

Sunday, December 4, 2022

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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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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**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**



# CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT St. John of the Cross

- Novena Prayer starts this Tuesday, December 6th
- 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.*

**The Dark Night of the Soul:  
Yesterday and Today  
By Fr. Steven Payne OCD  
Revisiting John of the Cross'  
Classic Text and Symbol**

<https://youtu.be/ccFEsTcaJqg>

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## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS Novena Prayer

O glorious St. John of the Cross, through a pure desire of being like Jesus crucified, you longed for nothing so eagerly as to suffer, to be despised, and to be made little of by all; and your thirst after sufferings was so burning that your noble heart rejoiced in the midst of the cruelest torments and afflictions. Grant, I beseech you, O dear Saint, by the glory which your many sufferings have gained for you, to intercede for me and obtain from God for me a love of suffering, together with strength and grace to bear with firmness of mind all the trials and adversities which are the sure means to the happy attainment of all that awaits me in heaven. Dear Saint, from your most happy place in glory, hear, I beseech you, my prayers, so that after your example, full of love for the cross, I may deserve to be your companion in glory. Amen.

**Mention your intention ...**

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

*St. John of the Cross, pray for us.*

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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

## 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>

## SJOC Parish Women's Group is having

## Pictures with Santa



Saturday, December 10th:

10:00am—12:00pm

1:00pm—4:00pm

6:10pm—8:00pm

Sunday, December 11th:

1:00pm—4:00pm

5:10pm—7:00pm

*\$25 for 3 poses which will be emailed to you for your use.*

*Call the Parish Office, 905.821.1331, to book your spot.*

*100% of the proceeds go towards purchasing the monstrance for the Adoration Chapel — a project of the Parish Women's Group.*

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# Sunday, December 4, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 5, 9am

1. For the Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings of Ryan Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Joe Calvo, requested by the Javier Family
3. For all the Family; Blessings, Good Health & Safety Everyday, requested by Alvaro Martinez & Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Joyce & Frank Gulati
5. For the Successful Surgery of Tim Remedios, requested Tim & Rhonda

### Tuesday, December 6, 9am

1. For the Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings of Kristel Dias, requested by John, Sabrina & Gyles

### Wednesday, December 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family

### Wednesday, December 7, 7pm

1. In Thanksgiving, requested by the Menezes Family

### Thursday, December 8, 9am

1. For the Repose of Francis Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
2. In Thanksgiving to Families & Friends of the Late Alvin Mendiola, requested by the Mendiola Family
3. For the Repose of Fr. Cyril Pereira, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
4. For the Repose of Roy Thuraisingam, requested by Marina & Zeno
5. For the Repose of Lilianne Zaina Fariala, requested by Medard Mbuyi Hutu

### Friday, December 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Brandon Boomhower, requested by Jocelyne Flaman
3. For the Deceased Members of the Rodgers Family, requested by the Rodgers Family

### Saturday, December 10, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family
2. For the Special Intentions of Tim Remedios, requested by Tim & Rhonda

### Saturday, December 10, 5pm

1. For the Repose of John & Veronica D'Mello, requested by Conrad & Beatrice Lewis
2. For the Repose of Neville Bacquie, requested by Cynthia Bacquie
3. For the Repose of Herman & Kathleen Barnett & Family, requested by Cynthia Bacquie
4. For the Repose of Jacinto & Teresa Medeiros, requested by their children
5. For the Birthday Blessings of Liam Monisse, requested by Fernandes & Monisse Family

6. For the Repose of Mercy Fernandes, requested by the Van Drine Family

### Sunday, December 11, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Laurenio & Dorvalina Dias, requested by Tony Dias & Gloria Paz

#### CHURCH

Tues	Dec 5	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Thurs	Dec 8	Youth Choir 5:30-6:30pm
Thurs	Dec 8	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 10	Lector Meeting - 10:30am

#### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 5	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 6	PTC-Social Time 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Dec 6	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 7	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Dec 10	Parish Women's Group: Picture with Santa 10:00-12:00pm; 1:00-4:00pm; 6:10-8:00pm
Sun	Dec 11	Parish Women's Group: Picture with Santa 1:00-4:00pm; 5:10-7:00pm

#### NESSINGER HALL

Tues	Nov 29	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Nov 29	First Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Nov 30	CIC 6:00-7:00pm
Wed	Nov 30	Parish Rep 7:00-8:30pm
Sat	Dec 3	Confirmation 7:00-10:00am
Sat	Dec 3	Couples for Christ
Sat	Dec 3	CWL Christmas Bazaar

Green envelopes will be distributed after all Masses this weekend for Flower Offering in the altar. There will be a collection of these envelopes next weekend, December 10th/11th. *Thank you for helping make our altar look nice!*



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8th 9am and 7pm Mass



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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



Here we are .... 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Our preparation for the second coming of Jesus continues. Boys and girls, we are going to light the 2nd candle this Sunday. This candle symbolizes FAITH. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem candle to remind us of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Let us pray, boys and girls as Mom or Dad light the 2nd candle of your family advent wreath.

### Kids Prayer for Advent

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus, come! I love You, Jesus. Amen.

Source: mycatholic.life

The SJOC Parish Women’s Group is hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Masses next weekend, December 10th & 11th! Come, enjoy the coffee, treats, and baked goods. Get to know another parishioner!



**Building Fund Envelopes** will be collected after Communion this weekend for the basement renovation and for our Adoration Chapel. *Thank you!*



### 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.**

Catholic Women’s League of St. John of the Cross Parish is holding a




**Christmas Bazaar**  
**December 3 - 4, 2022**  
**after each Mass**

Membership is open to all ladies/women of the parish. If you are interested to join, please email [sjocrosscwl@archtoronto.org](mailto:sjocrosscwl@archtoronto.org) or complete the Membership form available in the Parish Office.

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