

Sunday, February 27, 2022

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.

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

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



Click here for
Live Stream

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

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.

*Please pray for peace in
Ukraine and in the world.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 28, 9am

1. For the soul of Bonnie Ceasar D’Mello, requested by Martha Dias
2. For the soul of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. For the soul of Thome Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes & DeSouza Families
4. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Rolinda, Cyrus & Family

Tuesday, March 1, 9am

1. For the intentions of Bob Vida Nairn, requested by Josephine Luetke

Wednesday, March 2, 9am

1. Birthday Thanksgiving for Struan Remedios, requested by Tim & Rhonda

Thursday, March 3, 9am

1. Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Alma Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Friday, March 4, 9am

1. Thanksgiving for Joe, requested by the Meyn Family
2. For the soul of John D’Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
3. For the souls of Lawrence & Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
4. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
5. For the soul of John Remedios, requested by the Remedios Family

Friday, March 4, 7pm

1. Special Intentions for Valerie Menezes, requested by Valerie Menezes

Saturday, March 5, 9am

1. For the soul of Bona D’Souza, requested by Peter D’Souza

Saturday, March 5, 5pm

1. For the soul of Bona D’Souza, requested by Sharon Graham & Puja Gomes

Sunday, March 6, 10am

1. For the soul of Fr. Cyril Pereira, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
2. For the soul of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Kindly notify the parish office if you are moving.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi

Pope Francis calls for prayer and fasting on Ash Wednesday for peace in Ukraine.
<https://cathstan.org/news/us-world/update-pope-calls-for-day-of-prayer-fasting-for-peace-in-ukraine>

May the Queen of Peace protect the world from the folly of war.

Sunday, February 27, 2022



Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, Holy Mass Celebrations with sprinkling of ashes at

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

Click to register for Ash Wednesday Celebration:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-john-of-the-cross-parish-30474838986>

Friendly reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence for those who can do it.

Pope Francis invites the faithful to fast and pray for peace in Ukraine.

1st Friday Adoration

& Benediction

March 4th

After the 9am Holy Mass



**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**



Every Friday during Lent before the 7pm Holy Mass, we will have the Stations of the Cross.

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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: LENT

We finished all the sacraments last week, boys and girls. For seven weeks, we journeyed through each one of them.

In this week’s issue, we will talk about one of the seasons in the Church: **LENT**.

Let me ask you, boys and girls, when you go to a birthday party, you will make some preparations, right? You may think about when you will go there, the friends you will see, the things you will do, etc. Then when you’re there in the party, you do some activities, have fun with friends, eat, etc.

Well, it’s similar to that. Lent is a preparation time for Easter. Easter is when Jesus rose from the dead.

There’s many ways that we can prepare for Easter during Lent. First, we start by attending the Ash Wednesday Mass where blessed ashes are used to mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross. During pandemic, ashes are sprinkled on top of our heads instead. The ashes remind us that we need God in our lives. He created us from dust and to dust we will also return.

We also go to confession during Lent to renew our friendship with Jesus. He is the bestest friend we can all have and we want to keep that relationship

strong.

During Lent, you and your family can participate in the Stations of the Cross. We do one here at St. John of the Cross every Friday before the 7pm Mass. If you cannot come on Friday evenings, you can do the Stations of the Cross just with your family though it’s more fun to have you all with the community so we can all pray together as one big family.

Palms! Yes, Palm Sunday! We all come to Church on Palm Sunday and get a blessed palm. Do you remember when the tradition of waving palms on Palm Sunday started? Yup! When Jesus went to Jerusalem riding on a donkey, the people met him and waved palms in a big welcome!

So, there, boys and girls.

This Wednesday, March 2nd, is Ash Wednesday. We hope to see you and your family in Church! You can come on either the 9am, 5pm, or 7pm Holy Mass.

See you all!



Boys and girls, let us pray:

“Dear God, we pray for peace in Ukraine and for the whole world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Father Hail Mary
Glory be**



BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

GOOD NEWS!

Beginning March 1st:

- 1. No registration is required on Sunday Masses.**
- 2. Social distancing is no longer required.**
- 3. Church will be at 100% capacity limit.**

Mask continues to be a mandatory requirement while you are inside the building.

Please remember to sanitize your hands as soon as you come in.

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.

Come and See - Day Retreat – Saturday, March 19 (9:00am – 3:30pm) at St. Augustine’s Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God’s call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeandSeeMarch2022>

GRIEF SESSIONS

Registration for the April Bereavement Sessions begin April 13. These 6 sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. All sessions will be held in the Seminar room.

Grieving is the most difficult of journeys and 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.

Suffering a loss during this pandemic is even more difficult as we need socialization. Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net

Masks will be required.

Lenten Retreat

Saturday March 5, or, Tuesday March 15, 9:00a.m. -3:30p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 Lunch included

Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Road, Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

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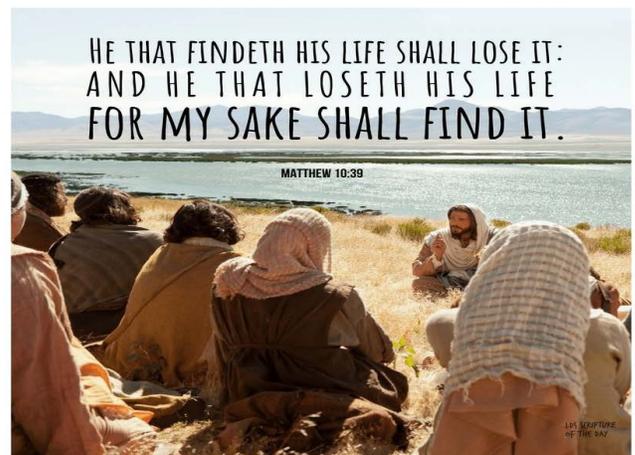
Invites you to a

LENTEN PRAYER VIGIL

on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 10:00pm to 3:30am at

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CHURCH

6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1



³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. (Mt. 10:38-39)

Come and join us as we prepare for Lent through prayer, worship and adoration.

All are welcome! Coffee and refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Edward Clarence at 905-785-2419 or Dylan Fernandes 905-686-6477.

CATHOLIC FAITH Q & A:

Q: In our Catholic faith, we believe in the resurrection of the body. The Scripture states that in the kingdom, there is neither male nor female. Does this mean that our body will not be resurrected in its full earthly form?

A: It seems that you're referring to what Paul writes in Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Here St. Paul is indicating that there is no difference in terms of dignity. In other words, whatever distinctions there are between us, even essential distinctions, there remains the truth that we are all equal in dignity before God, whose children we are.

But this equality in dignity does not mean there is no difference in essence. Clearly, being male or female is a distinction that goes to the very depths of our being, including our soul. And thus, when our body rises, we will indeed be male or female.

Perhaps, in the context of your question, it is also good for us to reflect on a common modern error that reduces sexual distinction to a merely incidental, surface quality about the physical characteristics of the body. But this is not so. The soul is the form of the body. That is to say, it is the identity of the soul and its capacities that gives rise to the design of the body. Hence, a person's sex is not simply an incidental quality of their body, but an aspect of their person that extends from the depths of their soul. Human persons do not just *have* a male or female body, *they are male or female.*

The most extreme form of reducing sex to a merely incidental quality of the body, is illustrated in those who engage in so-called "sex change" operations, as if simply altering the boy surgical-

ly could change a person's sexual identity. It cannot. Scripture says, *God made them, male and female He created them* (Genesis 1:27). Our identity as male or female extends to our inmost being, and cannot simply be shed like clothing is.

Hence, when we rise, we will indeed be male or female. Further, even before the resurrection of the body, our soul remains male or female.

Excerpt from Msgr. Charles Pope, Sunday Visitor

DAILY MASS READINGS	
February 28	1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
March 1	1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
March 2	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
March 3	Deut.30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
March 4	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
March 5	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
March 6	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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*"But I shall sing of your strength,
Extol your mercy at dawn,
For you are my fortress,
My refuge in time of trouble."*

Psalm 59:17

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