

Sunday, December 5, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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- 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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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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PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S
SAFETY:**

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

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Readings. Rows include dates from December 6 to December 12 with corresponding Bible verses.

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!



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 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.

The parish Youth Group would like to thank the community for their generosity in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

There were 2,187 filled shoeboxes that were sent to the Samaritan's Purse from the parish to bring smiles to children in third world countries.



Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION

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

Around 10 priests will be available to hear confessions during this time.

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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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CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT

- Novena Prayer starts this Sunday, December 5th, in all Masses
- * Holy Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri
Saturday, December 11th, 5pm
- * Talk on St. John of the Cross and Mass
by Fr. Stan Makacinas
Tuesday, December 14th, 7pm

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 ('Disalced') 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/ccFEsTcaIqg>

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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 Candle of Faith

This weekend, boys and girls, we are going to light two purple candles. The 1st purple candle was lit last week. This weekend, we are going to light a second purple candle, often times called the Bethlehem Candle. This symbolizes Faith and reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.



After Mom or Dad lights the two purple candles, pause for a moment to pray together.

Prayer for Advent Lighting Candle 2nd Candle

*God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ
with joy so that we may share His wisdom and become
one with Him when He comes in glory, for He lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever. AMEN.*

I invite you, boys and girls, to join the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Ask Mom and Dad for help. More information about it is in this bulletin.

We look forward to see your art works!

Kids Prayer for Advent

To be prayed with your children before bed or before Holy Mass



My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus, come!
I love You, Jesus.
Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Novena Prayer

O glorious St. John of the Cross, through a pure desire of being like Jesus crucified, you longed for nothing so eagerly as to suffer, to be despised, and to be made little of by all; and your thirst after sufferings was so burning that your noble heart rejoiced in the midst of the cruelest torments and afflictions. Grant, I beseech you, O dear Saint, by the glory which your many sufferings have gained for you, to intercede for me and obtain from God for me a love of suffering, together with strength and grace to bear with firmness of mind all the trials and adversities which are the sure means to the happy attainment of all that awaits me in heaven. Dear Saint, from your most happy place in glory, hear, I beseech you, my prayers, so that after your example, full of love for the cross, I may deserve to be your companion in glory. Amen.



Mention your intention ...

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

St. John of the Cross, pray for us.

Let us pray together:

<http://bit.ly/SJOCNovena>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 6, 9am

1. For the souls of Terry & Celia Fernando, requested by the Fernando Family
2. Birthday blessings for Kristel Fernandes; requested by John, Sabrina & Family

Tuesday, December 7, 9am

1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family

Wednesday, December 8, 9am

1. For the soul of Francis Yap, requested by the Yap Family
2. For Good Health, requested by Erva Joseph
3. Thanksgiving to St. Jude, requested by the Vieira Family
4. Blessings for the Harrison Family, requested by the Harrison Family
5. For the soul of Consolacion Morales, requested by Vilma DeLeon
6. For the soul of Roy Thuraisingam, requested by Marina & Zeno

Thursday, December 9, 7pm

1. For the soul of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the soul of Octovino Sequeira, requested by the Sequeira Family

Friday, December 10, 9am

1. For the soul of Mercy Fernandes, requested by Lisel Van Drine & Family
2. Birthday Blessings for Liam Monisse, requested by His Grandparents

Saturday, December 11, 9am

1. For the soul of Murial Perera, requested by the Perera Family

Saturday, December 11, 5pm

1. For the soul of Rose Menezes, requested by the DaCosta Family
2. For the souls of John & Veronica DMello, requested by their children
3. For the souls of George Fernandes & Mark Tavares, requested by the Tavares Family
4. For the soul of Rose Pereira, requested by Clifford & Goretta
5. For the soul of Alex Carvalho, requested by Allison, Elroy Family

6. Birthday Blessings for Elaine Francis, requested by Francis & Lewis Families
7. For the souls of Jolene & Noel Lewis, requested by Francis & Lewis Families

Sunday, December 12, 8am

1. For the soul of Tony DeSouza, requested by the Fernandes Family

Sunday, December 12, 10am

1. For the soul of Hubert DeCunha, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

Sunday, December 12, 12pm

1. For the souls of Sabina & Aloysius Pinto, requested by Theresa Moraes

Sunday, December 12, 4pm

1. For the soul of Rosie Menezes, requested by Julie DaCosta Family

For these intentions, we pray to the Lord.

AddMe

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Prayer: An Act of Faith

O My God, I firmly believe

That Thou art one God in three Divine Persons,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

I believe that Thy Divine Son became man

And died for our sins;

And that He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths that the Holy Catholic Church teaches because Thou hast reveal them,

Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

Amen.

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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
- Superstore
- Metro
- Freshco
- Canadian Tire
- Erin Mills Town Centre
- Toys R Us
- Tim Hortons
- Cineplex
- Various Restaurants

**GIFT CARDS + RECEIPT WITH BALANCE
SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE
BY DEC 4/5TH.**

thank you for your generosity

For any further questions contact:
Jovita D'Souza 416-834-3672

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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	
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, Chaplin, 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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