# Sunday, January 7, 2024

# St. John of the Cross Parish



Served by the Carmelites

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Website: https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org		Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm
PASTORAL TEAM		MASS TIMES
Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor	Ext. 228	Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am
Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor FAntony@archtoronto.org	224	Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm <b>Sundays:</b> 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
Deacon Mark Romeo,	222	Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday
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Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org	226	6:00-6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
Violanta Nicholson, Secretary	223	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
VNicholson@archtoronto.org Diane Mejia, Reception	221	Please contact the office.
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION		Two Steps for E-Transfer:
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org	225 230	1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org
Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org	230	2) A separate email message to <u>admin@sjocross.org</u>
St. Vincent de Paul Society	305	with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
BAPTISM		MARRIAGE
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.
AddME		Live Stream
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.		All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Stream Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

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# Online Showing on THE MASS

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Just over 2 hours, The



Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

Click to register and receive a link to join: <u>https://bit.ly/sjocthemass</u> Tuesday, January 9th, 7pm

See you there! Share, if you can.

# 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:



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

# **2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your envelopes on the table outside the parish office. Envelopes are numerically arranged. There is a list on the table to refer to, if needed.

If your envelope number has 4 digits, please come to the office for your new envelope number as we are phasing out the 4-digit numbers.

Thank you for your generosity!



# Happy Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord!

Hi guys, do you know what is special about

Epiphany? Epiphany of the Lord means revelation of Jesus, our Lord. It is the day when Jesus revealed Himself to the three kings and to the



whole world that He is the Messiah. The three kings (sometimes called the three wise men) studied the stars and knew about the Jewish belief that a Messiah will be coming. So, when they saw this huge star over Bethlehem, they thought that something very special is happening. They decided to follow the star, traveling many days and nights on their camel. They stopped where the star was pointing—in a stable. When they saw Jesus on the manger, they knew that He is the Messiah. They bowed before Him in adoration and gave Him the gifts that they brought with them: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Amazing, huh! The star led the 3 kings to the place where they would find Jesus.

How about us? Well, we know and believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is sent to save us. We can give him gifts too and a gift that Jesus would really like is our friendship with Him. Jesus, the King of the whole universe, Jesus, the one who came to save us, wants to be our friend. How cool is that? And of course, we want to be Jesus' friends! So, boys and girls, let us imagine that we are all holding hands and forming a circle with Jesus,

we pray:



Thank you, Jesus, for being our friend. You helped the 3 kings find you in the manger. Guide us, Jesus, that we may always find you. Amen.

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON**

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# 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.

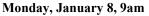
# Sunday, Jan. 21/2024 @ 6:30 pm

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

Students need not attend.

## MASS INTENTIONS



1. For the Repose of Margarida Lopes, requested by Delia Sanders

**Tuesday, January 9, 9am** 

- 1. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Dennis & Sheila, requested by Della
- 2. For the 65th Birthday Blessings of Eric Sapinoso, requested by the Family
- 3. For the Birthday Blessings of Alberto Ang Co, requested by the Ang Co Family

#### Wednesday, January 10, 9am

1. For the Repose of Pius Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas

#### Thursday, January 11, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Juanita Vaz, requested by Trevor D'Souza & Family
- 2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ella DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
- Saturday, January 13, 9am
- 1. In Thanksgiving for Favours & Blessings Received, requested by the Robson Family
- 2. For the Repose of Cenon, Consolacion & Remedios Morales, requested by the Family

#### Sunday, January 14, 10am

1. For the Repose of Aurea & Cyril Godinho, requested by the Family

#### Sunday, January 14, 4pm

1. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Eduardo & Maria Buhain, requested by the Buhain Family

"Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church." - Pope Francis, January 2024 Intention

# SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus "Knight of Hearts Valentine Dinner and Dance" will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Apollo Convention Centre. Tickets available early January 2024. Stay tune for updates!



# BEREAVEMENT GRIEF SESSIONS

Bereavement Sessions will begin January 8th on Monday mornings from 10am to noon for 6 consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held at St John of the Cross Parish. **All information is confidential**.

Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone. We need one another to support and nurture our healing to help ease the pain of separation from our loved ones. We need socialization and someone to lean on. You cannot heal alone.

Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at <u>Muriel1066@bell.net</u> and be sure to include your phone number.

## 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.

ROTUNDA		
Wed	Jan 10	Knights of Columbus General Mtg 8:00pm
	N	ESSINGER HALL
Mon	Jan 8	Bereavement 10:00am-12:00pm
Mon	Jan 8	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Jan 9	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	Jan 9	Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 10	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Jan 10	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Jan 11	SSVP Conf. Mtg 7:30pm
Fri	Jan 12	Mens' Fraternity 7:00-10:00pm
Sat	Jan 13	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am

#### CHURCH Mon Jan 8 Adult Choir-7:00-8:45pm Tues Jan 9 Joyful Worship Choir-7:00-8:30pm Wed Jan 10 Band Practice 8:00pm Thurs Jan 11 Folk Choir 7:00pm Childrens' Choir 10:00am Sat Jan 13

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Masses next week-

end, January 13th-14th. Come, enjoy the coffee and cookies and get to know another parishioner.



