

Sunday, January 2, 2022

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites

Happy New Year!



*Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts,
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year, For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us, A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*



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PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

OPEN:

December 29th & 30th, 9:30am—4:30pm

CLOSED:

Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31st from noon
to Monday, January 3rd

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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**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.

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.

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.

LIVESTREAMED CHRISTMAS SEASON HOLY MASSES

Friday, December 31st. 5pm
Sunday, January 2nd, 8am

*There will be a morning 9am
Holy Mass on Friday,
December 31st.*

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

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

These are now available for pick-up and are on the table outside the parish office. Envelopes are numerically arranged. There is a list on the table to refer to, if needed. Please inform the office if your address has changed.

CHURCH YEAR END

*To make your financial donations included in your 2021 tax receipt, please send your contributions **no later than Tuesday, December 28th**. This will allow us to record the amount and deposit the money by December 29, 2021.*

Thank you for your generosity!

“With every waking up, I lift my whole being to meet my God, thank Him for His love and care, give to Him all that I am, and ask Him to fill me with His Presence. It is only then, that I can truly be who I am.” - MLH

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*Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and
prosperous 2022!*

*May the Lord bless and keep you all
close to Him, now and for eternity.*

Fr. Joyson, Fr. Felix & Staff

MASS INTENTIONS

*"Please renew my spirit and restore
my heart this day. I so desire to live
a life according to your will. Show me
your will for me, Lord, and give me a
discerning heart to see your hand
before me. Amen."*

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION MEETINGS

First Communion Registration meetings
will be held at St John of the Cross Church
in January 2022 for parents of children
having received First Reconciliation in No-
vember 2021.

Sunday, Jan. 16/2022 @ 7:00 pm

Or

Tuesday, Jan. 18/2022 @ 7:00 pm

Students need not attend.

Parish Office will be closed on:

Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31st,
from 12noon to Monday, January 3rd

Monday, January 3, 9am

1. Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Elva & Karl Chaves, requested by the Chaves Family
2. For the soul of Agnes Rego, requested by the Louzado Family

Wednesday, January 5, 7pm

1. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Clarence & Aneeta D'Souza
2. For the deceased members of Clarence & Aneeta D'Souza's Family, requested by Clarence & Aneeta D'souza
3. For the priests, family & friends of Clarence & Aneeta for all their support

Thursday, January 6, 9am

1. For the soul of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the soul of Michael Bash, requested by Brenda Pratt
3. For the special intentions of Bogdan Pratt, requested by Brenda Pratt
4. Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Beatrice, requested by the Desouza Family

Friday, January 7, 9am

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

Saturday, January 8, 9am

1. Thanksgiving for anniversary blessings for Darryn & Alma Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Sunday, January 9, 4pm

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

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CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st

5:00pm and 7:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

10:00am and 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

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

Registrations for December 31, January 1 and 2 open on

Monday, December 27th at 8pm

MILESTONE MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register.

DAILY MASS READINGS

January 3	1 John 3:22-4:6; Matt.4:12-17, 23-25
January 4	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
January 5	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
January 6	1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a
January 7	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
January 8	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
January 9	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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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.”

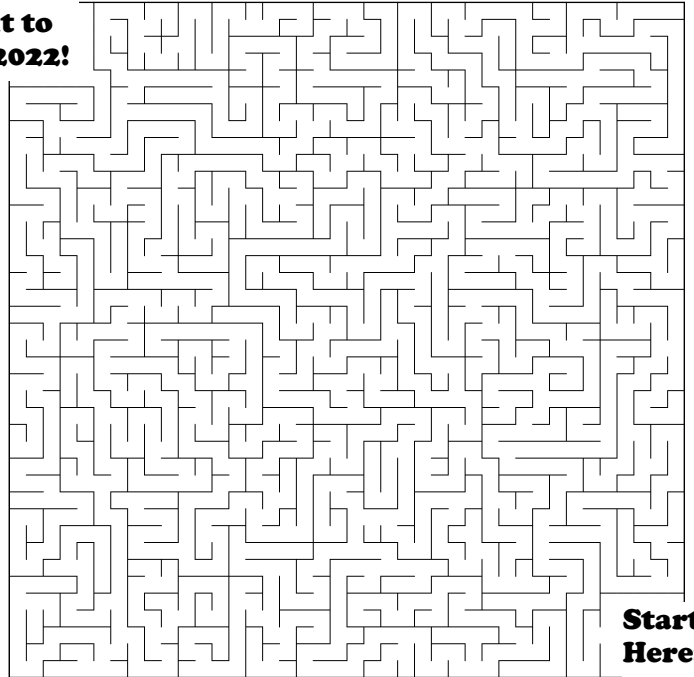
Matthew 19:14



You made it to 2022!



SJOC Parish Do-the-Maze



Start Here: 2021

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:

New Year's Eve Family Fun!

How do you say, “Happy New Year!” in:

1. French = _____
2. Spanish = _____
3. Scottish = _____
4. Tagalog = _____
5. Malayalam = _____
6. Mauritian = _____

“Lord, let me rejoice in this day, in this New Year. Let me find gladness and share this gladness with others. Amen.”



SJOC Parish Word Search

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- FIREWORKS
- MUSIC
- COUNTDOWN
- CAKE
- FIRECRACKERS
- FAMILY
- MASK
- HOME
- COMMUNION
- FUN
- CHURCH
- MASS
- FOOD
- GAMES
- COMMUNITY
- CHAMPAGNE
- SANITIZE
- DISTANCE
- MOVIES
- CELEBRATE

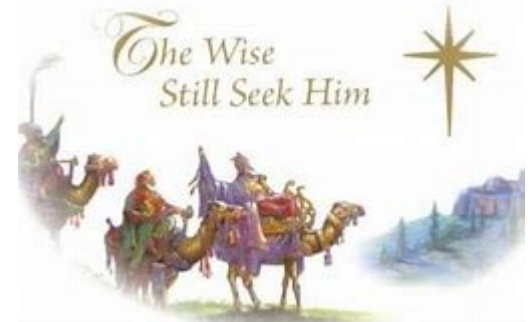
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Reflections for the Epiphany of the Lord

The Greek word Epiphany (*epiphanos*), which means *appearance* or *manifestation* or showing forth, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son to all mankind.

The triple reactions: The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the Magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration: a) a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; b) another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; c) the members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.



Life Messages: (1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group. a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men. b) Let us plot a better course for our lives as the Magi did, choosing for ourselves a better way of life in the New Year by abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior and sharing our love with others in acts of charity. c) Let us become stars, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

(2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus his gifts to us on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, talents and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself.

Fr. Antony Kadavil, Vatican News

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Join us on January 7th at 7pm

1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS

Followed by

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Come! Let us worship and give thanks before His Holy Presence as one community of St. John of the Cross.

Prayer for Five Graces

Eternal Father, your Son has promised that you would grant all the graces we ask of you in His name. Trusting in this promise, and in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, I ask of you five graces: First, I ask pardon for all offenses I have committed, for which I am sorry with all my heart, because I have offended your infinite goodness. Second, I ask for your divine Light, which will enable me to see the vanity of all the things of this earth, and see also your infinite greatness and goodness. Third, I ask for a share in your love, so that I can detach myself from all creatures, especially from myself, and love only your holy will. Fourth, grant me the grace to have confidence in the merits of Jesus Christ and in the intercession of Mary. Fifth, I ask for the grace of perseverance, knowing that whenever I call on you for assistance, you will answer my call and come to my aid; I fear only that I will neglect to turn to you in time of need, and thus bring myself to ruin. Grant me the grace to pray always, O Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

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