

Sunday, October 31, 2021

# St. John of the Cross Parish

*Served by the Carmelites*



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St. Vincent de Paul Society 305

## 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](mailto:admin@sjocross.org)
- 2) Send a separate email message to [admin@sjocross.org](mailto:admin@sjocross.org) with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**



Join us on November 5th at 7pm

**1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS**  
Followed by  
**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Come! Let us worship and give thanks before His Holy Presence as one community of St. John of the Cross.

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## **A TALK ON SAINT MARK**

Experience who Jesus is through the eyes of Saint Mark as he paints a picture of this man from Nazareth. In vivid words and action-filled chapters, Mark helps us to know this Son of Man and how to be one of his followers.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 4th, 7-8pm AND  
Thursday, November 11th, 7-8pm

**WHERE:** SJOC Church

**PRESENTER:** Fr. Stan Makacinas O. Carm.

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

November 1	Rev. 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
November 2	Job 19:1,23-27; 1 Cor. 15:20-23; John 12:23-26
November 3	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
November 4	Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
November 5	Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
November 6	Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Luke 16:9-15
November 7	1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**November 1 All Saints Day**

This feast honours all the saints of the Church, known and unknown.

*“All Holy Saints & Martyrs, pray for us.”*

**November 2 All Souls Day**

“Happy are those who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.” Rev 14:13

**There will be a 7pm Mass on both days.**

**Registration is required only for the November 2nd, 7pm Mass which will be livestreamed.**

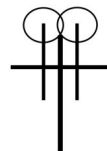
**FAITH GLOSSARY**

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery. CCC2724, 1028, 2651, 2687

**WEDDING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, November 6th, between



**EMANUEL GUEVARA and  
PAMELA BARTOLOME**

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

**BOOK OF LIFE**



On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, the Book of Life containing the names of deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar.

The souls will be prayed in all Holy Masses throughout the month.

If you want your loved ones to be included, please click the link below. We will print their names and include them in the Book of Life. You may also pick up a purple sheet in the church to complete at home and bring back to church.

<https://bit.ly/SJOCBOOKOFLIFE>

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 1, 9am**

1. For the soul of Fr. Herculan Silveira, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the soul of Virgilio Hufana, requested by Lou Hufana
3. For the souls of Higinio & Praxedes Castronuevo, requested by Lou Hufana
4. For the souls of the Aguiar Family, requested by the Aguiar Family
5. For the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Lloyd & Louella Machado, requested by the Machado Family
6. For the souls of Juan, Cathy and Geronimo Lovievich, requested by the Family

**Tuesday, November 2, 9am**

1. For all souls in purgatory

**Wednesday, November 3, 9am**

1. Birthday Blessings for Teresa Mejia, requested by the Family
2. 85th Birthday Blessings for Marie Chaves, requested by the Chaves Family
3. For the soul of Gerald Coutinho, requested by a parishioner
4. For the successful surgery of Anand D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza family

**Wednesday, November 3, 7pm**

1. For the soul of P.A. Scaria, requested by Anila & Joseph

**Thursday, November 4, 9am**

1. Birthday Blessings for Anne D'Cunha, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. Birthday Blessings for Charlotte DaCosta, requested by the DaCosta Family
3. For the soul of Olive Pereira, requested by Cyp-py & Shirley

**Friday, November 5, 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 John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
4. Blessings for Gavin & Steffi D'Mello, requested

by Cyp-py & Shirley

5. Birthday Blessings for Earl Coutinho, requested by the Coutinho Family

**Friday, November 5, 7pm**

1. For the soul of N.M. George, requested by Annie George
2. For the soul of Emilia Fernandes, requested by Mercia Menezes

**Saturday, November 6, 9am**

1. For the soul of Carolina Mesa Zapata, requested by the UribeFamily

**Saturday, November 6, 5pm**

1. For the deceased members of the Maltese Veteran Association, requested by a Veteran
2. For the soul of Ronald D'Souza, requested by Clara D'Souza & Family
3. For the soul of Benedetto Bosco, requested by the Bosco Family

**Sunday, November 7, 8am**

1. For the deceased members of the Maltese Veteran Association, requested by a Veteran

**Sunday, November 7, 10am**

1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the deceased members of the Maltese Veteran Association, requested by a Veteran
3. For the soul of Gregory D'Mello, requested by Walter D'Mello & Family

**Sunday, November 7, 12pm**

1. For the deceased members of the Maltese Veteran Association, requested by a Veteran
2. For the soul of Peter Pereira, requested by Candida Pereira

*For these intentions,  
we pray to the Lord.*

**MASS INTENTIONS DEADLINE**

To be included in the bulletin, mass intentions need to be submitted in the parish office by Monday at 12pm to appear in that weekend's issue.



“... 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: CHILDREN SAINTS

Not all saints are priests, nuns or popes. There are ordinary people who became great saints. There are even children saints! Let’s take a look at some of them, boys and girls, and see how they became a saint and maybe, by their example, we too, may become one. Wouldn’t that be cool? Here we go ....



Francisco Marto, 10 years old and his sister Jacinta, 9 years old died during the 1918 flu epidemic. Our Lady of Fatima appeared to them and to their cousin Lucia for several months. Our Lady asked them to pray the rosary and make sacrifices

for the conversion of sinners. They did these faithfully.

Dominic Savio, 14 years old, was very devoted to Holy Mass, Communion, and Confession. When he was five years old, he learned how to serve in the Mass. He loves to pray and read Catholic books. When he was 10 and learned that his name means “belonging to God” his desire to become a saint became very strong.



Cristobal, Juan, and Antonio, 12-13 years old, were the children martyrs if Tlaxcala, Mexico. The three teenagers were converts to Roman Catholic Faith. Their activism and evangelical zeal led to their death. Pope Francis

canonized them on October 15, 2017, without having a miracle attributed to their intercessions.

### WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus’ teach-



ings and foreshadowed by his disciples’ experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

Our prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death. The Order of Christian Funerals includes a Vigil Service for the deceased, which can be held in the home, in the church, or in a funeral home chapel, the funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal (which generally takes place at the burial site). The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ’s love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.

(Excerpt from Fr. Joe Scott, BustedHalo)

**WELLNESS TIP — GEARING UP FOR FLU SEASON**

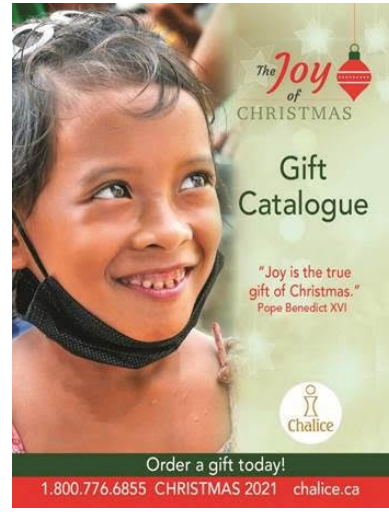
With the change of seasons comes a focus on the flu and ways we can protect ourselves against infection. The best way to prevent getting and spreading the flu is to:

1. Wash your hands often. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds, especially after you cough or sneeze. In addition, you can use alcohol-based sanitizer.
2. Practice good hygiene. Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
3. Stay at home when you're sick. Viruses spread more easily in group settings, so stay at home until you are well and contact your healthcare provider.
4. Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items. Viruses can leave for 24 to 48 hours on hard surfaces.
5. Get the flu vaccine. The flu shot greatly decreases your chance of getting sick from the flu and lessens your chance of passing the flu onto your family and friends.

For more information on the flu, visit:  
[canada.ca/flu](http://canada.ca/flu) or [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu)

*Mary's life shows that great deeds are accomplished through those that are the most humble. — Pope Francis*

**November 2021 Word Among Us (\$3) and the 2022 Sunday Missal (\$5) are now available in the parish office.**



**FREE WEBINAR!!!  
ESTATE PLANNING FROM  
A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE  
Saturday, November 13th, 9am**

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

*An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.*

*To register, email [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)*

Please include **'webinar on November 13'** in the subject line and provide your **name and mailing address in the body of a message** (otherwise we won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!).

You will receive a link to join the webinar on November 8th.

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## Operation Christmas Child is Back!

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus.

We invite you to pack a shoebox to put a smile on a child’s face this Christmas. You are welcome to use your own shoebox or shoeboxes will be available before and after all the masses during the weekend of October 23rd and 24th.

**Filled shoeboxes are due back at the church on Nov 20— 21.**

To Include	Do Not Include
Small Toys- toy cars, jump rope, balls etc.	<i>Candy, chocolate, toothpaste</i>
School Supplies- pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, paper, coloring books	<i>Used or damaged items</i>
Non-liquid Hygiene Items- toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths	<i>War- related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures</i>
Accessories- socks, hats, sunglasses	<i>Liquids or lotions</i>
A Personal Note- You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group	<i>Medications or vitamins</i>

For further questions, please contact:

Jovita 416-834-3672 or Kristen Lobo 416.836.2712



**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**



***ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN  
THE PARISH BULLETIN***

Starting November, 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 rates for different size ads, printed in color:

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

Business Card size = \$600/year

Double Business Card = \$1000/year

Minimum advertisement contract: Six months

For more info, please email the parish office,

[sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org)



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# *Which way, Lord?*



***“How do I know what God’s Will is for me so that I may live in it?”***

**The Parish Prayer Group invites you to an in-person evening of Exposition & Benediction, Praise & Worship, & Talk on:**

***To Know Thy Will***

**By Fr. Michael Corpus  
Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**



**Statement by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto  
re announcement of Papal Visit to Canada – October 27, 2021**

I am most grateful that Pope Francis has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada for a pastoral visit to advance the healing and reconciliation journey with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

I reiterate the unequivocal apology of the Canadian bishops from earlier this year as we sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. We affirm our commitment to walk with the Indigenous people on the lengthy path of healing and dialogue. I pray that the visit of the Holy Father will provide a space for that journey to continue through authentic encounters of compassion, understanding and reconciliation.

To assist in establishing the foundation for his pilgrimage to Canada, later this year, from December 17-20, the Holy Father will welcome a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people at the Vatican. Over the course of several days, through authentic listening and dialogue, Pope Francis will hear directly from those who have suffered.

I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for all those who suffer from the legacy of the residential school system. We pray also for the delegates who will visit with the Holy Father in December. Finally, we keep Pope Francis close in prayer. May he be blessed with good health and strength to prepare him to join us at the appropriate moment to continue our journey of healing and reconciliation together.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Cardinal Thomas Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto