

Sunday, January 14, 2024

St. John of the Cross Parish

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6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1 Tel: 905.821.1331 E-mail: sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org Website: https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org	Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm and 5:30 - 8.30pm Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm
PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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	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:
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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.
Live Stream	MARRIAGE
All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.	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.



BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

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**Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo –
“Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All
Other Things”**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed through the parish website under Latest News.

<https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/>

Canadian unpasteurized honey is available at the Parish Women’s Group bowling registration table for \$10. *Come and get a jar or two!*



WE ARE GOD’S FAMILY!



Come and See ... I SEE

Hi guys! Hope your first week back to school went well. Good to see everyone again after a couple of weeks off, eh. You know what? These last few days, Jesus has been saying, “Come and see.” He told Andrew, Peter’s brother, “Come and see.” Jesus invited Andrew and us too, to come, follow him, and see. See what? See the signs, see the wonders, see God’s great works around us and in us.

Let’s play a game, boys and girls, a game I call, I SEE. It’s a game to see how well you observe. We are going to observe the different characteristics of love happening around us like kindness, helpfulness, generosity, respect, and patience. You don’t have to know the person doing it. It may be someone at school, in the store, or at home, but you see the characteristics of love happening: being kind, being helpful, respectful being generous, respectful, and being patient. Let’s aim to I SEE ten characteristics of love every day. If you I SEE more than 10, that’s awesome! You’re a 10-star observant. So, are you ready? Let play!



Let us pray, guys:

Dear God, thank you for surrounding us with your love and for helping us to become more loving. As we play the I SEE game, help us to realize that you are present around us and in us. We pray that the world will be filled with your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITUS NIGHT

Young Adults, Catholic men and women are gathering at St. Martin of Tours Parish on January 17th. Come be part of a growing community: make some friends and get some formation too. Dr. Aaron James, PhD in musicology and Fellow at the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be speaking about St. John Henry Newman’s theology as it applies to music followed by time to discuss and mix and mingle.

1290 McBride Avenue
6:30pm-9:30pm / Free to attend, food provided!

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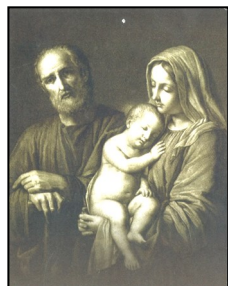
ROSARY TO THE HOLY FAMILY



You are invited!

The Holy Family Icon will be in our parish for a week.

Come and join the Knights of Columbus and the Rosary Apostolate for prayer to the Holy Family for families throughout the world and in our parish on the following dates:



Wednesday, January 17th, 6:30pm, Church

Thursday, January 18th, 7:00pm, Rotunda

Friday, January 19th, 7:00pm, Rotunda

Saturday, January 20th, 6:00pm, Church

Sunday, January 21st, 5:00pm, Church

Monday, January 22nd, 7:00pm, Rotunda

Tuesday, January 23rd, 7:00pm, Rotunda

PRIME TIME CLUB

Knitting and Crochet Sessions are back for 2024!

Learn to knit and crochet from our experts! Every Wednesday starting January 10th in the hall from 1pm-3pm. Sip coffee and chat while you knit and crochet.

Prime Time Club is a parish social group for 55 years old and above.

Contact Michelle Coutinho

mcoutinho@archtoronto.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

**FIRST COMMUNION
REGISTRATION MEETINGS**

First Communion Registration meetings will be held at St John of the Cross Church in January 2024 for parents of children who received their First Reconciliation in November 2023.

Sunday, Jan. 21/2024 @ 6:30 pm

Or

Tuesday, Jan. 23/2024 @ 6:30 pm

Students need not attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 15, 9am



1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rogers Family
2. For the Repose of Emilia Coelho, requested by Kenneth & Charmaine

Tuesday, January 16, 9am

1. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Melvin & Justine Lapesigue, requested by Jessy Yap and Family

Wednesday, January 17, 9am

1. For Special Intention, requested by Hedy & Robert

Wednesday, January 17, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Thome Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes/DeSouza Families
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Tehnaz Robinson, requested by the Robinson Family
3. For the Repose of Louis Farrugia, requested by Diane Farrugia & Family

Thursday, January 18, 9am

1. For the Conversion of Cleve, requested by the Family

Saturday, January 20, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Lester Warner, requested by Barry & Family

Sunday, January 21, 8am

1. For the Birthday Blessing of Cheryl Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family

Sunday, January 21, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Hayley Thomas, requested by Heather DeSouza
2. For the Repose of Ivan Krkuc, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Joseph & Veronica Fratric, requested by the Family

For these intentions and for the intentions of all the parishioners, Lord, hear our prayers.

PARISH FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all parishioners and friends for an evening of bowling, pizza, and fun on Friday, January 26th, 7:00pm-8:30pm at Planet Bowl (5555 Eglinton Avenue West, Etobicoke).

Registration table will be outside the church after all Masses this weekend. \$35 per person for individual registration or \$30 per person for a group of 3 or more.

100% of the proceeds will go towards the purchase of the kneelers for our adoration chapel.



Come! Bring your families and friends and let's bowl for the Adoration Chapel! It will be great.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 11th, 3pm, to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, & 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are encouraged to register. For more information, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 x 523.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Invites Cancer Patient and Caregivers to a Day of Retreat to Experience God's Healing Love

Thursday February 1, 2024

Registration 8:30 am Cost: \$45.00

For more information, please contact:

Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

CHURCH

Mon	Jan 15	Adult Choir 7:00pm
Tues	Jan 16	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 17	Band Practice 8:00pm
Wed	Jan 17	Holy Family Rosary 6:30pm
Thurs	Jan 18	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 19	Childrens' Choir 10:00am

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan 15	Bereavement 10:00am-12:00pm
Mon	Jan 15	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Mon	Jan 15	CWL Council Mtg 7:00pm
Tues	Jan 16	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Jan 16	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 17	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Jan 17	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Jan 18	Baptism Class 7:00pm
Fri	Jan 19	Parish Prayer Group Meeting 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 20	Men's Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am
Sat	Jan 20	Confirmation Class 9:00am-12:00pm
Sat	Jan 20	Youth Group Trivia Night 6:00-10:00pm

ROTUNDA

Wed	Jan 17	Sacramental Prep NCS 6:00pm
Thurs	Jan 18	Holy Family Rosary 7:00pm

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Masses this weekend, January 13th-14th. Come, enjoy the coffee and cookies and get to know another parishioner. See you!



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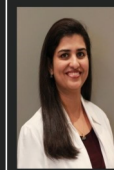
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