


Sunday, December 3, 2023

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	RECONCILIATION
	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
	Please contact the office.
	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230 Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org St. Vincent de Paul Society 305	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.
	MARRIAGE
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.	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.
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	 Click here for Live Stream

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for kids from ages 4 to 14. The entry form can be collected from the church office or use the link below. The drawing must be submitted along with the entry form to the Parish Office by Sunday December 17th.

<https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/School/stmt/Documents/KOC%20poster-contest-entry-form.pdf>

CWL invites you to their New Year's Eve Charity Dinner & Dance on Dec. 31, 2023 at the Versailles Convention Centre, 6721 Edwards Blvd, Mississauga. **Ticket Prices:** \$800.00 for a table of 10; \$85 for an adult; \$70.00 for children 6 - 10yo.

For more information, contact:

Jackie Fernandes 416.805.8154 / Mercia Menezes 647.588.8543 / Heidi Cairney 905.785.1541

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Help the families in need during this Christmas Season.

1. Buy a gift card (Walmart, Erin Mills Town Centre, Old Navy, Canadian Tire, etc.)
2. Attach the receipt to the gift card
3. Bring the gift card & receipt to the box in the parish office.

CHURCH

Mon	Dec 4	Parish Mission 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 5	Parish Mission 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 6	Parish Mission 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Dec 7	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 8	Childrens' Choir 10:00am

ROTUNDA

Mon	Dec 4	CWL Exec Mtg 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 5	Knights of Columbus Exec Mtg 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 6	Sacramental Prep for NCS 6:00-7:00pm
Multi	Dec 7,8,9	SVDP 6:30-8:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Dec 4	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 5	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 6	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Dec 6	CIC 6:00-7:00pm
Wed	Dec 6	CWL NYE Committee Mtg 7:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Dec 7	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Dec 8	CWL Crafts 6:30pm
Sat	Dec 9	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am
Sat	Dec 9	Confirmation Class, Catholic 9:00am
Sat	Dec 9	PTC Christmas Dinner 6:00-10:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 4, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Theodore DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the Repose of Vallerie Ambrose, requested by the Robson Family
3. In Thanksgiving for Blessings of Nathan Joseph Simpson, requested by his Mother

Tuesday, December 5, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ryan DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the Repose of Gerald Coutinho, requested by the Coutinho Family

Wednesday, December 6, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Kristel, requested by Gyles, John & Sabrina
2. For the Repose of Melone Joseph, requested by Erva Joseph

Thursday, December 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the Repose of Mary Gonsalves, requested by the Coutinho Family
3. For the Repose of Ivan Krkuc, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Josip & Veronika Fratric, requested by the Family

Friday, December 8, 9am

1. For the Repose of Francvis Yap, requested by Jessie Yap & Family

Saturday, December 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Liam Monisse, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
3. For the Repose of Vallerie Ambrose, requested by Sheila Martanda

Saturday, December 9, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Violante Rebello requested by Martha & Ronnie Fernandes
2. For the Repose of Maria De Fatima Geraldine Oliveira, requested by Ines Carrita & Family
3. For the Repose of Ines Furtado Geraldine, requested by Ines Carrita & Family
4. For the Repose of Octo Sequeira, requested by Bernadette Sequeira & Family

Sunday, December 10, 10am

1. For the Repose of Veronica & John D'Mello, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Ermelinda Santos, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Patrick De Savam, requested by the De Savam Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Falcon Family

Sunday, December 10, 12pm

1. For Xave, in Thanksgiving and for Blessings Received, requested by Barry & Rene
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Editha V. Dela Cruz, requested by the Family

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8th 9am and 7pm Mass



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Advent Message

This is the season when a familiar question begins echoing in homes throughout the land: “What do you want for Christmas?” We’ve all heard answers ranging from reasonable (a kitchen whisk, a toy truck, a sweater) to poignant (a job, good health, friends) to outrageous (A desktop punching bag, a sports car). Compared to the actual promise of Christmas, though, even the most ambitious wish list falls short. God invites us and our families to set our sights on something higher – to seek nothing less than the peace on earth announced by angels at the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14).

Peace is the deepest need and longing of our hearts and of our world. And peace is the lasting gift that Jesus came to bring. Throughout his life on earth, he spoke peace to all who would listen. He declared peacemakers “blessed” and called his followers to continue his mission of peace and reconciliation.

Advent is the perfect opportunity to receive this gift in a new and deeper way. As the season begins, prayerfully reflect on a few questions. Then talk them over with your spouse or a good friend: Lord, where do you want to bring peace? How can I cooperate with your plan? What can my family and I offer you this Advent to further your work of bringing peace on earth?

Here are a few simple thoughts to help you draw up your own plan for how to “seek peace and pursue it” (Psalm 34:15) this Advent.

A peaceful pace: Begin Advent with a critical look at the calendar, slashing all but the most necessary commitments. Then fill in some of those resulting holes in your schedule with spiritual pursuits such as parish Advent retreat, weekday Mass, Scripture reading, or an hour of adoration.

Peace with God: We can talk with our children or our friends about what it means to have peace with the Lord and then take advantage of Advent penance services and go to Confession together.

Peace with one another: A good prayer for this project is the one attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

Messengers of Peace. Reach out to a lonely neighbor, shut-in, or other person in need.

You can’t guarantee that no one will give you oven mitts, an ugly tie, or some other odd gift this Christmas. But no matter what you find under the tree, you’ll find the right gift in your heart – if you’ve made peace your Advent theme.

Wishing you all a grace-filled Advent!

Fr. Joyson

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Parish Advent Mission

December 4th—6th, 7:00pm—9:00pm
By Fr. Joseph Selva S.J.

Advent Parish Reconciliation

Thursday, December 14th, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Candlelight Carol Service

Sunday, December 17th, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

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

CWL invites you to their **Christmas Joy Market** on December 2, 2023 at Nessinger Hall from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. A number of vendors will showcase various items like, handmade crafts, accessories, etc.

The Parish Prayer Group will be hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses next weekend, December 9 & 10. *Enjoy the coffee & cookies. See you all!*



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of John by Edward Sri

8-week Study in person on Tuesdays
starting January 16th
7:00-8:30pm, Nessinger Hall

Contact the parish office to register,
905.821.1331. \$35 registration for the
study materials.
Registration deadline: Monday, Dec. 4th

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.**

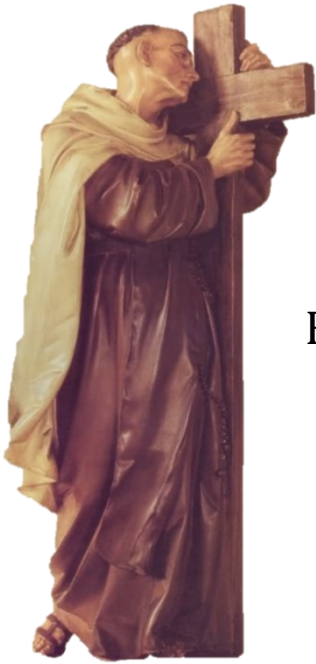
Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone. We need one another to support and nurture our healing to help ease the pain of separation from our loved ones. We need socialization and someone to lean on. You cannot heal alone. Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net and be sure to include your phone number.

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CELEBRATING OUR PATRON SAINT

St. John of the Cross



Novena Prayer starts this Wednesday,
December 6th

Feast Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday,
December 13th, at 7pm

*Reception will follow after the Mass,
hosted by the 3rd Order Lay Carmelites.*

Congratulations to the following Altar Servers who received the Bishop's award over the weekend:

Kosi Onwugbolu,
Shannon Maben,
Shania Maben,
Deklan D'Mello, and
Liam Randall.

Please keep in your prayers the 16 RCIA and CIC adults and children who will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance this Saturday, December 2nd, at the 5pm Mass.

They will be expressing their desire to join and be baptized into the Catholic Church.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Novena Prayer

O glorious St. John of the Cross, through a pure desire of being like Jesus crucified, you longed for nothing so eagerly as to suffer, to be despised, and to be made little of by all; and your thirst after sufferings was so burning that your noble heart rejoiced in the midst of the cruelest torments and afflictions. Grant, I beseech you, O dear Saint, by the glory which your many sufferings have gained for you, to intercede for me and obtain from God for me a love of suffering, together with strength and grace to bear with firmness of mind all the trials and adversities which are the sure means to the happy attainment of all that awaits me in heaven. Dear Saint, from your most happy place in glory, hear, I beseech you, my prayers, so that after your example, full of love for the cross, I may deserve to be your companion in glory. Amen.

Mention your intention ...

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

St. John of the Cross, pray for us.

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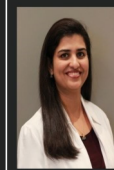
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