

Sunday, May 1, 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.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:
9:30am—4:30pm and 6:00-8:30pm
Friday: 9:30am—4:30pm
Saturday:
9:30am—12:00pm and 3:15-6:15pm
Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm



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. Wear mask
2. 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

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Why do we believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

(1) Jesus himself testified to his resurrection from the dead (Mark 8:31; Matthew 17:22; Luke 9:22). **(2)** The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday (Luke 24:3). Although the guards claimed (Matthew 28:13) that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by a 16 member team of armed Roman soldiers. **(3)** The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in his resurrection, in spite of his repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of his resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the resurrected Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. **(4)** The transformation of Jesus' disciples: The disciples of Jesus were almost immediately transformed from men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion (Luke 24:21, John 20:19) into men who were confident and bold witnesses of the resurrection (Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:2). **(5)** The Jews and the Romans could not disprove Jesus' resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus. **(6)** The apostles and early Christians would not have faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' resurrection. **(7)** The Apostle Paul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians and his zealous preaching of Jesus support the truth of Jesus' resurrection (Galatians 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18). **(8)** The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian church, bravely facing three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the resurrection claim. **(9)** The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray for our children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Communion



this week and the next. May they and their families grow stronger in faith.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministry Volunteers Needed

The ministry provides volunteers with the opportunity to participate at Mass as Eucharistic Ministers assisting with the service of Holy Communion.



Volunteers are needed for all Masses but are especially needed for the noon and 4pm Masses on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your name, phone number, and email address at the church office.

Please pray for all the sick, especially those from our parish community and their families.

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After the Holy Mass, please wait for the priest to reach the back of the church before leaving. Thank you!



There is no longer a dispensation to those who are participating in the Holy Mass by livestream or TV except if they are sick or in isolation.

Come! Let us gather in-person and celebrate our faith together.

Altar Servers Needed

Moms and Dads, if your child is in Grade 4 and above, see if they want to be an Altar Server. It will be wonderful to see them serving during Holy Mass.

There is a form to be completed if they are interested.

Please contact the Parish Office.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, May 7th, between



**Martin Chin Cham
& Lisa Tone**

Let us pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding.

Mother's Day Tribute

St. John of the Cross Parish is inviting all kids, teens, and young adults, 4 years old and above to create a Mother's Day Tribute.

Make an artwork, write a poem, color, paint, take a picture of her, etc. and we will display your tribute in the parish website.

Please write your name and your age on your work.

You can drop it off at the office or email it to Liane as a jpg file, LHarris@archtoronto.org.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 3, 9am

1. Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Sylvia & Douglas Colaco, requested by the Family
2. For the soul of Francisco Xavier Pinto, requested by the Pinto Family

Wednesday, May 4, 9am

1. For the soul of Kathrine Bobnic, requested by the St. John Family
2. For the soul of Raffaele Cresta, requested by the Family
3. For the soul of Gregorio Mendonza, requested by Mina Marana

Wednesday, May 4, 7pm

1. For the soul of P.A. Scaria, requested by Anila Joseph's Family

Thursday, May 5, 9am

1. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Dorothy Pereira

Friday, May 6, 9am

1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
2. For the souls of Lawrence & Ida Maria Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the souls of Polson & Annie Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
4. For the soul of Fr. Cyril Pereira, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
5. For the soul of Lionel DeCunha, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

Friday, May 6, 7pm

1. For the souls of Jose Francisco & Felizarda Coutinho, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the soul of Bernard Saldanha, requested by a friend from Karama
3. For the soul of Civia Silveira, requested by Alvito Silveira & Family

Saturday, May 7, 9am

1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Eden DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
3. For the soul of John Allyson Gonzalez, requested By Amabelle Gonzalez

Saturday, May 7, 5pm

1. Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Sylvia & Douglas Colaco, requested by the Family

Sunday, May 8, 10am

1. For the soul of Theresa Pereira, requested by the Godinho Family

Sunday, May 8, 12pm

1. For the soul of Paquita A. Valera, requested by the Alegado & Dela Cruz Families

*We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayers.*



We pray for all students, parents, teachers, and administrators as they celebrate Catholic Education Week.

DAILY MASS READINGS

May 2	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
May 3	1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
May 4	Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
May 5	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
May 6	2 Timothy 4:1-5; John 10:11-16
May 7	Acts 9:31-42; John 6:53,60-69
May 8	Acts 13:14,43-52; Revelation 7:9,14b-17; John 10:27-30

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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



Since it is still Easter Season, let us pray this Easter Prayer, boys and girls:

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR THE WEEK:

What is ...?

Okay guys, today let’s begin with “What is ...” like “What do you call it?” The number of lines indicates the number of letters in the correct answer.

Ready? Here we go! (Ask mom or dad for help, if needed).

1. I celebrate the Holy Mass. _ _ I _ _ _
2. Feast day of Saint John of the Cross, our parish patron saint. (Month/day) _ E _ _ _ _ _ _
3. The Church’ liturgical season that symbolizes growth and nurturing. _ _ _ _ N _ _ _
4. The part of the Holy Mass where the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. _ _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ _
5. I assist the priest during the Celebration of the Holy Mass. _ _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _
6. The liturgical colour of Easter _ _ _ _ E
7. The tiled space inside the church where the altar is. _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ Y
8. The singers and musicians. _ _ _ O _ _
9. The big space at the entrance of the church building where the Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue is at. _ _ T _ _ _ _
10. The tall candle at the sanctuary is called.
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ Candle

Easter Prayer for Children


Dear God,

Thank you for giving us such good gifts.
 For our families who love us.
 For yummy food and tasty drink.
 For so many different beautiful animals.
 For parks with tall trees and soft grass.
 For birds that fly among the clouds.
 For seas and streams that are fun to paddle in.
 And thank you for your son Jesus.
 We like to read about him in the bible.
 He taught his disciples about you.
 He healed people who were sick.
 He walked on water,
 And even died and came back to life.
 Help us to remember all the things he did
 And celebrate him on this special day.
 Amen.



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