St. John of the Cross Parish



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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.

Served by the Carmelites



Registration is required for Sunday Holy Mass and for Friday Stations of the Cross. Registrations open every Monday at 8pm. Click Register for Mass to sign up.



Saturday 6pm Holy Mass is livestreamed. Click 'Click here for Live Stream' to join in.



To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added into the Parish Email List.

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 for download. Email the completed forms to the parish office.

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS

March 22	Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33- 64; Jn 8:1-11
March 23	Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
March 24	Dan 3:13-20,24,49-50,91-95; Jn 8:31-42
March 25	Is 7:10-14, 8:10d; Heb 10:4- 10; Luke 1:26-38
March 26	Jer 20:7,10-13; Jn 10:31-42
March 27	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57
March 28	Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15,47

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Registration for the April Bereavement Sessions begin April 13th on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm. Sessions will be held outside at Aquitaine Park.

Grieving is the most difficult of journeys and is the price we pay for loving someone. We need one another to support and nurture our healing to help ease the pain of separation.

Suffering a loss during this pandemic is even more difficult due to COVID-19 19 restrictions.

Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at <u>Muriel1066@bell.net</u>

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY PRAYER CIRCLE

During the lockdown, SJOC Parish Community gathers in virtual prayer every Thursday from 7:00-8:00pm. This Thursday, March 25th we will do the



Prayer Circle in front of the tabernacle where the Real Presence of the Lord is at. We will greet, sing, and pray. You will have a chance to spend time in front of the tabernacle in silence after the virtual prayer gathering.

Come and join the SJOC Family! See you there!

Register:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/ tJYofuCgrjgrG91fOIIjJTKEvW6pWVQPGLvg

No registration is required for the daily 9am Holy Mass, Monday to Saturday. Come 15 minutes before mass time. *First come, first served.*

<u>Registration is required</u> for the 7pm Friday Station of the Cross followed by Holy Mass, for Saturday 4pm & 6pm Masses, and for all Sunday Holy Masses, 8am, 10am, 12noon, and 4pm.

Registration opens on Monday at 8pm. Click to register:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-john-ofthe-cross-parish-30474838986

Daily 9am Holy Masses, Stations of the Cross, and the 6pm Saturday Mass is **livestreamed**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 22, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Ernest Ambrose, requested by Robson Family
- 2. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by D'Souza Family
- 3. For the soul of Edgardo D'Al Pozzo, requested by Juan Hrepic

Tuesday, March 23, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Alexis Lobo, requested by Florina D'Souza
- 2. For the soul of Ernest Ambrose, requested by Vallerie Ambrose & Family
- 3. For the soul of Joseph Pinto, requested by Marilyn Bansod

Wednesday, March 24, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Ida Maria Lewis, requested by Nicholson Family
- 2. For the soul of Sr. Thecla D'Souza, requested by Fernandes & D'Souza Families
- 3. For the soul of Mary D'Costa, requested by Sharon, Monica & Family
- 4. For the soul of Anthony Mascarenhas, requested by Marie & Family
- 5. For the souls of Mildred & Paul Antony, requested by Marina & Zeno Perera
- 6. For the soul of Milroy Antony, requested by Marina & Zeno Perera

Thursday, March 25, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Mohan Gangam, requested by Gangam Family
- 1. For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by a parishioner
- 2. For the soul of Joao D'Souza, requested by D'Souza Families

Friday, March 26, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Sylvia Monteiro, requested by Jackie Fernandes & Family
- 2. Birthday Blessings for Godfrey Louzado, requested by Louzado Family

Saturday, March 27, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of Marshall Rodrigues, requested by Xavier Rodrigues
- 2. Birthday & Thanksgiving Blessings for Mafaldin Almeida, requested by Doris Rodrigues
- 3. For the soul of Alexis Lobo, requested by Family
- 4. For the soul of Annie Menezes, requested by Mercia Menezes & Family

Sunday, March 28, 10am

1. For the soul of Thomas Cleary, requested by Michael & Colleen Kavanagh

Sunday, March 28, 12pm

1. For the soul of Anthony Sebastian Pereira, requested by Goretti & Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28, 4pm

1. For the soul of Thomas Kavanagh, requested by Michael & Colleen Kavanagh

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, selfemployment / business income or returns for deceased individuals. Interest income must be below \$1,000.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION John 12:20-33

"If it dies, it produces much fruit."

The Resurrection of Jesus is a sign, a foreshadowing, of what will happen to each one of us if we believe in Christ Crucified. When your life on this earth is over, there will be a particular judgment of your life made by God, and your soul will end up in either Hell or Heaven (the latter, perhaps, via a temporary stay in Purgatory).



However, at the end of time, when Christ comes to the earth a second time, there will be another judgment. This is a general judgment of all mankind. This is the judgment that Jesus describes as the separation of the sheep from the goats.

Many people, though, including many Catholics, find a little confusion in this idea of a general judgment at the end of time. "Why would people be judged again if they're already in Heaven or Hell?" An important part of the dogma of the general judgment is the truth that when the general judgment occurs at Christ's Second Coming, the bodies of those who have died will be raised and re-united with their souls.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, as we hear again a passage from Saint John's Gospel account, Jesus presents us with His last teaching before we enter into Holy Week next Sunday. The heart of Jesus' teaching is simple: *"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit."* Obviously, this passage refers both to Jesus and to us.

The end of today's Gospel passage says plainly that these words of Jesus indicated the sort of death He was going to die. His death was going to be followed by His Resurrection. We could even say that His Death was the cause of His Resurrection. But Jesus' resurrection was not the only fruit of His Death. If the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it produces much fruit. The resurrection of every one who has faith in the power of Jesus' Death is also a fruit of Jesus' Death. We hope that the resurrection of our own bodies at the Second Coming will also take place.

But if we imagine ourselves at the end of time, at the Final Judgment, hopefully we would be rejoicing in the judgment of all of God's saints. Hopefully each of us would, in a sense, be cheering for every other human



person as they were judged.

From a human point of view, we might find the Final Judgment more difficult to undergo than our particular judgment at the moment of death. That particular judgment, before God, is swift and sure: after all, God already knows everything there is to know about us, even things we might try to forget.

But at the Final Judgment, when all mankind is judged, hopefully we will realize just how many people's lives our actions—and failures to act—affect. If we refuse to die to our selves—if we fail to develop the virtue of humility as the basis of our spiritual lives—then God's grace will bear little fruit

within us. Just as serious, however, is the honest fact that our actions or inactions may not only bear little fruit in our lives, but may also keep others from bearing fruit in theirs.

Perhaps we would downplay the idea that our human lives are really bound together, that we really have an important effect on the spiritual well-being of others. In John's account of Jesus' teaching that we have heard, it is no coincidence that it is Greeks—that is, foreigners—who approach Jesus, and that it is only through others, in this case through the apostles Philip and Andrew, that these foreigners are able to see Jesus, and hear Him teach the very heart of the Gospel that we are drawing near in Holy Week: *"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit."*

Fr. Thomas Hoisington



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."

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

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	First come, first served.
	HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
	ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
March 27/28	PALM SUNDAY
	Saturday, March 27 @ 4pm & 6pm*
	Sunday, March 28 @ 8am, 10am, 12noon, 2pm, & 4pm
April 1	HOLY THURSDAY
	6pm—Holy Eucharist
	8pm* —Holy Eucharist
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
April 2	GOOD FRIDAY
	10am*—Stations of the Cross (Youth) with communion
	12pm—Celebration of the Passion of our Lord
	3pm*—Celebration of the Passion of our Lord
	7pm*—Stations of the Cross with communion
April 3	HOLY SATURDAY
	8pm*—Easter Vigil Mass
April 4	EASTER SUNDAY
	Holy Masses at 7am, 9am*, 11am, 1pm, & 4pm
April 10	DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND
	Holy Masses at 4pm and 6pm*
April 11	Holy Masses at 8am, 10am, 12noon
Divine Me	ercy Chaplet at 3:30pm* followed by Mass at 4pm
	*Livestreamed

