

Sunday, February 28, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



**Register for
Communion Service**

Registration is required for Saturday and Sunday Communion Services. Click [Register for Mass/ Register for Sunday Communion Service](#) to sign up.



**Click here for
Live Stream**

Daily Mass at 9am (Monday to Saturday) and Weekend Mass on Saturday at 5pm are livestreamed.

AddMe

Click on AddMe to be added into the Parish Email List in order to receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link.

LOCKDOWN SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION

Contact the parish office to make an 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.

PRIVATE PRAYER

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call the office before you leave your house to ensure that someone is available to open the door when you get here.

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.

PARISH OFFICE:

6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1

Phone: 905.821.1331 * Fax: 905.858.8486

E-mail: office@sjocross.org

Parish Website: www.sjocross.org

Office is closed on Monday afternoons and all day Sundays. In other times, please call to make an appointment.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228
pastor@sjocross.org

Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor 224
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SECRETARY—Violanta Nicholson 223
RECEPTION — Liane Harris 0

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225

Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 305

**LET US BE RELIGIOUS IN FOLLOWING THE
SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE SAFETY &
HEALTH OF ALL.**

LET US LIVE OUT CHARITY!

**SOCIAL DISTANCE— WASH HANDS OFTEN -
WEAR MASK PROPERLY—DISINFECT THE
SPACE THAT YOU USE**

GO OUT FOR ESSENTIAL REASONS ONLY.

DAILY MASS READINGS

March 1	Daniel 9:3, 4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
March 2	Isaiah 1:10,16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23:1-12
March 3	Jer 18:18-20; Matt 20:17-28
March 4	Jer 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
March 5	Gen 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
March 6	Micah 7:14-15;18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 7	Exodus 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:18,22-25; John 2:13-25

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Donato Hari, requested by Jenny Salvacion

Tuesday, March 2, 9am

- 1. For the souls of Ben and Minda Emata, requested by Liane and family

Wednesday, March 3, 9am

- 1. For the thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Alma DeSouza, requested by Heather DeSouza and family

Thursday, March 4, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Basil Smith, requested by Margit Smith

Saturday, March 6, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Lawrence & Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
- 2. For the soul of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family

Saturday, March 6, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of Zal Kutar, requested by a parishioner
- 2. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family

For these intentions, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayers.

SJOC COMMUNITY ROSARY

During the lockdown, SJOC Parish Community gathers in virtual prayer every Thursday from 7:00-8:00pm.



This Thursday, we will be doing the Community Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the rotunda. We will greet, sing, and pray. We will offer our intentions to her powerful intercession. You will have a chance to spend time in front of our Lady in silence after the virtual prayer gathering.

See you there!

Click to register:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEofuGrrDgsGdw3DR-tLAPrO2q1M2rfQNgBfg>

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. i.e: mass intention and the date the mass intention is offered, weekly/monthly donation.**

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

For Eligible Individuals

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 11:30 AM, during the months of March and April.

Due to the current restrictions, all tax preparation will be completed by way of telephone interview with the approval of the taxpayer.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for the CVITP program, the income requirements are as follows:

- \$35,000 for a single person who has no dependents
- \$45,000 for a single parent and 1 child plus \$2,500 per additional dependent
- \$45,000 for a couple plus \$2,500 per dependent

The clinic does not complete tax returns for individuals with rental income, capital gains, self-employment / business income or returns for deceased individuals.

Interest income must be below \$1,000.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts 2020 are ready for pick up. Please pick them up when you come for Saturday/Sunday Communion Service.

Tax receipts can also be emailed to you.

Please email the parish office at office@sjocross.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

Why do we fast from good things during Advent and Lent? Because I need to realize that if I don't have these things in my life I'll still be fine.—

Father Mike Schmitz

Conquering all through the Love of Christ

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Summary

In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE DURING LENT

Saturdays 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm

Sundays 8:00am-2:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-john-of-the-cross-parish-30474838986>

Registration opens on Tuesdays at 8:00pm for that upcoming Sunday.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday at 7pm during Lent followed by
the Eucharistic Celebration.

Access the livestream from the parish
website, www.sjocross.org
and click on Live Stream.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.”

*“Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed
the world.”*

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VIRTUAL RETREAT

COME & SEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: 7PM-9PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 27: 10AM-5PM

*with appropriate breaks

Join us!

- † seminarian stories
- † community prayer
- † breakout discussions

SPECIAL ADDRESS FROM HIS EMINENCE,
CARDINAL COLLINS

FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC MEN,
GRADE 12 AND OLDER



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