

Sunday, February 11, 2024

# St. John of the Cross Parish




## Prayer to Saint Valentine



O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, Look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Amen.*

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<b>PASTORAL TEAM</b>	<b>MASS TIMES</b>
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<b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, <a href="mailto:confirmation@sjocross.org">confirmation@sjocross.org</a> 230 Youth Group, <a href="mailto:ym@sjocross.org">ym@sjocross.org</a> St. Vincent de Paul Society 305	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>SICK AND HOMEBOUND</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.	Please contact the office.
<b>AddME</b>	<b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b>
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.	<b>1) Send donations to:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> <b>2) A separate email message to</b> <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
	<b>MARRIAGE</b>
	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>Live Stream</b>
	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  <a href="#">Click here for Live Stream</a>

**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**

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Stations of the Cross & Holy Mass at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

Community Rosary at 6:30pm.

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY!



SPIRITUS WEST



Young Adult Event Ages 19-37 Wednesday, February 21st, 7pm, Nessinger Hall

Come & Join!

ASHES ON FOREHEADS

Hi guys! There's something special happening this Wednesday. We start a new season in the Church! This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the 1st day of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the day when we receive ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remind us of our mortality, meaning that we don't live forever. Our bodies will die eventually and return to ashes but you know what, boys and girls? Our souls never die. They live forever! And we want our souls to go to heaven when we die, don't we? It's beautiful in heaven, fun, and most of all, it's where God is. Where God is, all the good things are. Isn't that awesome?



FOR BOYS 10-18 YEARS OLD

The Squires Program, an international youth fraternity run by the Knights of Columbus invites 10-18 years old boys to join the program. They will be selling the chocolate roses this weekend. For more information, please email kylesequeira22@gmail.com or visit our website https://www.ontariosquires.com/.

POP TABS

St. Albert of Jerusalem Elementary school needs our help to collect pop tabs. They are collecting pop tabs all school year to support a local family who has a goal of collecting 5 million tabs to help their child access a wheelchair. We are hopeful that our community can help them to achieve their goal. Please note that the tabs cannot be coloured, only silver tabs can be used.

When you come to church this Wednesday, you will notice the color change in the altar, the banner in the hallway, the big cross in the rotunda, and the priest's vestments. The colors change from green (the color of the ordinary time) to purple symbolizing penance, repentance, and spiritual preparation to get us ready for Easter. And you remember what happens on Easter Sunday, right?



So, boys and girls, come and get your ashes this Wednesday. Ask Mom and Dad. Everybody, even little ones, can receive ashes on their foreheads.

Let us pray, boys and girls:

Thank you, dear God, for Lent. May this season help us to remember how much you love us. Give the grace, dear God, to love you and to love others as you love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARELIFE PANCAKE

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School 3700 Trelawny Circle, Mississauga

TICKETS \$7.00 each or 5 for \$30.00

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend.

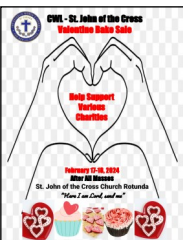


ADORATION CHAPEL COMMITTEE

The Adoration Chapel Committee, a newly formed committee for our Adoration Chapel, would like to invite those who can commit to keep watch the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, to sign up. You can choose the time and day. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the back with members of the committee to help you.

"So, could you not stay awake with me one hour"? - Mt 6:40

The Catholic Women's League is holding a Valentine Bake Sale Proceeds to go to various charities February 17-18 after each Mass "Here I am Lord, send me"



Chocolate Roses for sale after all Sunday Masses this weekend by the Squires at St. John of the Cross and St. Josephine Bakhita parishes. 2 roses for \$5



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## Fasting & Abstinence on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday



Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

For those who are able to fast, fasting is eating one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence means abstaining from eating meat.

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Monday, February 12, 9am

1. In thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Gary Cooper, requested by Earl & Indira Coutinho
1. For the Repose of Trevor Estelita, requested by the Fernandes Family

#### Tuesday, February 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad

#### Wednesday, February 14, 9am

1. For the Healing of Theresa & Clayton D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. For the Repose of Gilbert Yap, requested by the Yap Family

#### Thursday, February 15, 9am

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

#### Friday February 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Curcino D'Costa, requested by the Vieira Family

#### Friday February 16, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Catherine & Joseph Fernando, requested by the Fernando Family

#### Saturday, February 17, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Senator Kange, requested by the Family

#### Saturday, February 17, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Louisa & Joe D'Souza, requested by Craig & Sandra
2. For the Repose of Jose Felipe Torres Sr., requested by Vivien Estrellas & Family
3. For the Repose of Treasa D'Souza, requested by Gary D'souza
4. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings, requested by the Menezes Family

#### Sunday, February 18, 8am

1. For the Repose of Maria Ferrer, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Carolina Barretto, requested by the Barretto Family

#### Sunday, February 18, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Maria Apolonia Gomes, requested by Neela Gomes
2. For the Repose of Marie Kilfeather, requested by the Kilfeather Family
3. For the Repose of Pacita De La Cura, requested by the Dega Family

### JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY

Jesus the Good Shepherd Covenant Community invites you to a Lenten prayer vigil, on Friday, 16th Feb from 9.30pm to 1.30am. Come join us as we prepare for lent through adoration, worship, rosary, stations of the cross and prayer. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Francis Andrade, 905.567.8693.

### CHURCH

Mon	Feb 12	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Tues	Feb 13	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Masses 5:00 & 7:00pm
Thurs	Feb 15	Folk Choir 8:00pm
Fri	Feb 16	Stations of the Cross & Holy Mass 7:00pm
Sat	Feb 17	Childrens' Choir 10:00am
Sat	Feb 17	Non-Catholic School Confirmation 1:00pm

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Feb 12	Bereavement 10:00am-12:00pm
Wed	Feb 14	Sacramental Prep NCS 6:00pm
Sat	Feb 17	CWL Public Speaking 10:00am-2:00pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb 12	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Feb 13	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Feb 13	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Feb 14	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Feb 14	CIC 6:00pm
Sat	Feb 17	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am
Sat	Feb 17	CWL Public Speaking 10:00am-3:00pm



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th

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· In Christmas 2023 we served 46 families, gave \$5520.00 in food vouchers and \$9675 in gift cards for a total of \$15,195.00  
We have no age limits and serve any denomination once the NIN reside within our Parish Boundaries.

*We thank all parishioners for their support!*



There will be a blessing of all married couples at all Sunday Masses this weekend, February 10th & 11th.

*Congratulations!*

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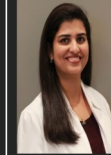
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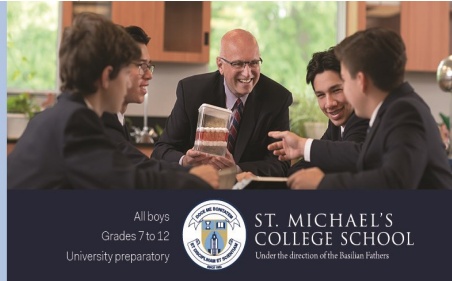
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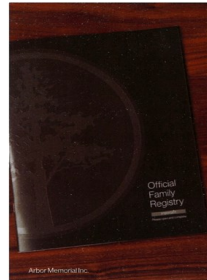
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