

Sunday, October 10, 2021

St. John of the Cross Parish



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

CLICK TO REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASS



Register for 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.

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PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:

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

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Prayer Over Our Meal

O God of abundance, as our family gathers around the table, we give You thanks for this nutritious food. We thank You for generously pouring blessings over us. We thank You that we have never lacked food to eat or shelter over our heads. We thank You for blessing us with peace and safety. We ask You to bless this food and bless our bodies with good health. Amen.



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.

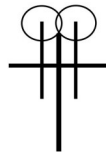
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, October 16th, between



**ELTON MISQUITA and
NISHAAT HUSSAINBHOY**

and between



**EUGENIO GALDI and
JESSICA MARIE SANTOS**

Let us pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding.

DAILY MASS READINGS

October 11	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
October 12	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
October 13	Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
October 14	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
October 15	Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
October 16	Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12
October 17	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

SJOC Women's Group is inviting you to *Women of Grace* Program.

Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

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Thanksgiving Message from the Pastor

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever". (1Chronicles 16:34)

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reflect on the last one year with gratitude. It would be an understatement to say that we've had a roller-coaster year. The pandemic hit us all really hard in the last 18 months. It has been a year with uncertainties and unending changes. We all felt like simply floating over this fluid pandemic period. We have gone through lockdowns and a lot of restrictions. We put masks on our faces, sanitizers on hands and distanced ourselves socially. Many of our parishioners felt cut off from their families. Many families suffered the pain of losing a loved one here at home or overseas. It was a tough year.

It has been a time of blessings as well. God and His goodness was alive during this period more than ever before. We never stopped celebrating our faith in our church. Our parish office remained open throughout the pandemic. Our wonderful volunteers never stopped serving God and us during these entire period. You never stopped participating in person or through online. We greeted each other with a twinkle on our eyes, embraced with a gentle elbow or a fist bump and exchanged peace with a reverential nod or a bow. Vaccines arrived much earlier than we thought and they allowed us to move from countless hours of communion services on weekends with 10 people to celebrating Mass with maximum number of people socially distanced. G. K. Chesterton said, "When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude". It was indeed a year to be grateful to God.

W. T. Purkiser said, "Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving". We are eternally grateful to the gracious God for giving us such a caring community with numerous parishioners with hearts of gold here at St. John of the Cross. Your generosity kept the church and it's ministries going through these challenging times. Your generosity painted the church hallways and the parish hall. Words come short to express our gratitude to our treasured volunteers who tirelessly worked hard to keep our church safe and accessible for all to worship. A mighty thank you to all who supported the church through this pandemic with their time, talent and treasure. We could not have made this far without you. It has been really an overwhelming experience.

"Giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". (Ephesians 5:20)

May God Bless you and your family abundantly this Thanksgiving! Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving to you all!

Fr. Joyson George O. Carm.



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WEDNESDAY EVENING CELEBRATIONS ARE BACK!



There will be a 7pm Holy Mass every Wednesday followed by the novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray the Holy Rosary at 6:35pm.

The novena will also be prayed after the Wednesday morning Holy Mass.

The evening celebration will not be livestreamed.



Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally

October 16th, 12:00pm
Outside the church

Please see flyer in this bulletin for more information.

Bring your rosaries!

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH!

Pray the Holy Rosary with your family as often as possible this month.

BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

This year, the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul of St John of the Cross Conference will be holding its Bundle Weekend on October 16th and 17th, 2021. The Truck will be in the parking lot of the Church on the evening of Friday 15th. We will have Vincentians on hand after each mass to assist parishioners in putting their gently used clothing that they are willing to part with into the truck.

We will be masked and be using hand sanitizer and will respect all health protocols.

Please see flyer in this bulletin for details.

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.

GIVE
Thanks
IN ALL THINGS.



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

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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



A Catholic Thanksgiving Prayer

Loving God,
who created and sustains the universe,
who loved us all into being,
and who gives us every good thing,
we thank you for the blessings
that you bring into our lives.
We thank you for the gift of life itself,
which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.
We thank you for the fresh start
of each new day, which is a sign
of your renewing and creative love.
And we thank you for our friends, our families,
our neighbors and our coworkers,
whose human love is an image
of your divine care.
Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day,
and help us to recognize all the good things
that we have, both large and small.
And magnify our desire to share what we have
with others, so that they too may be grateful to
you, Loving God.
Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK: THANKSGIVING TRIVIA



Look at that! What do you know?

1. Why do we usually eat turkey and not chicken or duck on thanksgiving?

Because it's big! It can feed a lot of family members gathered together on the dinner table on this special occasion.

2. How much turkey does Canadians eat?

Well, according to the Turkey Farmers of Canada, there were 3.1 million whole turkeys bought in 2010 for thanksgiving. Wow!

3. Why do we have our Thanksgiving Holiday ahead of the U.S.?

Ahhh ... I thought you won't ask. The reason is it's because of the weather. We get colder sooner than down south so our harvest season is earlier.

4. What will you have for Thanksgiving dinner?

Let's see Baked stuffed turkey, ceasar salad, steamed broccoli with cheese, mashed potato with gravy, cranberry sauce, beans, and pumpkin pie with cream on top. Delish!



*“Thank you, God,
for all that you
have given and for
all that you have
not given.*

We trust in you.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 11, 9am

- 1. Birthday blessings for Allan Mathews, requested by the DeSouza Family
- 2. For the soul of Myrtle D’Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
- 3. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by the Family
- 4. In thanksgiving for blessings received, requested by Allan Fernandes & Family
- 5. Birthday blessings for Kaelyn Peters, requested by her Parents

Tuesday, October 12, 9am

- 1. Graces & Blessings for Deacon Claire Otteson, requested by Pearl Mary Grace
- 2. For the soul of Karen Yap, requested by the Yap Family
- 3. For the soul of Kamal Ameen, requested by the Ameen Family

Wednesday, October 13, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Francisco Villanueva, requested by the Villanueva Family

Friday, October 15, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
- 2. Graces & Blessings for Deacon Claire Otteson, requested by Pearl Mary Grace

Saturday, October 17, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of Yvonne Almeida, requested by Marcin & Roxanne
- 2. For the souls of Joy, Maurice & Phillip Christopher, requested by the D’Silva Family
- 3. For the deceased members of the Andonovski & Cygan Families, requested by Marcin & Roxanne
- 4. For the soul of Peter D’Souza, requested by James Viegas & Family

Sunday, October 17, 8am

- 1. For the deceased members of the Gomes & Vieira Families, requested by Marcin & Roxanne

Sunday, October 17, 10am

- 1. For the soul of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Irene Fernandes & Family
- 2. For the soul of Leena D’Mello, requested by Walter D’Mello
- 3. Birthday Blessings for Diane Robson, requested by the Robson Family

Sunday, October 10, 4pm

- 1. For the soul of Victor Schembri, requested by Beatrice Schembri & family

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

MASS INTENTIONS
DEADLINE

To be included in the bulletin, mass intentions need to be submitted in the parish office by Tuesday at 6pm to appear in that weekend’s issue.



BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

Starting next month, we will start taking advertisements in the parish bulletin. If you have a business that you want to promote, send us your artwork in jpg format, at least 1MB in size.

Below are the different size rates, printed in color:

1/2 Business Card size = \$300/year

Business Card size = \$600/year

Double Business Card = \$1000/year

Minimum advertisement contract is six months.

Please email the parish office,

sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

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SJOC Women's Group

St. John of the Cross Parish Women's Group is here and is inviting all women, 21 years and older, to join SJOC Women's Group! It's a place where women can come together, develop healthy friendships, and grow in love and service of God and neighbor.

To get us started, we will be taking the *Women of Grace* Program. It's a program that leads women on an exciting journey to discover the true and essential nature of the gift that God has given to woman. St. John Paul II referred to this gift as the *feminine genius*, authentic femininity™, holiness of life, and woman's purpose and mission in the world today.

Taking the Blessed Virgin Mary as our exemplar and woman's potentiality for physical maternity, points to her metaphysical reality – she is called to bring life to the world.

The 8-session program takes a multi-faceted approach by exploring all aspects of the feminine person including her spirituality, psychology, emotional reality, and physical being.

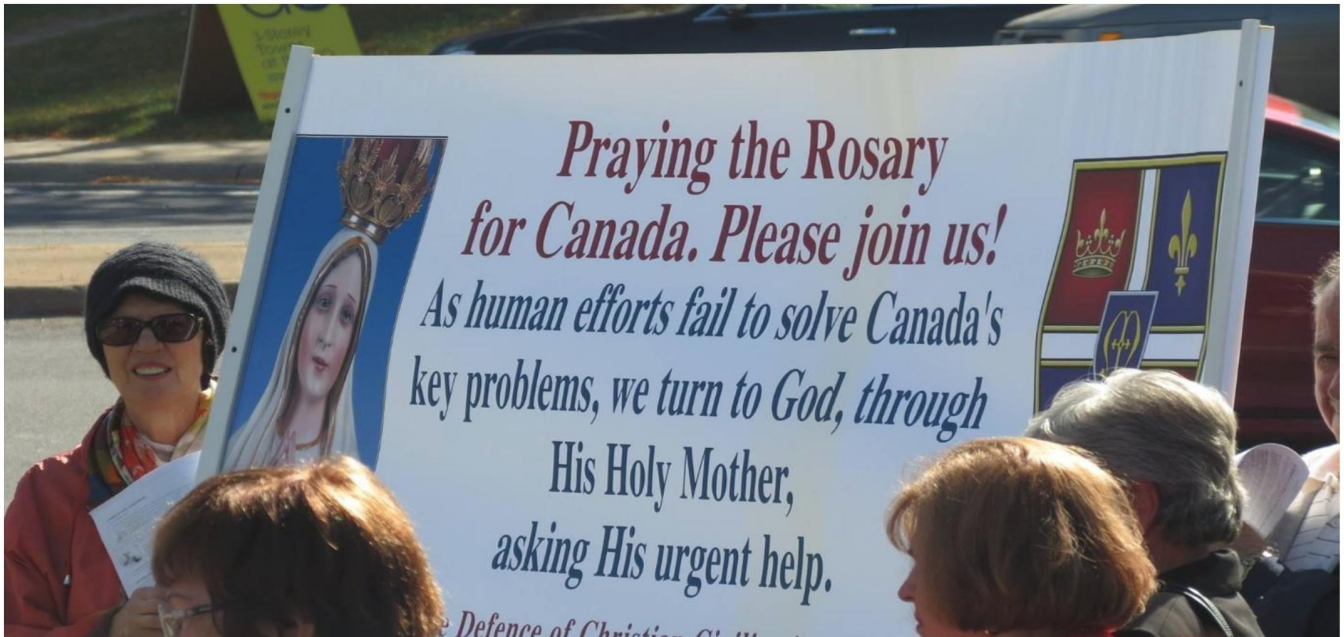
We will be meeting in-person every other Monday, 7:00-8:30pm, starting in November. You will need a *Woman of Grace* Study Set.

To join and order your study set, please click:

<https://forms.gle/KASHW1f7kmFsmsEs9>

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THE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE DEFENCE OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC RECITATION OF THE FAMILY ROSARY

ON: OCTOBER 16, 2021 AT 12PM SHARP

WHERE: IN FRONT OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH (AT THE CORNER OF GANANOQUE AND GLEN ERIN)

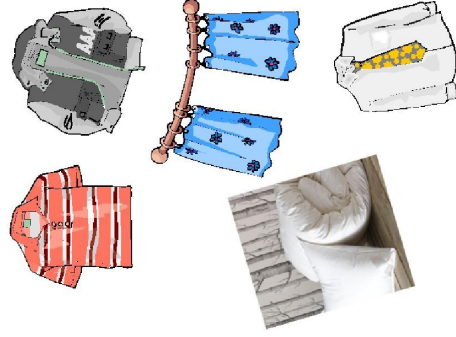
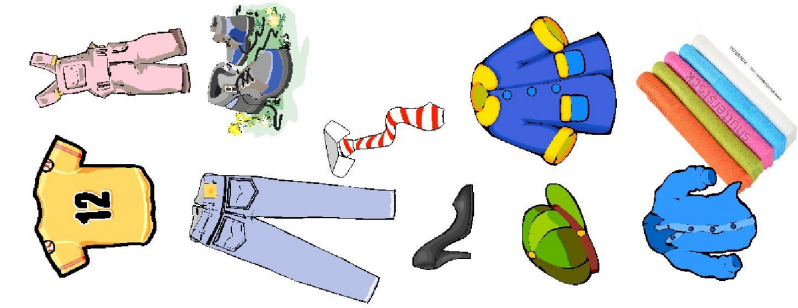
PLEASE ATTEND AND ADVERTIZE THIS ROSARY RALLY TO AS MANY OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AS CANADA NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER TO SOLVE CANADA'S KEY PROBLEMS.

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Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. John of the Cross

6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga

On

October 16 - 17, 2021



We DO NOT ACCEPT

appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes

For more information visit

www.ssvptoronto.ca



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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

TORONTO CENTRAL COUNCIL

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List of Items Accepted and Not Accepted at Bundle Up Weekends.

Accept

All Clothing

(Any Condition)

All Footwear

(Any Condition)

Bedding

(Any Condition)

Drapery/Towels

Toys

(New or Nearly New)

Don't Accept

Please do not accept the following items:

Books

(Any Kind)

Construction Material

(Any Condition)

Dishes

(Any Kind)

Furniture

(Any Condition)

Video/Audio Cassettes