

Sunday, November 28, 2021

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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**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

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Readings. Rows include dates from November 29 to December 5 with corresponding biblical references.



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.

Advent Parish Reconciliation

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

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, and midnight

Christmas Day, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00pm

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26th

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm. And 4:00pm

Registration is required. Registration opens on

Monday, December 20th at 8pm

New Year's Eve, December 31st

5:00pm and 7:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st

10:00am and 12:00pm

Registration is required. Registration opens on

Monday, December 27th at 8pm

CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT

Novena starts on Sunday, December 5th

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

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Dear Parishioners:

We live in a world that bombards us with messages. This is probably most true during the Advent-Christmas season: commercials, advertisements, magazines, TV. The Internet, radio spots, mailings, emails and social media can inundate us with messages that, at times, are misleading, meaningless, or materialistic.

For us who are about to celebrate Advent-Christmas within the journey of our faith, the season also brings us many messages: monumental messages of meanings, of marvels, or magnificence, of memory, or mystery.

The extravagance of the mystery of Advent-Christmas is a message that is momentous and measureless. This message touches everyone and everything. The main message of Advent-Christmas proclaims the reality of who we are and of all that we have been given: Emmanuel, God is with us, every day within our 24/7 lives.

How that message molds and magnifies everything!

Because of the message of the Incarnation—God becoming one of us—we are comforted and challenged with numerous additional messages: unquenchable hope, profound joy, serene peace, generous compassion, patient waiting, and open-handed service.

These messages tell us much about who our God is, who we are, and whose we are.

These messages are ancient, yet intensely new each year. As we celebrate Advent-Christmas 2021, may the messages of loving mysteries and wondrous marvels touch each of your days.

*Fr. Joyson*



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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 Hope**

Okay, guys. Now that you have your advent wreath all ready (we had the instruction of how to make an advent wreath in the last issue of the bulletin), ask Mom and Dad to bless the family advent wreath and light the 1st purple candle. There is a prayer in the next page that the family can say together for the Blessing of the Family Advent Wreath and the Lighting of the First Advent Candle. This is going to be a wonderful tradition that your family can do every Advent Season. You can sing songs together too. Make it a special event. Maybe do it before dinner so you can feast after the prayers.



Talking about Advent, do you know what that is?

Well, the word Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.” Jesus is coming! And we need to prepare ourselves. Similar to preparing ourselves when we go to a birthday party—we dress up, we bring a gift, we get excited as we think about seeing some friends at the party - we also prepare ourselves for Jesus coming. You see, boys and girls, when Jesus comes, He only wants to be one place—in our hearts. He loves you and me and everyone else so much that He wants to stay in our hearts. When we prepare for Jesus coming, it means that we need to prepare our hearts. If you already have your first Reconciliation, then Advent is a great time to come

again and confess our sins to a priest and reconcile our relationship with Jesus that may have been hurt by our sins. God has many wonderful graces or gifts that He wants to give you and me in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also called Confession.

At St. John of the Cross, you can come for confession after the 9am morning Holy Mass from Monday to Saturday or by appointment. We will also have an Advent Parish Reconciliation evening on Monday, December 13th from 7-9pm where 10 priests will be here to hear confessions.

So, boys and girls, let’s P-R-E-P-A-R-E!

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## **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRAYER AND HOPE**

Prayer is an exercise of desire. Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched.: By delaying (His gift), God strengthens our desire; through desire he enlarges our soul and by expanding it, he increases its capacity (for receiving Him)”. “Suppose that God wishes to fill you with honey; but if you are full of vinegar, where will you put the honey?” The vessel, that is your heart, must first be enlarged and then cleansed, from the vinegar and its taste. This requires hard work and is painful, but in this way alone do we become suited to that for which we are destined.

St. Augustine

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## Blessing the Family Advent Wreath at Home

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:  
Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**(Response):** Who made heaven and earth.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a  
great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of  
gloom, a light has shone. You have brought them  
abundant joy and great rejoicing.*

The reader concludes: **The word of the Lord.**

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

After a time of silence, all join in prayers of inter-  
cession and in the Lord's Prayer: **Our Father.**

Then the leader invites:

Let us now pray for God's blessing upon us and  
upon this wreath.

After a short silence, the leader prays:

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus  
Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we  
light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's  
promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Advent Candle Lighting

### First Candle:

All-powerful God, increase our  
strength of will for doing good that  
Christ may find an eager welcome  
at his coming and call us to his side  
in the kingdom of heaven, where he  
lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit one God, forever and  
ever. AMEN.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 29, 9am

1. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Cyrus & Rolinda D'Almeida
2. For the soul of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. For the deceased members of the Espinheiro Family, requested by the Family
4. For the soul of Elsie Paul, requested by Ajit Kumar & family
5. For the soul of Soccorinho Aguiar, requested by the Aguiar Family

### Tuesday, November 30, 9am

1. For the souls of Edwin & Edith Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the soul of Robert S.K. Lim, requested by Virginia Tan
3. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by the Family
4. For the soul of Priscilla Barsey, requested by Elva Chaves
5. Birthday Blessings for Ross Barsey, requested by Elva Chaves
6. For the deceased members of the Barsey & Chaves Families, requested by Elva Chaves

### Wednesday, December 1, 9am

1. For the soul of Maria Emelda Abreu, requested by John D'Souza & Family
2. Birthday Blessings for Anna Maza, requested the Maza Family

### Wednesday, December 1, 7pm

1. For the soul of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by Fernandes & DeSouza Families

### Thursday, December 2, 9am

1. For the living intention of M. Chan, requested by the Chan Family

### Friday, December 3, 9am

1. For the souls of Lawrence & Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the soul of Alice Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

### Friday, December 3, 7pm

1. Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Justine Francis Lapesigue, requested by the Yap Family
2. 91st Birthday Blessings for Greta Dega, requested by the Dega Family
3. For the soul of Frida Lobo, requested by family & friends in Canada
4. For the deceased members of the Mercer Family, requested by Ron & Juliana Mercer
5. For thanksgiving, requested by Allison, Elroy & Family

### Saturday, December 4, 9am

1. For the souls of Charles Thomas & Rita Clara DeCunha, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
2. For the soul of Loyola, requested by Pearl, Lionel & Irene

### Saturday, December 4, 5pm

1. For the soul of Sister Julia Coutinho, requested by Monica Coutinho
2. For the soul of Anthony Coutinho, requested by Monica Coutinho
3. For the soul of Theodoline Coutinho, requested by Monica Coutinho
4. For the souls of Irene Miranda & Veronica Curtis, requested by the D'Souza Family

### Sunday, December 5, 8am

1. Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ryan DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For Thanksgiving, requested by Irene

*For these intentions and for the repose of the souls written in the Book of Life, we pray to the Lord.  
Lord, hear our prayers.*

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*Our prayer life can help us as sons and daughters of God to renew the face of the earth.*

*"I pray for the grace to grow in fervency and dedication to prayer."*

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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  
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**thank you for your generosity**

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