


Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228 Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor 224 FAntony@archtoronto.org Deacon Mark Romeo, 222 mromeo@archtoronto.org Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate 226 LHarris@archtoronto.org Violanta Nicholson, Secretary 223 VNicholson@archtoronto.org Diane Mejia, Reception 221	Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230 Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org St. Vincent de Paul Society 305	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
BAPTISM	SICK AND HOMBOUND
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 completed forms to the parish office.	Please contact the office.
AddME	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org 2) A separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
ADDME	MARRIAGE
Live Stream	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.
Live Stream	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  Click here for Live Stream

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON



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Message from our Pastor

For the last couple of weeks, most of us are busy carefully wrapping gifts in colourful papers. Some gifts are wrapped with so much care that the recipient is often moved to say that I hate to open it and spoil it's wrapping. But they open it because they know that the wrapping is not the most important part of the gift. Inside the wrapping is the real gift. Inside it may be anything. The gifts come with the realization that the giver has invested his/her thoughts, time, money and most importantly their love in it. And this is what makes the gifts so special.

On Christmas, the Gospel tells of a gift that's meant for each of us. A gift sent by the heavenly Father that is wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in a Manger in the form of a fragile human child, the Son of God, to save the human race. What made the heavenly Father send this most precious gift to us? John 3:16. That's the reason for Christmas. It's the love for all of us. It's the love for the whole humanity.

So, sisters and brothers, what makes Christmas so special? It's not the date - December 25, it's not the solstice, it's not the snow, it's not the carol singing, it's not the dinner that makes Christmas special but the simple presence of Jesus Christ who came to our lives as an ordinary baby 2000 years ago. May the celebration of your Christmas this year be a grace-filled one for you and your loved ones.



Wishing you all a Merry & Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Joyson

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, and 12midnight

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00pm

New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Sunday, December 31st

4:00pm and 6:00pm

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Monday, January 1st

10:00am and 12:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 26, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Richard Antao, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Barbara D'Souza, requested by Finian D'Souza
3. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Bosco & Malissa, requested by Chenthil, Shirley & the Family
4. For the Intentions of May Louise, requested by a Parishioner

Wednesday, December 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Mary Fernandes, requested by Veronica
2. For the Intentions of Bob & Vida Nairn, requested by Josephine Luetke
3. For the Repose of Phyllis Fernandes, requested by the Family
4. For the 20th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Samuel & Venetia Vaz, requested by Caden & Ethan

Wednesday, December 27, 7pm

1. For the Healing of the D'Almeida Family and the Soares Family, requested by Cyrus D'Almeida & Family

Thursday, December 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Curcino Rodrigues, requested by Dennis, Sheila & Della
2. For the Repose of Michael D'Cruz, requested by Iris D'Cruz
3. For the Repose of Baby Nathan, requested by Cyrus D'Almeida & Family

Friday, December 29, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Blessings Received, requested by Ivy Carmelio
2. For the Repose of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin & Sandra
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Aedan Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family
4. For the Repose of Noel Ambrose D'Mello, requested by the D'Mello Family
5. For the Birthday Blessings of Van, requested by the Querubin & Somera Family
6. For the Repose of Svetlana Mudarth, requested by the Coutinho Family
7. In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

Saturday, December 30, 9am

1. For the Repose of Andrew Chmura, requested by the Family
2. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Mark & Tousha Pinto, requested by Chenthil, Shirley & Family

Saturday, December 30, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Pius & Effie Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas
2. In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for their Presence, requested by Liane & Family
3. For the Repose of Elise, Bernard & Bernard Jr. Ranger, requested by the Ranger Family
4. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Ricard & Austina Meyn, requested by the Meyn Family
5. For the 30th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Fernando Arenas & Rosario, requested by Fernando Arenas

Sunday, December 31, 10am

1. For the Repose of Vernon Romy Carvalho, requested by the Carvalho Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received and for the Repose of Linda Jose, requested by Vincent & Family

Sunday, December 31, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Thomas Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Domingos Cardozo, requested by the Family

Sunday, December 31, 4pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Johann Almeida
2. For the Repose of Cajetan & Piedade Pinto, requested by Kevin & Cheryl Fernandes

Sunday, January 1, 10am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Ermelinda Rodrigues, requested by Her Family

Sunday, January 1, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Cesar & Ofelia Bukis, requested by the

Bukis Family

2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Mullin family

BEREAVEMENT GRIEF SESSIONS

Bereavement Sessions will begin January 8th on Monday mornings from 10am to noon for 6 consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held at St John of the Cross Parish. **All information is confidential.**

Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but 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. We need socialization and someone to lean on. You cannot heal alone.

Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net and be sure to include your phone number.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, & 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are encouraged to register. For more information, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 x 523.

CHURCH

Wed	Dec 27	Band Practice 8:00pm
Thurs	Dec 28	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 30	Childrens' Choir 10:00am

ROTUNDA

Fri	Dec 29	CWL Crafts 6:30pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Wed	Dec 28	CWL Social Committee 7:30-8:30pm
Sat	Dec 30	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am

Parish Office is closed on:

Friday, December 22nd, 12pm—8:30pm
Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 26th, Boxing Day

Office is closed in the evenings from Wednesday, December 27th to Friday, December 29th.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd

5pm

Sunday, December 24th

8am, 10am, 12pm



Merry Christmas to all our parishioners!



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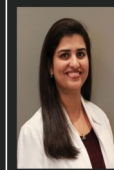
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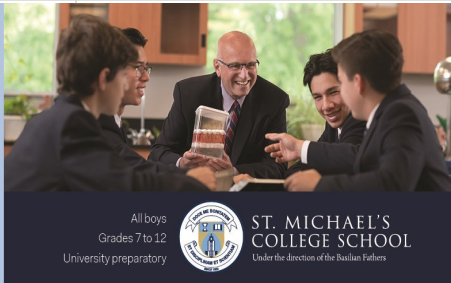
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