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## 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

## RECONCILIATION

6:00-6:45pm before the Wednesday 7pm Mass or by appointment.

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# St. John of the Cross

## Priest, Mystic, & Doctor of the Church

Holy Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri on the  
Feast Day, Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00pm

*Reception will follow after the Mass,  
hosted by the 3rd Order Lay Carmelites in the parish.*

***Come, let us celebrate  
our patron saint!***

### The Life of St. John of the Cross

Saint John was born into poverty and so was no stranger to need. He was raised by his mother and the Church after his father died at a young age. These two mothers imparted to his mind a solid formation in Catholic doctrine and to his soul an ardent love for the Lord Jesus. John was ordained a priest for the Carmelites in 1567. He loved solitude and contemplation and so considered entering the strictest of Orders, the Carthusians. But holy people cross paths, and a chance meeting with Saint Teresa of Ávila redirected John's vocation. Saint John spent his life traveling throughout Central and Southern Spain carrying out an intense priestly ministry all while living a recollected life which his own contemporaries recognized as saintly. He was a contemplative who wrote with elegance and artistic flourish about falling in love with God. His *Dark Night of the Soul*, *Spiritual Canticle*, *Ascent of Mount Carmel*, and *Living Flame of Love* are, on their surface, poetic masterpieces of the Spanish language.

*At a deeper level, they each describe, in surprising detail and through various biblical metaphors, the soul's search for Christ and its joy in finding Him, or its pain in losing Him. For John, being authentic was not a spirituality. Being bonded to Christ was. To see through material forms into God's inner life, to contemplate God in His very nature, was prayer. The soul seeks God like the bride seeks her bridegroom. And the Bridegroom did more than manifest an image, He manifested reality. The Church is both mother and bride, and her faithful learn of Christ, and seek Him, only inside of her life. Saint John of the Cross deepened the word "mystery" to include more than its objective meaning in the Sacraments. For John, every soul had a mysterious union with God that had to be, and only could be, cultivated in silent contemplation.*

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- Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230
- Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Society 305

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## Advent Parish Reconciliation

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

## Candlelight Carol Service

Sunday, December 18th, 5:30pm-6:30pm

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, and 12midnight

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00pm

### New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday, December 31st

5:00pm

### New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Sunday, January 1st

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all the parishioners that supported the Christmas Bazaar last weekend. It was great to see all the smiles, laughs and interest in the items for the fund raising sale.

God Bless from the CWL!"

*"He who interrupts the course of his spiritual exercises and prayer is like a man who allows a bird to escape from his hand; he can hardly catch it again." - St. John of the Cross*

The SJOC Parish Women's Group is hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Masses this weekend. They will also be selling freshly baked Goodies & Treats to raise funds to purchase the monstrance for our new Adoration Chapel.



## BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Registration for the January Bereavement Sessions is now open. Sessions begin January 9th on Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm for 6 consecutive weeks. All sessions will be held in the Seminar room in person. Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone. We need one another to support and nurture our healing to help ease the pain of separation from our loved ones. You cannot heal alone. All information is confidential.

Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at [Muriel1066@bell.net](mailto:Muriel1066@bell.net) and be sure to include your phone number. **Masks will be required.**

*Handicraft items from Holy Land will be in the rotunda next weekend.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 12, 9am

1. For the Repose of Tony de Souza, requested by the Fernandes & de Souza Family
2. For the Repose of Custodio & Bella Pereira, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Anthony & Philomena Pereira, requested by the Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Struan & Family, requested by the Remedios Family
5. For the Repose of Sabina & Aloysius Pinto, requested by Theresa Pinto Moraes
6. For All the Deceased Members of the Pinto Family, requested by Theresa Pinto Moraes
7. For the Repose of Hubert DeCunha, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
8. For the Repose of Paul Baretto, requested by Don Bosco Alumnae Canada

### Tuesday, December 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad
2. For the Repose of John Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Alfredo Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes & de Souza Family
4. For the Repose of Fred Casino, requested by the Casino Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family
6. For the Special Intention of Adrian Keny, requested by the Family

### Wednesday, December 14, 7pm

1. For Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Remy Menezes, requested by Willy Menezes
2. For the Healing of Clayton and Theresa D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
3. For the Repose of John & Argentina D'Silva, requested by the Family

### Thursday, December 15, 9am

1. For Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Jason Desouza Sr., requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Hernando Contreras, requested by Sandra Contreras

### Friday, December 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Franklyn D'Souza, requested by Lydia D'Souza & Family
2. For the Death Anniversary of Efren Paguio,

requested by Ellen Villanva

### Saturday, December 17, 9am

1. For the Repose of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Pearl, Lionel & Irene
2. For the Repose of Joe Calvo, requested by the Javier Family

### Sunday, December 18, 8am

1. In Thanksgiving, requested by Florentin Family
2. For the Healing of Jacob John, requested by Diana & Ashwin

### Sunday, December 18, 10am

1. For the Repose of Francis Xavier Menezes, requested by the DaCosta Family

### Sunday, December 18, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Egilda Marrello, requested by Rocco Marrello
2. For the Repose of Manny Costa, requested by the Dias Family

### Sunday, December 18, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Arnold Fajardo, requested by Raissa & Fajardo's Siblings

### CHURCH

Tues	Dec 13	Parish Reconciliation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 14	St. John of the Cross Feast Mass 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec 15	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Fri	Dec 16	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 17	Children's Choir 10:00am
Sun	Dec 18	Candlelight Carol Service 5:30pm

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 12	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 13	PTC-Social Time 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 14	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Dec 17	Children's Choir 9:00-10:00am
Sat	Dec 17	Confirmation Preparation Non-Catholic Schools 1:00-2:30pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Tues	Dec 13	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Dec 13	Parish Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 14	CIC 6:00-7:00pm
Wed	Dec 14	St. John of the Cross Feast Day
Sat	Dec 17	Men's Fraternity 6:30-8:30am
Sun	Dec 18	Candlelight Carol Service 5:30pm

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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*



Third Sunday of Advent, guys! That means we are going to light a new candle aside from the 1st two purple candles. The 3rd candle is different because it's a pink candle which symbolizes JOY. O, what a joy it is indeed! Do you know that this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday? Gaudete means rejoice in Latin. We are getting closer and closer to Jesus' coming. In the 1st two weeks of advent, we were preparing for His coming. Now, we are more than halfway through. It's almost here. We anticipate with great joy the coming of our King!

*See you in church, boys and girls!*

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Advent Wreath



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## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be having a children's poster contest for the Advent season. The poster must reflect the theme of "**Keep Christ in Christmas**". The deadline for the posters to be returned to the church along with a completed entry form is Sunday, **December 18, 2022** (see link below). There are 3 different age categories (see link).


<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>



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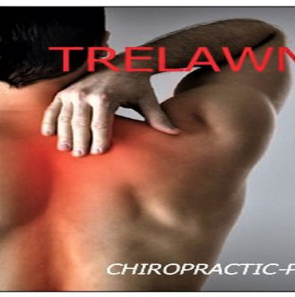
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