


Sunday, December 1, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*
Songs of Prophecy and Hope

St. John of the Cross

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PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@arctoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org 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.	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
	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, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

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ADVENT SCHEDULE



Parish Advent Mission

December 9—10, 7pm—9pm

By Fr. Ben St. Croix CC

St. John of the Cross Feast Day Celebration

Saturday, December 14th, 5pm

Feast Mass Celebrant: Bishop John Boissonneau

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00pm

Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 22nd, 6:00pm

Youth Group gathers two more Sundays this year, Dec. 1st & Dec. 15th, 5:30-7:30pm, Carmel 1 & 2 Rooms. *Youths in the Parish, you're all invited.*



Help the families in need during this Christmas Season.

Please support the Gift Card Drive.

Drop off the gift cards with the receipt by December 8th. Thank you!



There will be a Building Fund Collection this weekend for the ongoing projects in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*

BAKE SALE

The Parish Women's Group will be doing a Bake Sale next weekend, December 7th & 8th after all Masses to raise funds for the life-size, indoor statue of St. John of the Cross, for the parish. Would you donate baked goods or treats to sell for this purpose? Please email Beverly or Arlene at sjocwomensgroup@archtoronto.org or call the office at 905.821.1331 x 226. *Thank you for your support!*

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.

St. John of the Cross, pray for us.



Join us on December 6th, 9am & 7pm for the **1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS**

Followed by:

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

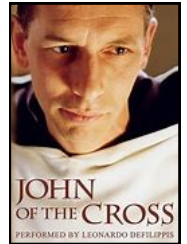
The Parish invites you all to a

MOVIE & SNACKS NIGHT

Showing: **John of the Cross**

Thursday, Dec. 5th, 7:00pm
@ Nessinger Hall

Get to know our Patron Saint!



Register for free. <https://bit.ly/2024SJOC>

Or call the parish office to sign up, 905.821.1331.

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Calling All Women Parishioners to the

Candy Cane Christmas Cheers

Friday, December 13th, 6:30pm-9:30pm



Sign up for free after any of the Masses this weekend. Games, raffles, food, prizes, dancing, etc. Let's fill Nessinger Hall with laughter and merriment! Feel free to bring your daughters. Bring a dish to share (Potluck). *See you all, ladies! Ho! Ho! Ho!*

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Sessions begin Monday, January 6th from 10am to noon for 6 consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held in the Lisieux Room. Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone. The loss does not have to be current if you have never healed that grief. We need socialization to support and nurture our healing to ease the pain. You cannot heal alone. All information is confidential. Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net and be sure to include your phone number.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"The Knights of Columbus is organising a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for kids from Kindergarten to Grade 8. If you would like to participate, please submit your poster along with the form in the Church office no later than Sunday December 15th. Thank You."

Entry Form: <https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/news-archive/parish/2024-keep-christ-in-christmas-poster-contest/>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2, 9am

- For the Repose of Olivia de Souza, requested by the Family

Tuesday, December 3, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Justine Frances Yap Lapesigue, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
- For the Repose of Alice Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

Wednesday, December 4, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Theodore De Souza, requested by the De Souza Family
- For the Repose of Vallerie Ambrose, requested by the Robson Family
- For the Repose of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Irene & Children

Wednesday, December 4, 7pm

- For the Deceased Members of the Lobo & Bukelo Families, requested by Alwyn & Anita Lobo
- For the Repose of Gloria Varela, requested by the Varela Family

Thursday, December 5, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ryan DeSouza, requested by the Desouza Family
- For the Repose of Gerald Coutinho, requested by the Coutinho Family
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Joyce Gulati

Friday, December 6, 9am

- For the Repose of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
- For the Repose of Melone Joseph, requested by the Family
- For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families, requested by Joyce Gulati

Saturday, December 7, 9am

- For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
- For the Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family
- For the Repose of Mary Gonsalves, requested by the Serro Family
- For the Birthday Blessings of Marie Louise Borgona, requested by the Borgona & Pace Families
- For the Repose of Lucina Supleo, requested by the Supleo Family
- For the Repose of Laura Neves, requested by the Lay Carmelite Community of St. John of the Cross
- For the Repose of Antonio De Vera Jr., requested by the Lay Carmelite Community of St. John of the Cross
- For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families, requested by Joyce Gulati

Saturday, December 7, 5pm

- For the Repose of Annie & George Zahra, requested by the Zahra Family
- For the Repose of Ivan Krkuc, requested by the Family
- For the Healing of Shirley McKinley, requested by Teresa & Michael Ouellette
- For the Repose of David & Mary Mercer & their Deceased Sons, requested by the Mercer Family
- For the Repose of Todd Burroughs, requested by Nicola Colaco & Family
- For the Deceased Members of the D'Cruze Family, requested by Sandra Mercer
- In Thanksgiving to St. Jude, requested by Teresa Ouellette

Sunday, December 8, 8am

- For the Repose of Frank Sigal, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families
- For the Repose of Cecilia Mendes & Bernard Gomes, requested by the Rego Family

Sunday, December 8, 10am

- For the Repose of Francis Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
- For the Repose of Hilda Altiva D'Costa, requested by Alphonso, Princess Kaitlyn & Family

Sunday, December 8, 12pm

- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Maricel Soriano
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Editha Valera Dela Cruz., requested by the Alegado Family

Sunday, December 8, 4pm

- For the Repose of Consolacion, Cenon, Remedios & Edgardo Morales, requested by the DeLeon Family
- For the Repose of Raymond, Grisilda & Hyginus Perera, requested by the Family
- In Thanksgiving to Mother Mary, requested by the Flores Family
- For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Rodrigo Lemus & Kimberly Anne Varias-Lemus
- For the Repose of Jose Gerard Evangelista, requested by the Evangelista Family

CHURCH

Mon	Dec. 2	Adult Choir 7:00—8:45pm
Wed	Dec. 4	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 5	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Fri	Dec. 6	1st Friday Mass & Adoration
Sat	Dec. 7	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Dec. 4	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 7	Lay Carmelites 9:00am-3:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Dec. 2	RCIA 7:00pm
Tue	Dec. 3	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Dec. 3	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 4	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 5	Parish Movie Night 7:00pm-8:15pm
Sat	Dec. 7	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am
Sat	Dec. 7	Confirmation Class 9:00am—12:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Sun	Dec. 1	Youth Group 5:30pm-7:30pm
Mon	Dec. 2	CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Tue	Dec. 3	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 4	Sacramental Prep, Non-Catholic Schools 6pm
Thurs	Dec. 5	Prayer Group 7:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tues	Dec. 3	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 4	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm

2024—2025 Sunday Missal
Get your copy at the Parish Office.



ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

Lighting of the 1st Candle



The 1st candle is lit, followed by the prayer.

Let us pray.

Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins.

You who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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