


Sunday, December 8, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*  
*Songs of Bethlehem and Love*

St. John of the Cross



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<p><b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b></p> <p>1st Communion/1st Reconciliation <a href="mailto:Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.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</p>	<p><b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b></p> <p>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, &amp; purpose of this fund.</p>
<p><b>BAPTISM</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>AddME</b></p> <p>To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin &amp; Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.</p>	<p><b>Live Stream</b></p> <p>All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, &amp; the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.</p> <p> <a href="#">Click here for Live Stream</a></p>

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 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, 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

## 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!*

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. In his life and writings, John of the Cross has a crucial word for us today. We tend to be rich, soft, comfortable. We shrink even from words like *self-denial, mortification, purification, asceticism, discipline*. We run from the cross. John's message—like the gospel—is loud and clear: Don't—if you really want to live!



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 5pm Mass.

## BAKE SALE FOR SJOC!

The Parish Women's Group is holding the last Bake Sale of the year to raise funds towards the purchase of the indoor statue of St. John of the Cross for the parish. They will also have book sale of religious books and auction of religious statues. Come, give support, and enjoy!



## 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.

## 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.

***St. John of the Cross, pray for us!***

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

"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/>

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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Good Intentions of Tiffany & Family, requested by her Mother
3. For the Repose of Gerald Lobo, requested by Desmond Lobo
4. For the Repose of Tony Goveas, requested by Darryl & Sheila Goveas

### Tuesday, December 10, 9am

1. For the Repose of Zacarias Fernandes, requested by Sharon D'Souza

### Thursday, December 12, 9am

1. For the Repose of Hubert Joseph De Cunha, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
2. For the Repose of Tony D'Souza, requested by Gloria & Victor

### Friday, December 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of John Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Kimberly Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
4. For the Repose of Alfredo Fernandes, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Maya Navarro Lengarwa, requested by the Navarro Family

### Saturday, December 14, 9am

1. For the Healing of Theresa & Clayton D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. For the Repose of Justina Pereira, requested by the Dillon Family

### Saturday, December 14, 5pm

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Remcy Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family

### Sunday, December 15, 8am

1. For the Repose of Katherine Bobnic, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jason DeSouza Sr., requested by the DeSouza Family
3. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Ayson Family

### Sunday, December 15, 10am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family

### Sunday, December 15, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Maria Apolonia Gomes, requested by Neela Gomes
2. For the Repose of Ranece Abeywardena, requested by the Perera Family
3. For the Repose of Maria Fatima Gomes Pereira Ataide, requested by the Family

### Sunday, December 15, 4pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Alexander & Mariate Almonte, requested by the Almonte Family
2. For the Repose of Jacinto & Teresa Medeiros, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Annette Ferrante, requested by the Ferrante Family



### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

#### Lighting of the 2nd Candle

The 1st and 2nd candles are lit, followed by the prayer.

#### **Let us pray.**

Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec. 9	Advent Mission 7:00—9:00pm
Tue	Dec. 10	Advent Mission 7:00—9:00pm
Wed	Dec. 11	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Dec. 12	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Dec. 14	Children's Choir 10:00am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Dec. 11	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Dec. 9	RCIA 7:00pm
Tue	Dec. 10	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Dec. 11	CIC 6:00pm
Wed	Dec. 11	Knight of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm
Fri	Dec. 13	Women's Group Christmas Party 6:30-9:30pm
Sat	Dec. 14	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Wed	Dec. 11	Sacramental Prep, Non-Catholic Schools 6pm
Thurs	Dec. 12	Prayer Group 7:00pm
Fri	Dec. 13	GPS Kids' Bible Study 6:00pm-8:00pm

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Dec. 9	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Tues	Dec. 10	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 11	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Dec. 13	Palliative Support Ministry 7:00pm

## 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 is a registered charity comprised of healthcare professionals and volunteers who provide support to vulnerable persons and their families during times of illness and crisis.

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.

Light Refreshments will be provided.

Please sign up at the back of the church after each mass for more information.

*"Keep this in mind, daughters: the soul that is quick to turn to speaking and conversing is slow to turn to God. For when it is turned toward God, it is then strongly and inwardly drawn toward silence and flight from all conversation. For God desires a soul to rejoice with him more than with any other person, however advanced and helpful the person may be." - St. John of the Cross*

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