

Sunday, February 20, 2022

St. John of the Cross Parish

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St. Vincent de Paul Society	305

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



**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 to 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
- 2) Send a separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21, 9am

- 1. For thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Carene Contante Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
- 2. For birthday blessings for Anthony Martin, requested by the Talagsa Family

Wednesday, February 23, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Joe D’Costa, requested by Hedy & Robert Castelino

Wednesday, February 23, 7pm

- 1. For the soul of Alexis Lobo, requested by Lucy Lobo & Family

Thursday, February 24, 9am

- 1. For thanksgiving for graces & blessings received, requested by Ena Barrett
- 2. For the soul of Manuel Garcia, requested by the Garcia Family
- 3. For the soul of Mary D’Costa, requested by the Mathews Family
- 4. For the soul of Mary D’Costa, requested by the Children & grandchildren

Friday, February 25, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Pluciano Dias, requested by the Nicholson Family
- 2. For birthday blessings for Michael Fernandes, requested by the Family
- 3. For the soul of Phyllis Crasto, requested by Jude & Hemma Crasto

Saturday, February 26, 9am

- 1. For the soul of Patrick Galvin, requested by John Galvin

Saturday, February 26, 5pm

- 1. For the soul of Cora Jarabe, requested by the Jarabe Family
- 2. For the soul of Mario Olivieri, requested by the Olivieri Family

Sunday, February 27, 10am

- 1. For the soul o Marie Kilfeather, requested by the Family
- 2. For thanksgiving & Safe Travel, requested by Josie Vilchez & Family
- 3. For the soul of Jose Escorcio, requested by Zeserina Escorcio & Family

*For these intentions, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayers.*

Please include in your prayers
peace in our hearts, in our
country, and in the world.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts 2021 are ready for pick up at
your convenience.

If you prefer that your receipt be emailed
to you, please email the parish office at

sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org

Kindly notify the parish office
if you are moving.

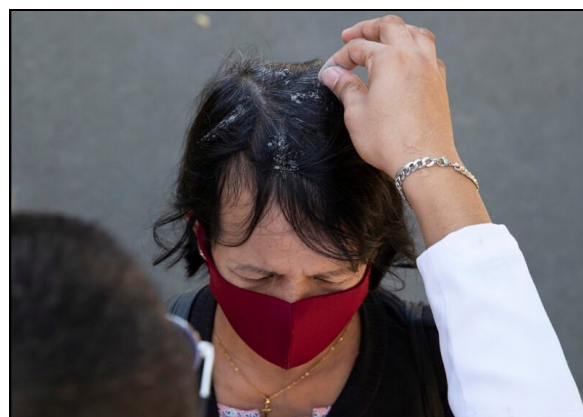


ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION
March 2nd

Holy Masses with sprinkling of
ashes on the head at

9:00am, 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Registration opens on Saturday,
February 26th at 8AM



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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, self-employment / business income or returns for deceased individuals.

Interest income must be below \$1,000.

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people maybe jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today maybe forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

Mother Theresa



Happy Family Day!

**Parish Office is closed on
Family Day, February 20th.**

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Hearty Greetings to you all for 2022! We do hope that you all are healthy and keeping warm. It's been a while since we last appeared in the Bulletin but here we are again.

In the month of December 2021, The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul of St John of the Cross Parish assembled and distributed 53 Christmas Hampers to Our Neighbors in Need within our Parish Boundaries. These are Neighbors In Need that we served during year 2021.

Each hamper contained an assortment of non-perishable food, Christmas goodies, grocery vouchers and gift cards.

We served 102 adults and 75 children for a total of 177 people.

All of this assistance has been made possible through the generous donations of Our Parish Schools and you our parishioners.

So we say, "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you and God Bless!"

We will continue to serve through 2022 with your generosity and blessings.

Stay Warm and please stay safe and covid free ...
SVDP/SJOC

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

Q: We teach that God is changeless. But at some point the Second Person of the Trinity became man. How is this hypostatic union not a change in God?

A: Among other things, the answer to your question is caught up in a very deep mystery of God’s relationship to time. In fact, many of our questions about God, and our struggle to understand Him, go back to this mystery.

The fact is, God does not dwell in time as you and I do. Rather, He dwells in the fullness of time, a mystery we call “eternity.” The word eternity does not simply mean a long, long time. Rather, eternity means “the fullness of time.” That is, past, present, and future are all experienced at once.

To illustrate eternity, consider a clock. Let us say that the current time is 12 noon. For us who live in serial time, that means that 3pm is in the future, and 9am is in the past. But now move your eyes to the center dot of the round clock face. At that center point, all three times—12noon, 9am, and 3pm—are equally present, and have the same relationship with that center dot.

This is an analogy of what we mean by eternity. Thus, for God, who is eternal, the future is just as present to him as the past. God is not waiting for things to happen, neither is he reminiscing on things past. All is present to him in a comprehensive “now.”

This is mysterious to us but helps illustrate why our questions about God are often wrong, even in the way we ask them. Thus, your question about whether God “changed” when Jesus became incarnate, presupposed that God lives in time as we do. But he does not.

While this approach may seem to be avoiding an answer to your question, we do well to meditate

on the truth that we do not even know how to word our questions properly, let alone get simple answer. Change, as we define it, presupposes serial or chronological time. But God is not there. God is beyond such categories.

Thus, we are right to conclude, as you observe, that God does not change. And yet, He is able to interact with us who do change. But how exactly this is accomplished is mysterious to us and is caught up in our limited capacity to understand the mystery that we call time. In no sense is God waiting around to do things, like becoming man, nor is He changing as times goes along. All is present to him in a comprehensive now.

God simply Is.

Excerpt from Msgr. Charles Pope, Sunday Visitor

14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:14

DAILY MASS READINGS	
February 21	James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
February 22	1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
February 23	James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40
February 24	James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
February 25	James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
February 26	James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16
February 27	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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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



FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:

7th Sacrament:

HOLY ORDERS

Wow, guys! We're almost finished with the sacraments. We covered a sacrament each week and today, we are on the last one which is the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Do you know what that is? Yup! It's the priesthood. You remember that Jesus picked his disciples and taught them about God, he picked 12 men. Some of these men were fishermen, some tax collectors. When they heard Jesus' call, they left their homes and followed Him. They (except for Judas Escariot) became the very first priests. When Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples picked good men whom they can teach, prayed for them, laid their hands on them, and made them priests.

In our times, God continues to call men to serve His Church as priests. The men go to seminary to study and when their studies are done, they come to a ceremony called Ordination where the bishop prays for them and lay his hands on them just like the disciples did in Jesus' time. This is the Ordination for Priesthood.

There are three stages in Holy Orders: deacons, priests, and bishops—each one has its own level of

responsibilities. A deacon can preach during homilies and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. He can also celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony provided that he is delegated by the pastor.

The ordained priest (who may become a bishop one day) can celebrate all the sacraments: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation (or sometimes called Confession), Confirmation (if he is delegated by the bishop), Matrimony, and the Anointing of the sick. The priest can of course, also preach.

The bishop can do everything that the priest can do and he can also celebrate the Ordination of new priests. Only the bishop can ordain priests and deacons.

So, boys and girls, if you know anyone who may be called by God to become a priest, tell them to talk to their pastor in the Church for guidance. It would be great to have more priests to serve the many Churches throughout the world!

Let us pray for that, boys and girls, okay?



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