

Sunday, December 26, 2021

# St. John of the Cross Parish

*Served by the Carmelites*

## *Merry Christmas!*



*May the Blessings of the Christ Child be with you  
and your loved ones this Christmas Season.*

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1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation	225
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**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.

### Two Steps for E-Transfer:

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

## LIVESTREAMED CHRISTMAS SEASON HOLY MASSES

Friday, December 24th, 4pm

Sunday, December 26th, 8am

Friday, December 31st, 5pm

Sunday, January 2nd, 8am

*There will be **no** morning 9am Holy Mass on Friday, December 24th.*

## 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

## 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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**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.

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**FIRST COMMUNION  
REGISTRATION MEETINGS**

First Communion Registration meetings will be held at St John of the Cross Church in January 2022 for parents of children having received First Reconciliation in November 2021.

**Sunday, Jan. 16/2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**Or**

**Tuesday, Jan. 18/2022 @ 7:00 pm**

Students need not attend.

**Parish Office will be closed on:**

- Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24th, from 12noon to Tuesday, December 28th
- Wednesday, December 29th, 6:00-9:00pm
- Thursday, December 30th, 6:00-9:00pm
- Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31st, from 12noon to Monday, January 3rd

*Keep Christ in Christmas.*

**Merry Christmas!**

Our parish community is blessed with a diversity of peoples of different background and culture, each a member of one mystical body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, gathered together at St. John of the Cross Parish as one community of believers.

We praise and thank God for the many blessings that He generously bestowed on His Church and for the gift of each other.

To all our dear brothers and sisters, Merry Christmas!

**buon Natale**

**Frohe Weihnachten**

**vrolijk kerstfeest**

**ക്രിസ്തുമസ് ആശംസകൾ  
christmas ashamsakal**

**क्रिसमस की शुभकामनाएँ  
christmas key shubhkamanayen**

**Maligayang Pasko**

**joyeux Noël**

**sretan bozic**

**聖誕快樂**

**shèng dàn kuài lè**

**Nollaig Shona**

**Selamat Natal**

**സ്വസ്തീ വന്ദിതമാസ**

**Feliz Navidad**

**Il-Milied It-Tajjeb**

**Geseënde Kersfees**

**Sretan Božić**

**கிறிஸ்துமஸ் வாழ்த்துக்கள்  
christmas vaazhthhukkal**



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 27, 9am

1. For the soul of Melvin Legaspi, requested by the Legaspi Family
2. Thanksgiving for Blessings & Guidance this Year, requested by Marina & Zeno

### Tuesday, December 28, 9am

1. For the soul of Basil Smith, requested by Margit Smith
2. For the soul of Archibald Rodrigues, requested by Gladys & Mathews Family
3. For the soul of Mary D'Costa, requested by the Gladys & Mathews Family
4. For the soul of Bonnie Ceasar D'Mello, requested by Martha Dias
5. For thanksgiving for Julie DaCosta & Family, requested by the DaCosta Family

### Wednesday, December 29, 9am

1. For the soul of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the soul of Noel Ambrose D'Mello, requested by the D'Mello Family
3. For the soul of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin, Sandra, Kyle & Sean
4. For thanksgiving, requested by Ena Barrett
5. For 5th Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Fred & Nancy Mathew, requested by the Matthew Family

### Thursday, December 30, 9am

1. For the souls of Bernadette & Morgan Preston, requested by Mary Jane Allen
2. Thanksgiving for Blessings Received,, requested by Ivy Carnelio
3. For the soul of Donald Gomes, requested by the Gomes Family

### Friday, December 31, 5pm

1. For the soul of Ofelia Paglinawan, requested by Norma Patterson & Family
2. For the soul of Octavino Sequeira, requested by the Sequeira Family
3. For the soul of Elizabeth Gomes, requested by Rita & Henderson Vieira
4. For the souls of Thomas & Annie Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family
5. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Remy Barry

### Friday, December 31, 7pm

1. For the deceased members of the Enright Family, requested by Mary Jane Allen

### Saturday, January 1, 10am

1. For the Community of our family of faith at St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by a Parishioner

### Saturday, January 1, 12pm

1. For Birthday Blessings for Ermelinda Rodrigues, requested by Her Family

### Sunday, January 2, 10am

1. For the soul of Cesar & Ofelia Bukis, requested by Jobeth Bukis

### Sunday, January 2, 12pm

1. For 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Cordell & Christine Robson, requested by the Robson Family

## MILESTONE MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register.

## DAILY MASS READINGS

December 27	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
December 28	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
December 29	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
December 30	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
December 31	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
January 1	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
January 2	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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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 CHRISTMAS CANDLE**

Boys and girls, we will be lighting the Christmas candle this weekend. All the waiting and preparation is over. We rejoice and celebrate Jesus birth! It's the biggest birthday party ever because the whole world celebrates! Jesus gives us food in His celebration—a very special nourishment, not just for our physical body but for our soul! Amazing, huh!

In your advent wreath, there is one candle left. It's the white candle, placed in the middle of the wreath. It's the Christmas Candle!

Ask your mom or dad to light the Christmas Candle as you all pray together:

### **Prayer for Lighting the Christmas Candle**



Loving Creator, we give thanks for the birth of joy in our lives at Christmas. Send us forth as messengers of this Good News of great joy for all the people we meet and for all the people around the globe. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Father .... Hail Mary .... Glory Be ....



## *Christmas Story Trivia*

Okay, guys, let's see how many of these you can get right—without checking the internet! Here we go ....

1. What is the name of the angel who visited Mary?
2. What were the gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus?
3. In what city was Jesus born?
4. What is the occupation of Mary's husband?
5. Where did Mary, Jesus, and Joseph flee to escape King Herod?
6. Who were Jesus' first visitors?
7. What guided the wise men from the East to find Jesus?
8. Who was the king in Judea when Jesus was born?
9. How old was Jesus when he was circumcised?
10. Who were Jesus Grandma and Grandpa from his mother's side?



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## 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**

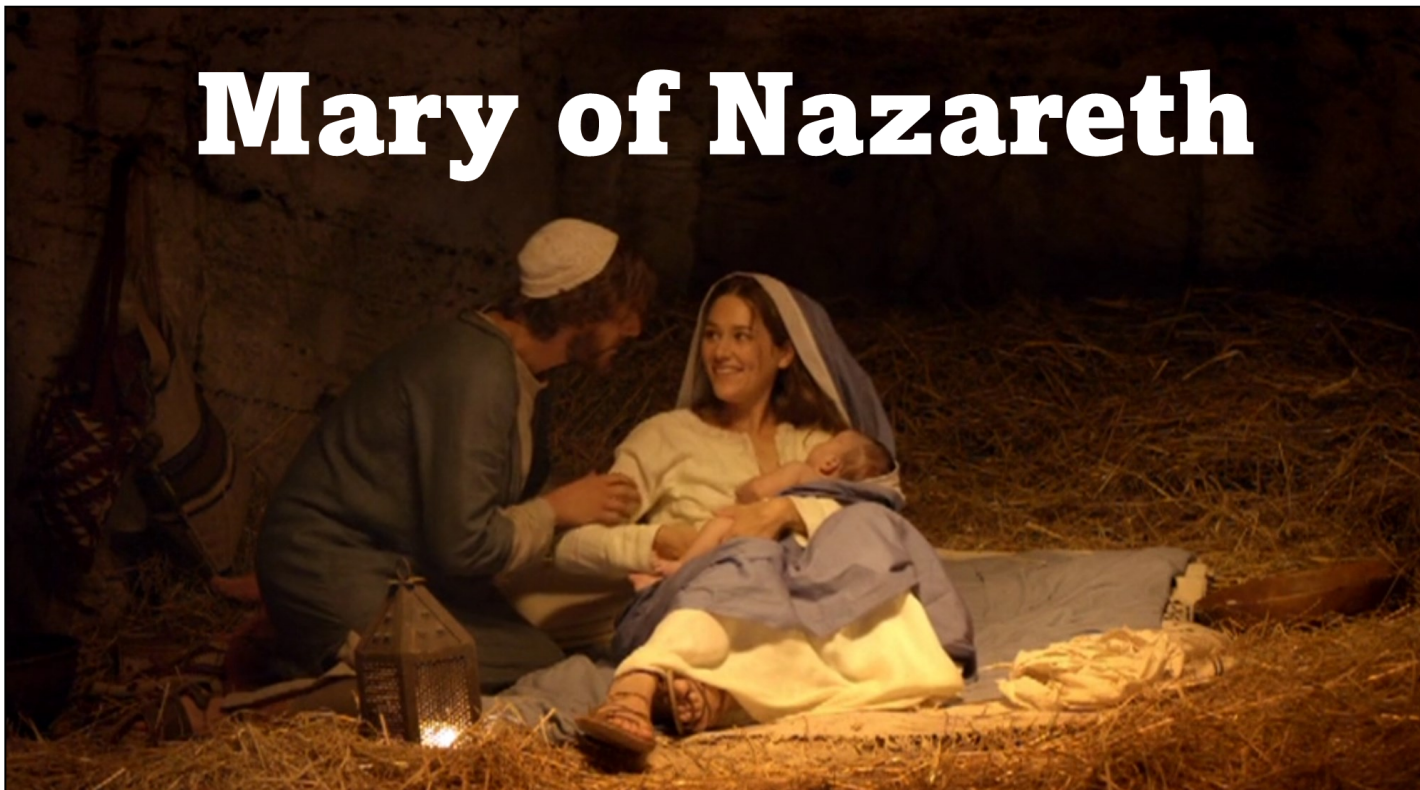
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**MOVIE NIGHT:**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**

**6:00—8:30PM**



# Mary of Nazareth

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

***Register:***

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckfuqprDstEt1byLNsl6gFsbj6KZ-e1MYJ>

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