by the D'Souza Family

Friday, August 20, 9am

1. For the soul of Juliana Noronha, requested by Theresa Moraes
2. For the soul of Roberta Olib, requested by Emerald Badilla
3. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the DeSouza family
4. For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Anne Gaynor
5. For the soul of Milagros Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto
6. For the soul of Marianne Thomson, requested by Doreen & Richard Boyko

Saturday, August 21, 9am

1. For the soul of Joan Diaz, requested by the Barsey Family

2. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by The Desouza Family

Saturday, August 21, 5pm

1. For the soul of Alexis Lobo, requested by Lucy Lobo & Family
2. For the soul of Yvonne Almeida., requested by the Ross Family
3. For the soul of Thelma Ferreira, requested by the Ross Family
4. For the soul of Anthony Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz

Sunday, August 22, 8am

1. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Sunday, August 22, 10am

1. For the souls of Julieta & Carlos Fernandes, requested by Tony & Jane Fernandes & Family

Sunday, August 22, 12pm

1. For the soul of Joan Mootoo, requested by the Mootoo Family

Sunday, August 22, 4pm

1. For the souls of Grisilda, Raymond & Hyginus Perera, requested by the Perera Family
2. For the souls in Purgatory, requested by the Perera Family

Lord, hear our prayers.

DAILY MASS READINGS

August 16	Judges 2:11-19; Matt. 19:16-22
August 17	Judges 6:11-24a; Matt. 19:23-30
August 18	Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16a
August 19	Judges 11:29-39a; Matt. 22:1-14
August 20	Ruth 1:1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40
August 21	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12
August 22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph.4:32-5:1-2, 21-32; John 6:53, 60-69

April 3, 2021

RCIA TESTIMONIAL

Good evening everyone,

We as living beings honour God, who is our creator, in so many ways. One of these ways is having a closer relationship with Him. God wants to know us more and therefore He sacrificed His son for us as the accessible pathway to Him. I believe God is very vast, and his magnificence cannot be imagined. Therefore, the need to learn more about him, never ends; and this is only possible through a continuous relationship with Him.

My name is Abi, and I was born a Christian. I have had the opportunity to know about Jesus from a young age, but I always struggled. I had so many questions that produce answers which create more questions in return. Besides this, I was a stickler for perfection and a control freak. I always thirst for knowledge so that I will know how to control things, because as we all know, knowledge is power.

This search brought me to SJOC. I joined RCIA with one purpose, to find out more about God. I wondered : “What is so special about Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Saints? Why are most of the Catholics I see walking in an unusual freedom”. I know that there is no one without problems and the bible has said that God will handle everything if we surrender it to him. I noticed that my Catholic friends feel better once they pray about something, with the help of the saints and Mother Mary interceding for them. I learned a lot through the RCIA meetings, and I got some of my mysteries clarified. I got to understand that I didn’t have to carry my burdens alone. To me, the most significant part of the process was the day we burnt our greatest burdens (written on pieces of paper), releasing it to God. I watched as the ashes floated away and on the spot I got my answer. With my kind of temperament, my greatest burden was ANXIETY. I was really tired of being worried all the time. I worry from the smallest thing to the largest thing. I worry to the point of thinking to myself....” How do souls burn in hell since they are not made of tangible substance?”

That day, I received my freedom and since then, I have not let go of it. Of course, I have been anxious afterwards but within minutes, I pray and let it go. It is becoming easier for me since I have been practicing this everyday. I now approach prayer without doubts that God will answer my prayers. This is one of the many changes I have seen in my life since I took the step of joining the catholic church.

I felt really embraced by the community especially with the help of the RCIA team: Shanti, Beverly, Joe, Gulam, Charmaine, Cyrus, Fr. Joyson, Fr. Felix and Liane; our sponsors: Miriam, Linda, Heidi and other neophytes Kevin, Sarah, Marsha, Elvan and Vanessa. I (as well as the other neophytes) believe that we couldn’t have had a greater welcome than what we got.

Therefore, on behalf of all the neophytes, our appreciation goes out to every person that participated in our initiation, baptism, and confirmation. May God bless you and strengthen you always. We thank the Catholic church for not discriminating our backgrounds and for accepting us just as we are, like the Lord Jesus. We thank God Almighty for His son Jesus, Mother Mary and all the Saints that intercede constantly for us. And finally, we thank God the Father Himself for to Him be all the glory forever and ever. Amen

Abi and her son were baptized into the Catholic Church at St. John of the Cross Parish on Easter Vigil, 2021 April 3rd. Abi and her family has since moved and continued their journey of faith in Alberta.

Please continue to pray for the new members of the Church throughout the world, especially those from our parish.

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Parish Bible Study On the Book of Acts

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.



Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Bible Study is done online in small groups. If the church is fully open in September, then an in-person study may be an additional option.

Contact the parish office by August 20th to order your workbook.

Workbook price of \$60 gives you 1-year access of the session videos. Duration of Study: 20 weeks