St. John of the Cross Parish



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RECONCILIATION

After the 9am Masses Mon. to Saturday 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.

Served by the Carmelites

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am—4:30pm and 6:00-8:30pm Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm Saturday: 9:30am -12:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 7:00pm Additional Mass on 1st Fridays: 7:00pm Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

AddMe

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



All 9am morning masses, Monday to Saturday, and the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass will be livestreamed.

PLEASE OBSERVE SAFETY PROTO-COLS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:

- 1. Wear mask
- 2. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

Two Steps for E-Transfer:

- 1) Send donations to: <u>admin@sjocross.org</u>
- 2) Send a separate email message to <u>admin@sjocross.org</u> with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 4, 9am

 For the soul of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin, Sandra, Kyle & Sean

Wednesday, April 6, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Fr. Cyril Perera, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
- 2. For the soul of Joseph Leo Peter, requested by Ignatius & Family
- 3. For the soul of Philomene Alles, requested by the Alles & Lawrence Families

Wednesday, April 6, 7pm

1. For the souls of Grisilda, Raymond & Hyginus Perera, requested by the Perera Family

Thursday, April 7, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
- 2. For the soul of Maryam Xavier, requested by the Misquitta Family

Friday, April 8, 9am

1. For the soul of Anne Ottemiller, requested by the Rodgers Family

Saturday, April 9, 9am

- 1. For thanksgiving for blessings received, requested by the Vieira Family
- 2. For the soul of Donald Gomes, requested by the Gomes Family

Saturday, April 9, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of Gregory & Edwin Lewis, requested by Mavyn Lewis
- 2. For the soul of Eugenio P. Corpus Jr., requested by Sharlyne & Virgilio Cometa

Sunday, April 10, 8am

- 1. For the soul of Santan Pieadad Gomes, requested by the Barretto Family
- 2. For the souls of Tessie & George Puvathingal, requested by the Family

Please pray for all the sick and for world peace.

After the Holy Mass, please wait for the priest to reach the back of the church before leaving.

Thank you!



Flowers Offering for the Altar

If you wish to contribute for the altar flowers for Easter, please feel free to use the green envelope marked Flower Offering.

Thank you for your generosity!

Neighboring Parish Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

<u>Merciful Redeemer</u>

Wednesday, April 6th 10:00am—12:00pm, 2:00pm—4:00pm, 7:00pm—9:00pm

<u>St. Josephine Bakhita</u> Monday to Friday 5:00pm—5:45m or by appointment

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u> Friday, April 8 7:00am—7:00pm Only one priest. Please wear a mask.

St. Joseph

Tuesday, April 12th From 7:00pm

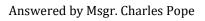
CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

Q: Are Catholics who reject the church's teachings on Mass, the Trinity, the virgin birth of Christ, abortion, etc. no longer Catholics or are they one for life because of their baptism?

A: Regarding baptism, the catechism affirms the following: Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated. (CCC#1272)

That said, your question also seems to touch on the question of how deep one's communion is with Christ and his Church. And if one were to reject the teachings you mention they would, in effect, seriously hard, even severe their communion, their unity with the Church. At times, the Church must ask those who intentionally dissent, to assess their own communion with the Church, and to no longer celebrate a communion that this seriously impaired by refraining from receiving Holy Communion. In rare cases, the Church may see a need to formally declare an excommunication exists.

However, even is such cases, given the indelible mark that baptism confers, one can never utterly lose the status of belonging to Christ. By analogy, even if a son or daughter of yours were to wander far from you, live in total contradiction to what you believe, and even curse you to your face and act so badly that you had to erect legal protection for yourself, none of this would not change the fact that they are still your son or daughter.





There is no longer a dispensation to those who are participating in the Holy Mass through livestream or TV except if they are sick or in isolation.

Come! Let us gather in-person and celebrate our faith together!

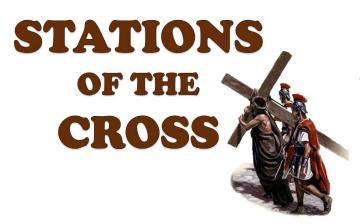
<u>Extraordinary Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion Ministry</u>

Volunteers Need

The ministry provides volunteers with the opportunity to participate at Mass as Eucharistic Ministers assisting with the service of Holy Communion. Volunteers are needed for all Masses but are especially needed for the noon and 4pm Masses on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your name, phone number, and email address at the church office.



Easter Mass Cards are now available at the parish office for \$3 each.



DAILY MASS READINGS

April 4	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30,33-64; John 8:12-20
April 5	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-20
April 6	Daniel 3:13-20,24,49-50,91-95; John 8:31-42
April 7	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
April 8	Jer. 20:7,10-13; John 10:31-42
April 9	Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57
April 10	Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23,56

The Mass Study Program registration deadline is this Sunday, April 3rd. Please call the office for more information & to register.



2 ShareLife

We are at 18.39% towards our goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent followed by the Holy Mass.

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 12:00 PM, 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.

To qualify for the CVITP program, the income requirements (Approx.) 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.

The Squires are having their Easter Food Drive Campaign to support Eden Food for Change. To support this worthy cause, please click:

https://edenvfd.org/participant/teams/40

"... 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: What Do You Know about Lent?

Hey, guys! Good to hear from some of you. I'm glad that you are reading this Family Page in the parish bulletin. This page is actually written for you, our school aged members of the community. Yaay!

Do you know that we are more than half-way of the Lenten Season? We started Lent on Ash Wednesday and it will end on the Saturday before Easter, exactly 40 days. Next Sunday, April 10th is Palm Sunday. We get to bring home fresh, blessed palms!

Do you remember the story about the palms and Jesus? Hmmm Let's see how much you know about that story.

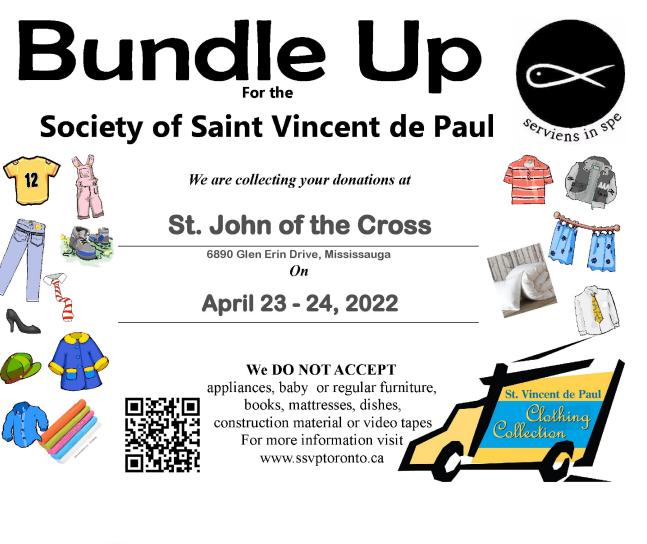
True or False

- 1. Jesus rode on a donkey when he came into the city.
- 2. The people greeted Jesus, waving palms and shouting "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- 3. The donkey that Jesus rode on was old.
- 4. Jesus came into the city of Jerusalem.

KNOW THESE VIRTUES Match the virtue to their description.

- 1. MODE-RATION
- 2. GENERO-SITY
- 3. COURAGE
- 4. PATIENCE
- **5. HUMILITY**
- 6. RESPECT
- 7. KINDNESS
- 8. MODESTY
- 9. GRATI -TUDE

- A. Paying attention to something for a long time without becoming bored or losing interest. Remaining calm when dealing with problems or difficult people
- B. Purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech. Modesty helps us dress in a way that safeguards our dignity.
- C. Standing up for what is right, even in the face of pressure.
- D. Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others--anticipating their needs.
- E. Recognizing the worth and dignity of every single human person.
- F. Giving good things to others freely and abundantly—not just money, but also time, knowledge, and skills.
- G. This virtue means having a thankful disposition of mind and heart.
- H. Controlling our desires and wants in order to achieve a greater good and meet life's goals.
- I. A virtue that helps kids be a better team player at school or in sports and own their mistakes. A humble person can be confident without being arrogant and maintain self-respect despite what others think.





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

Accept

All Clothing (Any Condition)

All Footwear (Any Condition)

Bedding (Any Condition)

Drapery/Towels

Toys (New only)

Don't Accept

Please we do not accept the following :

Baby items

(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture)

Construction Material (Any Condition)

> Dishes (Any Kind)

Furniture

(Any Kind)

Books /Video/Audio Cassettes

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Friday Nights 7pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by Holy Mass
April 5th 7pm—9pm	PARISH RECONCILIATION
April 9th/10th	PALM SUNDAY Saturday, April 9th, 5pm Sunday, April 10th 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm
April 14th 8pm—12am	HOLY THURSDAY Holy Eucharist with Washing of the Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
April 15th	GOOD FRIDAY
10:00am	Stations of the Cross (Youth)
3:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
7:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
April 16th	HOLY SATURDAY
8:00pm	Easter Sunday Vigil Mass
April 17th	EASTER SUNDAY 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm
April 24th 3pm	DIVINE MERCY Prayer by Parish Prayer Group

