

Sunday, December 12, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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| 1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation | 225 |
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| St. Vincent de Paul Society | 305 |

Two Steps for 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.
Monday to Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:30pm. Saturdays:
9:00am-12:00pm, 3:30-6:30pm. Sundays: 8:30am-1:30pm.

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

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

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“... 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:**

Lighting the Pink Candle—JOY

Pink Candle! We will be lighting the pink candle this weekend, boys and girls. It's Gaudete Sunday, meaning to rejoice!

This candle sometimes called the Shepherd's Candle, symbolizes joy, reminding us of the joy of the fulfillment of the promise of God to send a saviour. Do you know who that is? Of course you know. His name is JESUS!



As mom or dad lights the candle, gather around your wreath and pray together (3 candles are now lit):

Prayer for Advent Lighting Candle

3rd Week: Candle of Joy

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REJOICE! REJOICE! REJOICE!

Here is the Act of Contrition that you will pray when you come for confession.

We will have about 10 priests who will be here on Monday, December 13th, 7:00-9:00pm for the Advent Parish Reconciliation.

ACT OF CONTRITION
(Traditional Form)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

**ADVENT PARISH
RECONCILIATION**

Monday, December 13th,
7:00-9:00pm

No registration required.
First come, first served.

After confession,
says St. Chrysostom,
a crown is given to penitents.

St. John Chrysostom

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DAILY MASS READINGS

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| December 13 | Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 |
| December 14 | Zeph.3:1-2,9-13; Matt 21:28-32 |
| December 15 | Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25; Luke 7:19-23 |
| December 16 | Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 |
| December 17 | Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matt 1:1-17 |
| December 18 | Jereiah 23:5-8; Matt 1:18-24 |
| December 19 | Micah 5:25a; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 |



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.

RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses Mon. to Saturday 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.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, December 18th, between

ERIC PARRIS SPENCER and KAREN BERMUNDES BADILLA

Let us pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

A joyous celebration in anticipation of the nearness of the coming of Christ.

We light the pink (rose) candle this Sunday symbolizing JOY.



December 12th is the Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe and a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

We pray for the healing of relationships, of all peoples, and of the earth.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

POINSETTIA DECORATIONS

Green envelopes labeled 'Envelopes for Flowers Offering' will be handed out this weekend for the Sanctuary decorations and poinsettia flowers. This will help make our sanctuary festive for Christmas!

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT

* Talk on St. John of the Cross and Mass
by Fr. Stan Makacinas
Tuesday, December 14th, 7pm

Walk-in. No registration required.

St. John of the Cross, Feast Day: December 14th

John was born in 1542 at Fontiveros, Spain, He entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order, helped found the reformed ('Discalced') Carmelites. During his life, he suffered much, enduring imprisonment, humiliation, and ill-treatment. His writings are both classics of spirituality and of Spanish literature. His best known works are The Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love. He dies in 1591, was canonized in 1726 and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.

John of the Cross is the patron saint of mystics, contemplatives, poets and of St. John of the Cross Parish Community!

St. John of the Cross, our parish patron saint, pray for us!

**The Dark Night of the Soul:
Yesterday and Today
By Fr. Steven Payne OCD**

Revisiting John of the Cross' Classic Text and Symbol
Inaugural Lecture for the Endowed Chair of Carmelite Studies

<https://youtu.be/ccFEsTcaJqg>

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Advent Parish Reconciliation

Monday, December 13th, 7:00-9:00pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, and midnight

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00pm

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26th

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 4:00pm

Registrations for December 24, 25, and 26 open on

Monday, December 20th at 8pm

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st

5:00pm and 7:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

10:00am and 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 4:00pm

Registrations for December 31, January 1 and 2 open on

Monday, December 27th at 8pm

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Here it is, kids! Showcase your artistic talents.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Deadline to submit your posters: December 19th

Entry Form:

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/church/cpc-contest-entry-form.pdf>

| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT | | | |
| I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1 st) checked below. I realized that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 5-7 DIVISION (GRADE K-2) <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 8-10 DIVISION (GRADE 3-5) <input type="checkbox"/> AGE 11-14 DIVISION (GRADE 6-8) | | | |
| COUNCIL NUMBER _____ | | | |
| Name of Entrant _____ | Date of Birth _____ | | |
| Street Address _____ | | | |
| City _____ | State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ | | |
| Telephone Number _____ | Signature of Applicant _____ | | |
| THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN | | | |
| The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist. | | | |
| Witness _____ | Father/Guardian _____ Date _____ Mother/Guardian _____ | | |
| SCORE SHEET | | | |
| THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY K OF C OFFICIALS Scoring instructions: A 100-Point Scoring System is used to determine winners. | | | |
| Competition Level | Slogan 30-points | Artistic Merit 30-points | Overall Impact 40-points |
| Council Total: _____ | | | |
| District/Regional Total: _____ | | | |
| State-Level Total: _____ | | | |
| International Level Total: _____ | | | |
| Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form. | | | |

| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER JUDGING FACT SHEET | |
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| RULES | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster must reflect the theme of <i>KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS</i>. • Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. • Poster must be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white. • Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster. • All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned. | |
| JUDGING | |
| Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplain, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, it's important young people are included in all phases of the judging process. | |
| A 100 point scoring system will be used to determine the winner. | |
| 30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented? | |
| 30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message? | |
| 40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic? | |
| Council's Contact Information | |
| _____ _____ | |

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13, 9am

1. For good intentions for Tiffany Joseph, requested by Erva Joseph
2. For the soul of Alfredo Fernandes; requested by Fernandes & DeSouza Families
3. For the Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family, requested by Denise Rodgers
4. For the Deceased Members of the Rodgers Family, requested by Denise Rodgers
5. For the souls of Virginia & George Lobo, requested by the Family
6. For the soul of Agnes D'Souza, requested by Gilbert D'Souza & Family

Tuesday, December 14, 9am

1. For the souls of Thomas, Cecilia & Slevian, requested by the Martha & Family
2. For the souls of Helen & Alban Toscano, requested by the Family
3. For the Special Intentions of Nadine Kenny, requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 15, 9am

1. Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jason DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the soul of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the soul of Yorrick DeSouza, requested by Phyllis Mendes
4. For the soul of O.V. Paul, requested by Ajit Kumar & Family
4. For the soul of Roshan Thuraisingam, requested by Marina & Zeno

Wednesday, December 15, 7pm

1. For the soul of Cassilda Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family
2. For the souls of Bernadette & Morgan Preston, requested by Mary Jane Allen

Thursday, December 16, 9am

1. Birthday Blessings for Clive Sequeira, requested by the Sequeira Family
2. For the soul of Joe Saldanha, requested by the Family
3. For the soul of Dr. Jacob Chacko, requested by the Manimala Family
4. For the Deceased Members of the Enright Family, requested by Mary Jane Allen

Friday, December 17, 9am

1. For the soul of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Irene Fernandes & Family
2. For the soul of Craig Rodrigues, requested by

Allison, Elroy & Family

3. For the soul of Clifton Pratt, requested by Brenda Pratt
4. For Thanksgiving, requested by Brenda Pratt
5. For the soul of Antone Carvalho, requested by the Family
6. For the souls of Bernadette & Morgan Preston, requested by Mary Jane Allen

Saturday, December 18, 9am

1. For the soul of Victor Thorado, requested by Magdaline & Family
2. Blessings for the Wedding Anniversary of Eugenio & Olga, requested by the Family
3. Birthday Blessings for Aileen & Clarence, requested by the D'Souza Family
4. For the soul of Barbara D'Costa Fernandes, requested by Hedy & Robert

Saturday, December 18, 5pm

1. For the soul of Francis Xavier Menezes, requested by the DaCosta Family
2. For the soul of Rose Pereria, requested by Rita Vieira
3. For the soul of Phyllis Fernandes, requested by the Family
4. For the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Norma & Randolph O'Brien, requested by Stacey & Lisa

Sunday, December 19, 8am

1. For the soul of John Farrugia, requested by a Friend

Sunday, December 19, 10am

1. For the soul of Glicerio Catalig, requested by the Catalig Family
2. For the Deceased Members of the Enright Family, requested by Mary Jane Allen

Sunday, December 19, 12pm

1. For the soul of Guida Fragoso Rodrigues, requested by Nelly Rodrigues

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

These are now available for pick-up and are on the table outside the parish office. Envelopes are numerically arranged. There is a list on the table to refer to, if needed. Please inform the office if your address has changed.

CHURCH YEAR END

*To make your financial donations included in your 2021 tax receipt, please send your contributions **no later than Tuesday, December 28th**. This will allow us to record the amount and deposit the money by December 29, 2021.*

Thank you for your generosity!

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