


Sunday, February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

St. John of the Cross Parish

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PASTORAL TEAM Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228 Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor 224 FAntony@archtoronto.org Deacon Mark Romeo, 222 mromeo@archtoronto.org Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate 226 LHarris@archtoronto.org Violanta Nicholson, Secretary 223 VNicholson@archtoronto.org Diane Mejia, Reception 221	MASS TIMES Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230 Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org St. Vincent de Paul Society 305	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
BAPTISM	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
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: 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.
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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

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

Community Rosary at 6:30pm.

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

SPIRITUS WEST



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

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.*

Reception for Fr. Felix



Our dear Associate Pastor for 10 years will be moving on to another assignment as Pastor at St. Martin of Tours starting March 1st, 2024.

Though we will greatly miss him, we send him off with grateful hearts and prayers for a healthy and fruitful ministry in his new parish.

Thank you, Fr. Felix, for being a wonderful blessing at St. John of the Cross Parish Community!

Parish Community Reception after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 24th in the hall and Sunday, February 25th in the rotunda after all Masses. All are welcome!

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY!



Do More ...

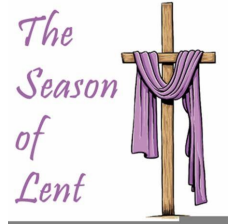
Hey, guys, we are in the Season of Lent in the Church and what a way to start it! Ashes of cross on our foreheads!

You know, boys and girls, the season of Lent is a time to prepare for Easter! For 40 days starting Ash Wednesday (not counting Sundays) we will be preparing ourselves for Easter Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead.

Now, how do we exactly prepare for Easter?

Well, by doing Do More!

Let's play doing more of Do More, okay? Below are some examples of what we can **Do More**. See if you can think of other good things that we can add to the list to do more of.



1. Thanking God for all the blessings that He has given.
2. Talking to God about your day. Tell him about your friends, family, school, etc.
3. Being helpful and kind to others.
4. Being polite—say, “Please” and “Thank you.”
5. Doing your school works & chores promptly.
6. Follow rules at home, school, & community.
7. Come to church regularly.
8. Help the poor and the needy.
9. Greet your family “Good morning” every day.
10. Pray for your family, friends, school, church, country, and the world.

The game is that you get 1 point for every Do More good things that you do every day. See if you can beat your own score. For example, if today you did 5 Do Mores, then tomorrow, try to make 6. If you greet a group of your classmates Good morning and there are 5 of them, then you get 5 points for greeting them. Happy greeting counts, pouty greeting don't count. Ready? Go!

Let us pray, boys and girls:

Our Father in heaven, thank you for creating us and for giving us special blessings to help us become better people. During this season of Lent, guide us as we do many Do More Good Things. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, February 19, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ratman Swampillai, requested by Mercy Arumainayagam

Tuesday, February 20, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Sastry Family

2. For the Birthday Blessings of Quinn & Sloane, requested by John & Sabrina

Wednesday, February 21, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Carene Contante Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family

2. For the Birthday Blessings of Anthony Martin Talagsa, requested by the Talagsa Family

3. For the Birthday Blessings of Dawn Bafaro, requested by the Family

Thursday, February 22, 9am

1. For the Repose of Jorge Bagasan Sr. & Jorge Bagasan Jr., requested by Loonie & Jose Torres

2. For the Repose of Alfredo Sibayan, requested by Egipto/Pedro Family

3. For the Repose of Mana Nunes, requested by the Family

Friday, February 23, 9am

1. For the Repose of Alexis Lobo, requested by Lucy Lobo & Rodly Family

Friday, February 23, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Harold & Nandani Perera, requested by the Perera Family

Saturday, February 24, 9am

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

Saturday, February 24, 5pm

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Ena Barrett, requested by the Folk Choir

2. In Thanksgiving for All Graces & Blessings Received, requested by Ena Barrett

3. For the Repose of Mary D'Costa, requested by the Family

Sunday, February 25, 8am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Maricel Somera, requested by the Querubin-Somera Family

Sunday, February 25, 10am

1. For the Repose of Mario Olivieri, requested by the Family

2. For All the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Anne & Hugh Menezes & Family

3. For Blessings & Good Health of Hugh Menezes & Family, requested by Hugh Menezes & Family

4. For the Birthday Blessings of Michael Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family

5. For the Repose of Alejandro Ramos, requested by Letty Ramos

6. For the Repose of Eugene & Maureen Pereira, requested by the Pereira Family

7. For the Repose of Genevieve Rodrigues, requested by the Lobo Family

8. For the Repose of Rhonda Godinho, requested by the Godinho Family

We also pray for peace in the world. Lord, hear our prayers.

2023 Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts for 2023 are ready for pickup at your convenience. If you prefer that your receipt, be emailed to you, please email the parish office at sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, February 19th, for Family Day. Holy Mass will continue to be celebrated at 9am.



CHURCH		
Tues	Feb 20	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Feb 21	Band Practice 8:00pm
Thurs	Feb 22	Folk Choir 7:30pm
Fri	Feb 23	Stations of the Cross & Mass 7:00pm
Sat	Feb 24	Confirmation Retreat 9:30am

SEMINAR ROOM		
Wed	Feb 21	Sacramental Prep Non-Catholic 6:00pm

NESSINGER HALL		
Sun	Feb 18	Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm
Mon	Feb 19	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Feb 20	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00pm
Tues	Feb 20	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Feb 21	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Feb 21	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Feb 22	Rosary Apostolate 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Feb 24	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am
Sat	Feb 24	Confirmation Retreat 9:00am-12:00pm

ROTUNDA		
Mon	Feb 19	CWL Council Meeting 7:00pm

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

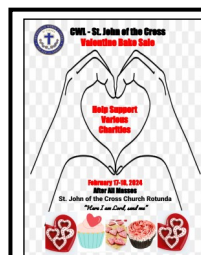
Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

REGISTER:

1. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24>

3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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"

Happy Family Day to all families and to our parish family at St. John of the Cross! We love you all!

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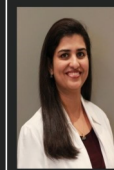
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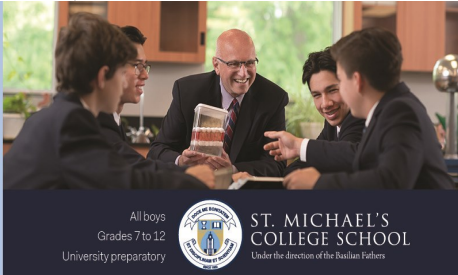
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