

Sunday, August 22, 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

DAILY MASS READINGS

August 23	1 Thess. 1:1-5,8b-10; Matt. 23:13-22
August 24	Revel. 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
August 25	1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
August 26	1 Thess. 3:7-13; Matt. 24:42-51
August 27	1 Thess. 4:1-8; Matt. 25:1-13
August 28	1 Thess. 4:9-11; Matt. 25:14-30
August 29	Deut.4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



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 St. Vincent de Paul Society will lead the Holy Rosary.

The Adoration will be livestreamed.



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

HAITI HUMANITARIAN EFFORT

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm.

Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

“... 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



FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK: CATHOLIC HOME ALTAR

An altar is a place where the family can gather around to pray together. It is a visual space of focus, meditation, and prayer. If your home does not have an altar yet, you can involve everyone in the family to create one.

Here is an example of an altar.

The family gathered around their altar during family prayers and livestreaming of the Holy Mass.



Photo from Mary Beth, Joyfully Domestic



Kids, do you know Mary, the mother of Jesus?

1. What are the names of Mary’s mom & dad?

Answer: _____

2. What is the name of the archangel that told Mary that she will have a son and she will name him Jesus?

Answer: _____

3. What is the name of Mary’s cousin who was pregnant with John the Baptist?

Answer: _____

RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
Preparing unbaptized children 7 years
old and above for their Sacraments of
Initiation

Moms and Dads, if your child is 7 years old and above and is not baptized yet, the parish has a program



for them and the family to help them prepare for their Sacraments of Initiation. The weekly program will start on Wednesday, October 13th.

Please contact the parish office for details.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23, 9am

1. For the soul of Angelica Yu, requested by Nancy Dagondon
2. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
3. For the soul of Joseph Rodrigues, requested by the D'Souza Family

Tuesday, August 24, 9am

1. Birthday Blessings for Hugh Da Costa , requested by the Da Costa Family
2. For the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Rose & Morris Ferlito, requested by the Ferlito Family
3. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by Anne Gaynor
4. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Wednesday, August 25, 9am

1. For the soul of Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the soul of Patrick Galvin, requested by John Galvin
3. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
4. For the soul of Thomas Thaliath, requested by Jessy George & Family
5. For the souls of Francia & Ricarte Pillos, requested by Edna Monzon

Thursday, August 26, 9am

1. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the souls of Rosalbina, Juseppe, Rosario, Esther & Adriane Lepre, requested by Laura Lepre
3. For the soul of Filomena Fernandes, requested by the Desouza Family
4. For the soul of Cirilo Roman, requested by Fred Ferrer

Friday, August 27, 9am

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

Saturday, August 27, 9am

1. For the soul of Maria Rosario, requested by , the Alphonso Family
2. For the soul of Joao Caetano Fernandes, requested by the Lee Family
3. For the soul of Yorrick Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
4. For the soul of Angelo Fernandes, requested by The Lee Family
5. Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Lee Family
6. For the soul of Gerardo Salvador, requested by Teresita Cruz

Saturday, August 27, 9am cont'd

7. For the soul of Carolina Colaco, requested by Irene Fernandes
8. Birthday Blessings for Michelle Alphonso, requested by Bernard & Thelma Alphonso

Saturday, August 28, 5pm

1. For the souls of Dorothy & Francis Bareto, requested by Tony & Jane Fernandes & Family

Sunday, August 29, 8am

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

Sunday, August 29, 10am

1. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Cyrus & Rolinda D'Almeida

Sunday, August 29, 12 pm

1. For the soul of Ivan Caspersz, requested by Anthony D'Souza
2. For the soul of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. For the soul of Neville Weeransinhe, requested by Hyranthi & Nihal Aluthwatta
4. For the soul of Erica Weerasinghe, requested by Hyranthi & Nihal Aluthwatta
5. For the soul of Fabian Weerasinghe, requested by Hyranthi & Nihal Aluthwatta

Sunday, August 29, 4 pm

1. For the souls of Nenita & Patricia Magpantay, requested by the Almonte Family
2. For the 1st Wedding Anniversary of Conchita & Philip Ghatti, requested by Nelly & Luciano Rodrigues

Lord, hear our prayers.

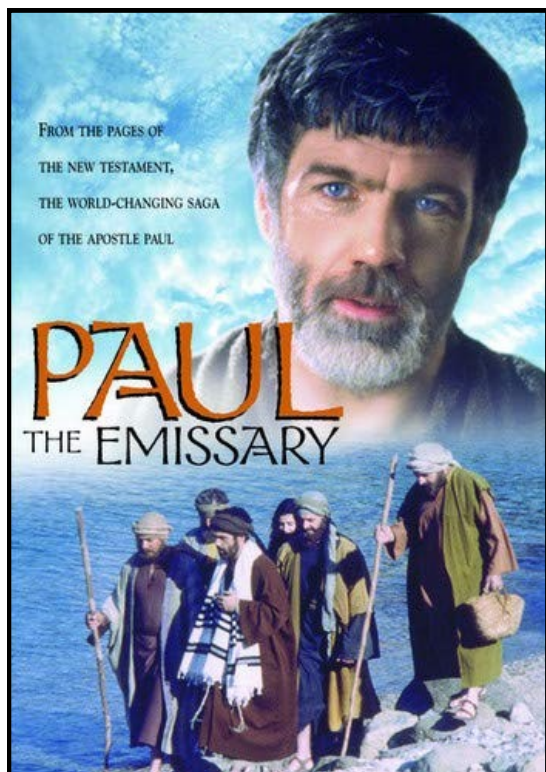
*Nothing can resist humility; no
cruelty can withstand love; mercy
always conquers harshness,
and joy vanquishes sorrow.*

Michelangelo

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.

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MOVIE NIGHT

PAUL, THE EMISSARY

The early 1st century followers of Jesus were a small, struggling group within Judaism that seemingly posed no threat to anyone, certainly not the mighty Roman empire. But there was one, determined to see this fledgling faith exterminated. His name was Saul and he became the greatest persecutor of the early church.

Watch the rest of the story in this 54-minute movie on

Monday, August 30th, at 7pm

Register at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlf-urqDluGtXyYqorA0YF1wtu-gfxxXDk>

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 Mississauga bus tickets, \$ 700.00 worth of Grocery Vouchers, cleaning products and toiletries.

We continue to ask for food donations and this month we are in need of Canned Meat, Canned Vegetables, Ketchup, Tuna, Mustard, Peanut butter, and jams.

We must thank you for your kind donations and support.

God Bless!

THAT MAN IS YOU!

“Men, mark your calendars. That Man is You! begins **Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 7:00 am.**

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 through the Zoon 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 for now. 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>

Thank you,
Core Team TMIY St John Of the Cross Parish, Mississauga

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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 24th to order your workbook.

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

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.