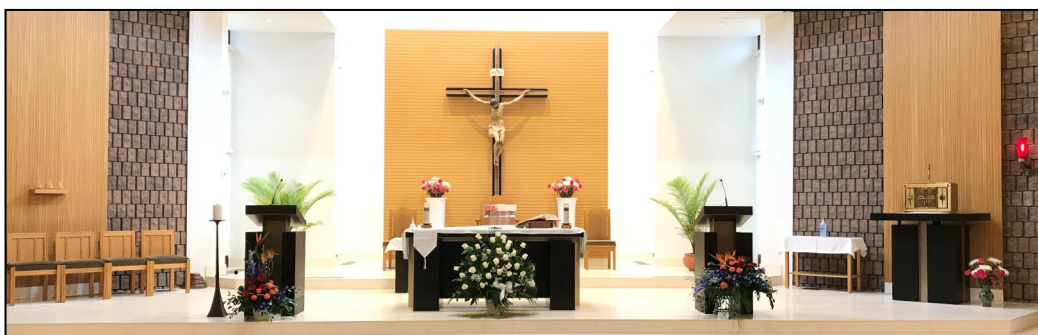


Sunday, November 21, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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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.



**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.

AddMe

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

**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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

DAILY MASS READINGS

November 22	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Luke 21:1-4
November 23	Daniel 2:3,9a,10a,27a,31-45; Luke 21:5-11
November 24	Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Luke 21:12-19
November 25	Daniel 6:11-28; Luke 21:20-28
November 26	Daniel 7:1-14; Luke 21:29-33
November 27	Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36
November 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess.3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28,34-36



Happy Feast of the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe!

Welcome to all our new parishioners! We're glad to have you here at St. John of the Cross Parish Community.

When you get a chance after any of the Holy Mass, please introduce yourself to Fr. Joyson or Fr. Felix.

We look forward to meet you and your family!



Please keep in your prayers, the candidates—both adults and children—who have completed the period of pre-catechumenate and who will be declaring their intentions publicly to the Church on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 28th, at the 4pm Holy Mass. The Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members.



WEDNESDAY EVENING CELEBRATIONS

The 7pm Holy Mass every Wednesday is followed by the novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help and Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Come early so you can join in the Community Rosary at 6:35pm led by the Rosary Apostolate.

Operation Christmas Child

Please bring in the filled shoeboxes no later than this Sunday, November 21st. The truck will be here on Monday morning, November 22nd to haul the shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse warehouse.



Thank you for your generosity!

MOVIE NIGHT, NOVEMBER 26TH, 7PM

The Juggler of Notre Dame

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8122111111>
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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: MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

Hi guys, next Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent! We have to get ready!

We will talk about Advent in next week’s issue of the bulletin but for now, we need to make an advent wreath. We will be lighting the first purple candle next Sunday. (Yaay!)

There are many ways to make an advent wreath.

Here’s one way that I found in the internet by Phil B. Make sure you ask Mom and Dad for help. It will be a fun family activity that your family may start doing every year and make it as one of your family traditions.



Step 1. Get a 12’ diameter round green styrofoam.

Step 2. Using a newspaper and a pen, make two lines on the newspaper exactly perpendicular to each other.



Step 3. Center the wreath on the two perpendicular lines.

Step 4. Drill 4 holes on the styrofoam for the candles. Make sure that your candles will fit snugly into the holes so they stay upright. You will need 3 long purple candles and 1 pink long candle for the wreath. If needed, you can use a masking tape to



build up the candle bases for a snug fit.

Step 5. You’re almost done!



Step 6. You can put some green plas-



tic or fresh greeneries on your wreath. If you want, you can also add pinecones or red berries for colours. Again, ask Mom and Dad for help.

<https://www.instructables.com/Make-an-Advent-Wreath-for-Your-Family/>

On November 28th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, we light the 1st Purple Candle. This represents hope.



This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah.

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas Children’s Play

Saturday, December 18th, 7pm

A Virtual Event Presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council’s Children’s Ministry

Join CCRC’s Children’s Ministry for a virtual Christmas play, *‘Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

An evening of fun, songs, and crafts

Contact: Sandra Brum

Email: childrenministryccrc@gmail.com

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<https://ccrctoronto.com/children-ministry>

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 23, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Lucien Apikian, requested by his Family
- 2. For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by the Family
- 3. Birthday Blessings & Graces for Joshua Katopo, requested by the Family
- 4. For the soul of Willy Rodrigues, requested by the Fernandes Family
- 5. Birthday blessings for Samantha Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family

Wednesday, November 24, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Juan Hrepic Sr., requested by Juan Hrepic

Friday, November 26, 9am

- 1. For Thanksgiving intentions, requested by the Vieira Family

Saturday, November 27, 9am

- 1. For the souls of Lucien, Mary & Francis Apikian, requested by their Family

Saturday, November 27, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
- 2. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Roque & Bella Lorraine Rego, requested by the Rego Family
- 3. For the soul of Maria Kurnat, requested by the Kurnat Family

Sunday, November 28, 8am

- 1. For the soul of Oscar Vera, requested by Juan Hrepic

Sunday, November 28, 10am

- 1. For the souls of Jan & Kazia Kisielewicz, Requested by Bogusia Kisielewicz & Family

Sunday, November 28, 12pm

- 1. For the soul of Ryan Richard Duke, requested by the Duke Family
- 2. For the soul of Elias Ching, requested by Patricia Campodonico

Sunday, November 28, 4pm

- 1. For the soul of John Bosco Fernandes, requested by the Family



Good Day, fellow Parishioners

On our home visits/ curbside drop offs for the month of October 2021, the St John of the Cross Conference served 34 Families which consisted of 48 adults and 51 children. We gave out \$1,880.00 in grocery gift cards and 50 Mississauga Transit Bus tickets.

We are in the midst of organizing about 75 Christmas Hampers which we will distribute to the Neighbors in Need that we have served throughout this current year.

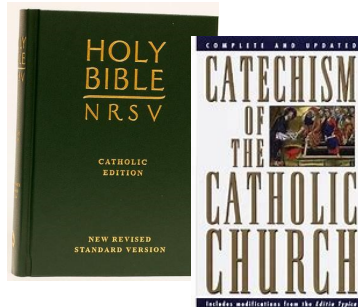
The much needed foods this month is jam, hot chocolate, ketchup and fruit in cans.

We thank you for all your donations and support as we continue to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

Stay Blessed and Stay Safe.
St. Vincent de Paul Society

BOOKS TO NURTURE OUR FAITH

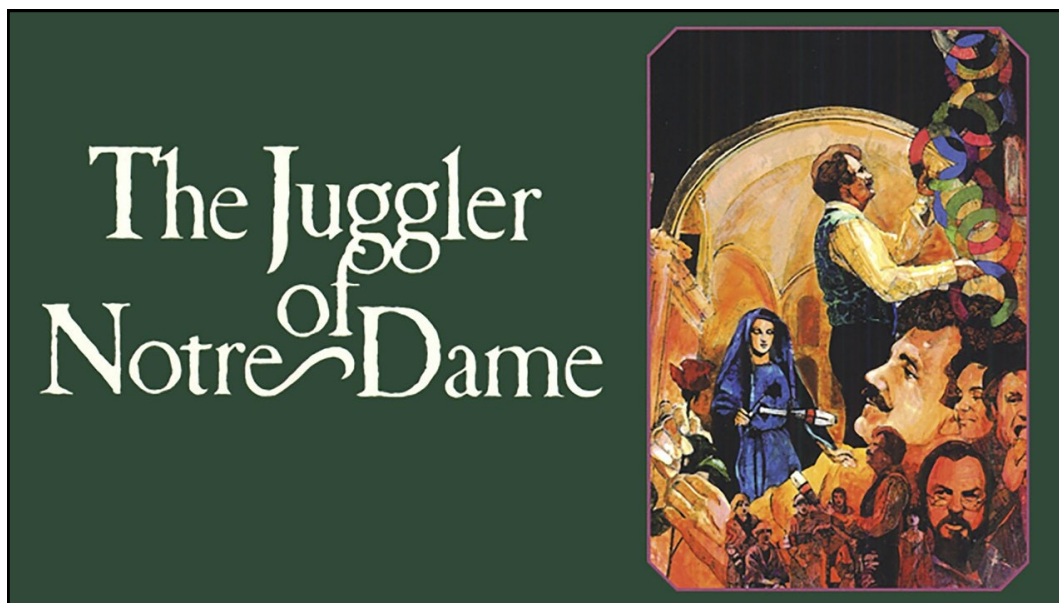
- 1. Catholic Bible
- 2. Catechism of the Catholic Church



Sunday, November 21, 2021

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 26th, 7pm



The story of the Juggler of Notre Dame goes back to at least the 12th century in France as one of the "miracle plays" of the medieval period in which God rewards devout commoners through acts of wonder. In this gripping, heart-warming contemporary version from Paulist Productions, Barnaby ekes out a bare existence juggling in the street for coins. He is broken-hearted over the death of his wife and best friend. Barnaby drifts aimlessly until he stays in a small community where he is treated kindly. As Christmas approaches, all are making special gifts for the Lord. Barnaby despairs over having nothing to offer until he discovers a most profound truth about the meaning of Christmas and giving. Stars Melinda Dillon and Merlin Olsen. A Family Movie.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

A Reflection for the Feast of Christ the King

Matthew Gummess, O. Carm.



"You say I am a king." So Jesus responds to Pilate, when Pilate presses him on his kingship.

"Are you then a king?" asks Pilate.

"You say I am a king." So Jesus admonishes Pilate, with this half-affirmation at best, because he knows what kind of king Pilate has in mind: the beastly kind, the prophet Daniel's tyrant of ten horns, who rules by the lie that *might makes right*. The kind of king whose reign begins and ends steeped in others' blood. As Jesus stands before Pilate, he stands ready to shed his *own* blood for a different kind of reign. He's not Pilate's kind of king at all.

The church's choice of this gospel passage for the Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to solemn reflection. We would do well to heed Jesus's admonishment ourselves, for too many times in Christian history we've made Pilate's mistake. When Christians marched under the banners of the Crusades, they marched under a false flag; when the Inquisition bled its opponents with the blade, it sought truth with lies; and today, in this age of anxiety, do we not face the temptation to hitch ourselves to a leader, *any* leader, who has the seeming strength to save us? Or to any power, or any technology, or any means whatsoever, no matter the ultimate cost—so long as it seemingly helps us through the terrible *now*?

The Solemnity of Christ the King confronts us with that temptation toward worldly strength and power and glory. For that very reason, we can and must celebrate it, to nourish our hope and resistance. For there is different kind of strength to save here. It's the kind of strength the poor know in their extremity, and that Saint Oscar Romero discovered when he fell in love with them and the gospel. There's a scene in the movie *Romero* that captures the moment of his discovery. "You are a liar," Raúl Juliá's Romero says to the dictator's face. And so he realizes the truth: the power that oppresses depends on lies. It is *not* absolute. Try as it might, it cannot make right. And so it cannot last. It falls in self-contradiction.

Whereas Jesus stands before Pilate, strong in the everlasting truth of the reign of God, the truth for which he came into the world. By his own blood he testifies, that God's dominion extends over life and death itself and knows no contradiction. And so Jesus goes willingly to his death, trusting that *God saves*.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, God proclaims in the Book of Revelations. *God has made the world firm, not to be moved*, we ourselves proclaim with the psalmist. Dare we believe it? Dare we believe what we truly celebrate today, and so draw the strength to walk in Jesus's footsteps, and stand with all those who speak truth to power?

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