## St. John of the Cross Parish



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#### 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.

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#### 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

Served by the Carmelites

Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

#### RECONCILIATION

6:00-6:45pm before the Wednesday 7pm Mass or by appointment.

#### **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



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



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: <u>admin@sjocross.org</u>

2) Send a separate email message to

admin@sjocross.org with your Security Answer, your Name, Phone number, and purpose of this fund.

CHURCH		
Sun	Sept 11	Baptism 2:00pm
Thurs	Sept 15	Folk Choir Practice 7:00pm
Fri	Sept 16	Life in the Spirit 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Sept 17	Baptisms 12:00pm & 1:00pm

#### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Sept 12	R.C.I.A. 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Sept 13	Bereavement Ministry 5:30-8:00pm
Wed	Sept 14	Prime Time Crafts 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Sept 14	CWL Exec. Mtg. 7:30-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 16	LSS 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Sept.17	Rosary Apostolate 10:00am

#### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept 12	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Sept 13	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Sept 13	Rosary Apostolate 6:30pm
Wed	Sept 14	Knights of Columbus Gen.Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs	Sept 15	Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm
Fri	Sept 16	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Sept 17	Men's Fraternity 6:30-8:30am
Sat	Sept 17	Knights of Columbus Tex-Mex 12pm-1am

### **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION MEETINGS**

Grade 7 and above, meetings for parents will take place at the Church.

Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 6 pm OR Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7 pm

Please register on this link to attend the meeting

https://forms.gle/RgTDGigtZc1EB8B29

What to bring with you to the meeting:

Go to <u>https://</u> <u>stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-</u> <u>community/services/confirmation-preparation/</u> and follow the instructions in this website.

You will be given guidance as to what forms to complete and certificates to bring to the meeting.



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ments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation yet? The Church offers the RCIA Program to help them prepare to receive the Sacraments. Please have them contact Liane Harris at the Parish Office for more information. Sessions start in mid-September.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-2023

First Communion and Confirmation Meetings are scheduled at the church for all parents with baptized children preparing for these sacraments on the following dates:

**<u>First Communion Registration Dates:</u>** *Registration packages will be delivered to the schools* 

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 pm **OR** Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:00 pm

## <u>Confirmation Registration Dates:</u>

Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm **OR** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm

The Link to attend the registration meeting will be provided to the schools and will be on the parish website weekend of Sept 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding Sacramental Preparation

First Communion/ First Reconciliation 905-821-1331 x 225

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Confirmation 905-821-1331 x 230

Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, September 12, 9am

- 1. For Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings of Myron DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
- 2. For the Repose of Hazel Vieira, requested by the Vieira, D'Souza & D'Silva Families
- 3. For the Repose of Alice Baptista, requested by the Rodgers Family
- 4. For the Birthday Blessings of Clyde Monise, Requested by John, Sabrina, Kimberly & Family
- 5. For the Repose of John Allyson Gonzales, requested by the Gonzales Family

#### Tuesday, September 13, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Agnes Sun, requested by Susanna Kwok
- 2. For the Repose of Minty & Karen Sinanan, requested by Pamela Seegulam
- 3. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad
- 4. For the Repose of Nael & Naim Ayoub, requested by Alin Ayoub

#### Wednesday, September 14, 9am

- 1. For the Birthday Blessings of Fr. Felix, requested by the Rodrigues Family
- 2. For the Repose of Maurice Coutinho, requested by the Robert & Hedy Castelino

#### Wednesday, September 14, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Yousuf Chaharain, requested by The Chaharain Family

#### Thursday, September 15, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by The Rodgers Family
- 2. For all Living & Deceased Members of L.A. Barrett, requested by Ena Barrett

#### Friday, September 16, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad
- 2. For the Repose of Edwin & Edith Fernandes, requested by Denise Rodgers
- 3. For the Repose of Rita Clara De Cunha, requested Valerian & Blanche Lewis

#### Saturday, September 17, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Pearl, Lionel & Irene
- 1. For the Repose of Ron Flanagan, requested by Jocelyne Flaman
- 2. For the Repose of Ben & Minda Emata, requested by the Family

#### Saturday, September 17, 5pm

- 1. For the Repose of Renzie Collins, requested by the Collins Family
- 2. For the Repose of Neville Devaney, requested by Gary D'Souza & Family

#### Sunday, September 18, 8am

1. For the Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings of Sharyon DeSouza requested by the DeSouza Family

#### Sunday, September 18, 10am

1. For the Repose of Alvin Mendiola, requested by Sockee Mendiola & Family

#### Sunday, September 18, 12pm

- 1. For the Repose of Aniceta, Henry, Edward Pe Benito, requested by Teresa
- 2. For the Repose of Juanita Vaz, requested by Trevor D'Souza & Family

## The LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN Needs Volunteers!

Bring the Sunday Gospel to the little ones in a way that is meaningful to them.

Sign up after any of the Masses this weekend. We will be at the back of the church to answer any questions.

See you then!

RCIC is a program in the Church for children 7-16 years old who are not baptized yet or who



have been baptized in another Christian denomination.

Preparation sessions for Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation will start in October.

Please contact Liane Harris at the parish office for details.

"... 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



## Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays!

Everyone has birthdays! On Thursday, September 8th, was the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday! She is our spiritual Mother and the Mother of Jesus. Wow! All the angels must be singing Happy birthday to her in heaven. You can also sing Mary, Happy birthday, boys and girls. Tell her that you love her. All moms like to hear their children say that they love her including Mary. And we can show our love by being good—being kind towards others, being helpful, and by doing our works at home and in school.

### Happy birthday, Mary, our Mother!



Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, all you shining stars; praise the Lord from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Psalm 148:1, 3b, 7a, 9

Boys and girls, do you know that all creation sings? It may not sound like a tune but it is how other creation sings. They have their own way of singing different from us. Some chirps, some makes a sound like a clap, some warbles, some hums, some buzz. Stars sing too! Vela Pulsar is a star 1,000 light-away from us. It was formed by exploding into a supernova as it was dying, and then it collapsed back in on itself with such force that it now rotates eleven times per second! As it spins, it shoots out a radio frequency that when converted to sound (for us to hear) - it sounds like drumming. Scientists have found out that other things sing too. The trees sing, the mountains, the rivers, and animals. Talking about a symphony of singing ... of praising God, our Creator! Let's join in the singing, shall we? We have an amazing and awesome God!

#### THE GOOD SHEPHERD WORD SEARCH



ALWAYS FAITH FOLLOW GREEN GUARD HEAL HEAR HEAVEN JESUS LORD RECOVERY REDEMPTION REJOICING RETURN SACRIFICE SHEEP SHEPHERD TEACHER TRINITY VOICE

## A Neophyte's Testimonial:



My name is Abi, and I was raised a Christian. I have had the opportunity to know about Jesus from a young age, but I always struggled....

This search brought me to SJOC. I joined RCIA with one purpose, to find out more about God. ... I learned a lot through the RCIA meetings, and I got some of my mysteries clarified.

...That day, I received my freedom and since then, I have not let go of it. Of course, I have been anxious afterwards but within minutes, I pray and let it go. It is becoming easier for me since I have been practicing this everyday. I now approach prayer without doubts that God will answer my prayers. This is one of the many changes I have seen in my life since I took the step of joining the Catholic Church. I felt really embraced by the community especially with the help of the RCIA team: Shanti, Beverly, Joe, Gulam, Charmaine, Cyrus, Fr. Joyson, Fr. Felix and Liane; our sponsors: Miriam, Linda, Heidi and other neophytes Kevin, Sarah, Marsha, Elvan and Vanessa. I (as well as the other neophytes) believe that we couldn't have had a greater welcome than what we got.

Therefore, on behalf of all the neophytes, our appreciation goes out to every person that participated in our initiation, baptism, and confirmation. May God bless you and strengthen you always. We thank the Catholic Church for not discriminating our backgrounds and for accepting us just as we are, like the Lord Jesus. We thank God Almighty for His Son Jesus, Mother Mary and all the Saints that intercede constantly for us. And finally, we thank God the Father Himself for to Him be all the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Badejo was officially received into the Faith and her son, Daniel, was baptized at the 2021 Easter Vigil here in our parish. This is an excerpt of her testimonial delivered during the Closing Mass.



## "Men, mark your calendars. That Man is You! begins Saturday, September 17th at 7:00 am in the Nessinger Hall.

**THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY)** is a program that combines Scripture, Solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We gather every Saturday at 7:00am in person with video presentations, which will be followed by breakout groups that provide an opportunity to discuss what's been presented that may also relate to your life experiences.

We will be done by 8:30am. The best way to judge a program is by its success. Men who've attended the program and have been Catholic their whole lives say this is the program they've been waiting for.

We would encourage you to register yourselves by emailing at the following address: sjocrossmensfraternity@archtoronto.org with a CC to allanjmathews@gmail.com

Give the following details:

Full name, best telephone number & email address to reach you at and your postal address.

Registration forms are also available at the parish office where you can fill it in and handed back.

Attached is a link to a typical testimonial from participants, who have completed the program. <u>https://</u><u>vimeo.com/342469814</u>

Thank you,

Core Team TMIY St John Of the Cross Parish, Mississauga



# Family Picnic

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all ladies and their families for a Family Potluck Picnic.

When: Saturday, Sept. 24th, 10am—3:00pm Where: Meadowvale Conservation Area

Please register for head count.

https://forms.gle/tGhLh5k7PV7yFVfL6

Details will be sent upon registration.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON** 



# YOU ARE INVITED! LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE POWER OF LOVE

"... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ..." (Acts 1:5,8)



DATE 7:00-9:15pm	ТОРІС
SEPTEMBER 16	OPENING MASS
SEPTEMBER 23	GOD'S LOVE FOR US
SEPTEMBER 30	THE GIFT OF SALVATION
OCTOBER 7	THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NEW LIFE
OCTOBER 14	PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
OCTOBER 21	<b>RECEIVING THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>
OCTOBER 28	GROWING IN THE SPIRIT
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	FORWARD IN THE SPIRIT
NOVEMBER 11	<b>COMMISIONING MASS &amp; POTLUCK</b>

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For more information, please call: Herman & Reny Katopo, 416.560.2782 Karl & Elva Chaves, 647.227.2207 Liane Harris, 905.821.1331

## **Register today at the Parish Office**

