


Sunday, December 22, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*  
*Songs of Angels and Peace*

St. John of the Cross

*Served by the Carmelites*

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	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>
	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
	<b>SICK AND HOMEBOUND</b>
	Please contact the office.
<b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b>	<b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b>
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation <a href="mailto:Sjoc-firstcommunion@arctoronto.org">Sjoc-firstcommunion@arctoronto.org</a> 225 Confirmation, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org</a> 230 Youth Group, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org</a> Vincent de Paul Society 305	1) Send donations to: <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> 2) A separate email message to <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>MARRIAGE</b>
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.
<b>AddME</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>
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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### 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

### Solemnity of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28th at 5pm  
Sunday, Dec. 29th at 8am, 10am, 12pm, & 4pm

### 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



Adoration Chapel will be closed at 1pm on  
Wednesday, Christmas Day. It will also be closed  
at 1pm on Wednesday, New Year's Day.

*At Christmas we reflect on the mystery of  
'God with us' in the person of Jesus,  
born in one moment of time  
so that God can be born in every moment  
of time through us.*

May you and your loved ones have a safe,  
happy and  
Blessed  
Christmas!

Greetings from the  
Carmelites!



*Wishing you peace and joy  
this Christmas. May the  
Lord reign in your hearts!*



### A Prayer for Peace in the World at Christmas

Dear Lord, during this Christmas season, I pray for peace in our world. In a time filled with conflict and strife, may the message of Christ's birth resonate in the hearts of all people. Help us to be instruments of Your peace, spreading love and goodwill wherever we go. Let the spirit of Christmas inspire us to seek understanding and harmony with our neighbors. May leaders and communities come together towards resolutions that foster unity and hope. I ask that Your peace reign in our hearts, homes, and throughout the world. Amen.



*"It is Christmas in the heart  
that puts Christmas in the air." - W.T Ellis*

## 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 at the Parish Office. Payment upon sign up as we need to order your workbook.

## 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](mailto:Muriel1066@bell.net) and be sure to include your phone number.

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Dear Parishioners,

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3:16).*

If you were to ask people about the meaning of Christmas, many would sum it up like Christmas is about being kind and caring, about doing good and looking out for each other, and about setting aside our differences for a while.

The Bible, however, describes the meaning of Christmas in an entirely different way. It tells the story of Jesus coming into the world. According to the teachings of Christianity, the overwhelming point of Christmas is that it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. When Jesus was born, the event was announced as a time of “Peace on earth, good will toward men”. This is not the peace that ends all wars between nations or individuals. It is the peace that means humanity and God no longer must be separated from each other. It is an offer of true peace that last forever. The arrival of Jesus into the world brought with it His plan to live a perfect life on earth, to show humanity the way back to God the Father. The arrival of Jesus showed that God still loved us and made a way for us to get right again and live forever with Him. For Christians, that goes so much further than festive meals, sharing presents, and hoping against hope that the world will somehow be a better place next year.

The true message of Christmas then is that because Jesus came to save people from their sins, all those who put their trust in Him can be put right with God. They can enjoy a living, meaningful, and vibrant friendship with Him, eventually culminating in everlasting life with Him in heaven. Now, that’s a gift to be celebrated!

The angel said to Joseph, *“She will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”.* (Matthew 1:21).

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas!

*Fr. Joyson*



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 23, 9am

1. For the Repose of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Ernest Ambrose, requested by the Robson Family
3. For the Repose of Sheila Pinto, requested by Marilyn Bansod
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Christine Reyes, requested by Christine Reyes
5. For the Repose of Mr. P.A. Paul, requested by Anna Babu
6. For the Repose of Peter D'Silva, requested by the Family

### Tuesday, December 24, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Pedrinho Rodriques, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad

### Tuesday, December 24, 6pm

1. For the Repose of Austin, Phoebe & Prianka Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Neville, Erica & Fabian Weerasinghe, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Joyce Pereira, requested by the Pereira Family
4. For the Repose of Maureen & Eugene Pereira, requested by the Pereira Family

### Tuesday, December 24, 12am

1. For the Repose of Jacob Abulbire, requested by Vivian Abulbire

### Wednesday, December 25, 10am

1. For the Repose of Katherine & Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Bobnic/Jensen/St. John Families
2. For the Repose of Frank Sigal, requested by the Bobnic/Jensen/St. John Families

### Wednesday, December 25, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Agapito Del Socorro, requested by the Flores Family
2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Family

### Thursday, December 26, 9am

1. For the Repose of Millie Menezes, requested by the Furtado Family
2. For the Repose of Arsenio Sebastian Sr., requested by the Sebastian Family

### Friday, December 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Melvin Legaspi, requested by the Legaspi Family
2. For the Repose of Mary Fernandes, requested by Her Family
3. In Thanksgiving & 53rd Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Angelo & Maureen D'Silva, requested by the Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings for John & Sabrina, requested by the Fernandes Family
5. For the Safe Travels of Bob & Vida Nairn, requested by Josephine Luetke

### Saturday, December 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Yorrick DeSouza Sr., requested by the DeSouza Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Graces Received, requested by the Chaves Family
3. For the Repose of Irene Reyes, requested by the Marinas Family
4. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by his Family
5. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family

### Saturday, December 28, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Effie & Pius Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas
2. For the Repose of Elise, Bernard & Bernard Jr. Ranger, requested by the Ranger Family

### Sunday, December 29, 8am

1. For the Repose of Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families
2. For the Deceased Members of the de Souza & Fernandes Families, requested by the Family

### Sunday, December 29, 10am

1. For the Repose of Richard Palan, requested by Kevin & Sandra
2. In Thanksgiving for All Blessings Received, requested by Ivy Carnelio

3. For the Birthday Blessings of Aedan Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Valerian & Blanche Lewis, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Joe D'Souza, requested by Sandra & Craig D'Souza

### Sunday, December 29, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Noel D'Mello, requested by the D'Mello Family
2. For the Intentions of the Bosch Paullada Family, requested by the Family

### Sunday, December 29, 4pm

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

### CHURCH

Sun	Dec. 22	Christmas Candlelight Service 6:00pm
Mon	Dec. 23	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Tue	Dec. 24	Children's Choir 10:00-11:30am

## 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](http://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.



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

"Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day."  
Helen Steiner Rice



### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

#### Lighting of the 4th Candle

All four candles are lit on the fourth Sunday, followed by the prayer.

#### Let us pray.

Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

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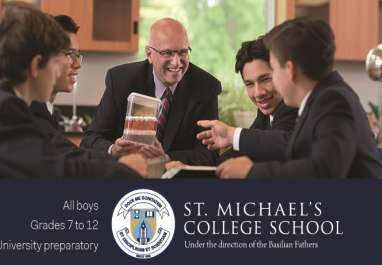
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