


Sunday, December 15, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF

Advent

Songs of Shepherds and Joy

St. John of the Cross

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	RECONCILIATION
	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
	SICK AND HOMBOUND
	Please contact the office.
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org 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.
BAPTISM	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.
AddME	Live Stream
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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

Sunday, December 15, 2024



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

St. John of the Cross Feast Day

Saturday, December 14th, 5pm

Feast Mass Celebrant: Bishop John Boissonneau

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 17th, 7pm

Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 22nd, 6pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24th

4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm,
and Midnight 12am

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

10am and 12pm

New Year's Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 31st

4pm and 6pm

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

Wednesday, January 1st

10am and 12pm



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Mystic & Doctor of the Church



One of Saint John's main lessons is about **trust**. During times of spiritual dryness, we might feel lost or abandoned. Yet Saint John encourages us to stay faithful in prayer, even when we don't feel God's presence. He reminds us that God may be closer than we realize, working silently to purify and strengthen our souls. Another important lesson from Saint John is **detachment**. He teaches that we should let go of things that distract us from God. This does not mean rejecting the good things in life but having the freedom to put God first. In a world full of materialism and busyness, his message of simplicity can guide us to live more peacefully. Saint John also inspires us to be **patient**. He understood that spiritual growth takes time. Just as he found light in his darkest moments, we can find hope and purpose even in difficult times. His example shows us that staying close to God brings true peace and joy, no matter what challenges we face.

St. John of the Cross, our Parish Patron Saint, pray for us.

Saturday, December 14th is the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. John of the Cross



HAPPY FEAST!

Feast Mass

Saturday, December 14th, 5pm

Celebrant: Bishop John Boissonneau

A reception in the hall follows after the Mass.



BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE



The Parish invites all parishioners to come and join the Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow. Start date: February 11th for 8 weeks, 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Come and let's dig deep into the scripture!
\$42 for the workbook and 1-year video access.
Sign up after any of the Masses this weekend.

We thank our RCIA Catechumens & Candidates, Sponsors, and Team for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Masses this Sunday. Come and welcome our soon-to-be members of the Church!

Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ, does not seek the glory of Christ.

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.

"Find yourself in Me, and find Me in yourself."

Jesus instruction to St. Teresa of Avila

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

"Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for kids from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Remember to submit your poster along with the form in the Church office no later than this Sunday, December 15th. Thank You."

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

You can also pick up the form in the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Danielle Barreto, requested by the Barreto Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Nimi Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. For the Repose of Efren Paguio, requested by Ellen Villanueva
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Clive Sequeira, requested by Bernadette Sequeira
5. For the Repose of Marguerite Lyle, requested by the Lyle Family

Tuesday, December 17, 9am

1. For the Repose of Juliette Da Costa, requested by All Her Children
2. For the Repose of Vivienne D’Souza, requested by the Rodgers Family

Wednesday, December 18, 9am

1. For the Repose of Jacob John, requested by Diana & Ashwin
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Aileen & Clarence D’Souza, requested by Aneeta D’Souza
3. For the Birthday Blessings & Healing of Alexander Alejandro, requested by the Alejandro Family
4. For the Conversion of Cleve, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Hormillosa Family

Friday, December 20, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Rosie Barreto, requested by the Barreto Family
2. For the Repose of Appie Coelho, requested by Joy, Joylin & Katelyn
3. For the Repose of Glicerio Catalig, requested by the Catalig Family

Saturday, December 21, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Mr. Babu Paul, requested by Anna Babu
2. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Royston & Judith D’Souza, requested by the D’Souza Family

Sunday, December 22, 8am

1. For the Repose of Katherine & Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families
2. For the Repose of John Farrugia, requested by his Friend
3. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Ayson Family

Sunday, December 22, 12pm

1. For the Intentions of the Bosch Paullada Family, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Arnold Fajardo, requested by Lincoln Mili & Charlie Catapang

Sunday, December 22, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Jose Gerard Evangelista, requested by the Evangelista Family

Religious books for sale in the Parish Women’s Group Display Cabinet outside the hall. Great gifts for you and for others!



CHURCH

Mon	Dec. 16	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Tue	Dec. 17	Parish Advent Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 18	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 19	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Dec. 21	Children’s Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Dec. 18	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec. 15	Knights of Columbus Christmas Party
Mon	Dec. 16	CWL Christmas Party 7:00pm
Tues	Dec. 17	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Dec. 17	Parish Advent Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 18	CIC 6:00pm
Sat	Dec. 21	Men’s Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Sun	Dec 15	Youth Group 5:30—7:30pm
Wed	Dec. 18	Sacramental Prep, Non-Catholic Schools 6pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tues	Dec. 17	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 18	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm

PALLIATIVE SUPPORT TRNG.

Palliative Support Ministry is a new Ministry at SJOC Parish that supports parishioners who need to know how to advocate for the sick and dying and what resources are available in the community.

Compassionate Community Care (CCC) Director: Kathy Matusiak Costa, who will share more about CCC, their mission, important work, practical ways to help those most vulnerable in the community and more.

Visit www.beingwith.org

Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying to renew their hope and purpose in life.

The CCC Training will be held on Jan 18 and Jan 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at SJOC in Nessinger Hall. Please sign up at the back of the church after each mass for more information.

Last Youth Group gathering for the year this Sunday: Dec. 15th, 5:30-7:30pm, Carmel 1 & 2 Rooms.

Youths in the Parish, you’re all invited.



ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

Lighting of the 3rd Candle



The 1st two purple candles and the pink candle are lit, followed by the prayer.

Let us pray.

We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. You who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

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