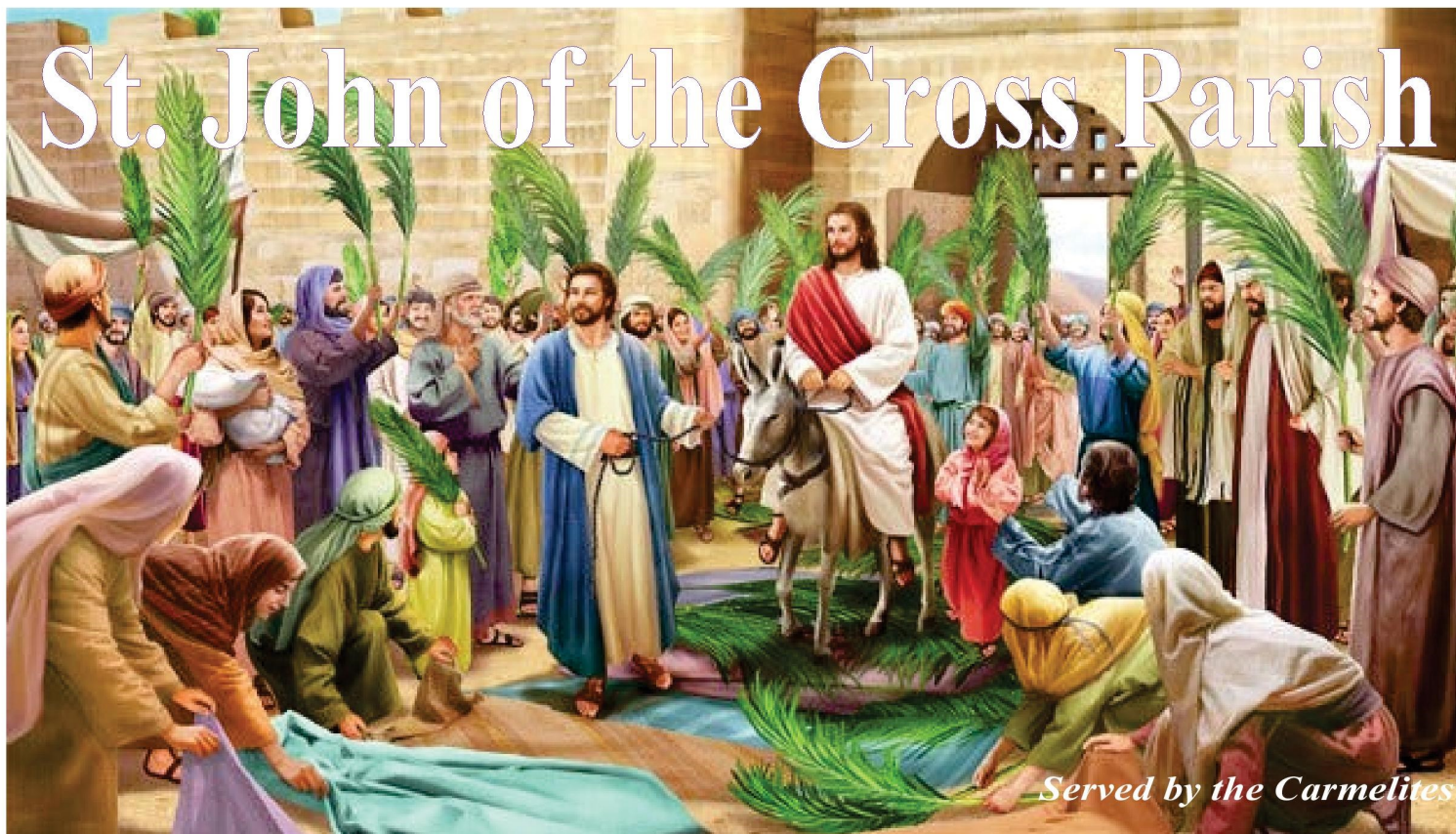



Sunday, March 24, 2024



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<p>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p> <p>1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230 Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org St. Vincent de Paul Society 305</p>	<p>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>BAPTISM</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>MARRIAGE</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>AddME</p> <p>To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.</p>	<p>Live Stream</p> <p>All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Click here for Live Stream</p>

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

Sunday, March 24, 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7th

Coordinated by the Parish Prayer Group

2:45pm Exposition & Benediction

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by the blessings of
Divine Mercy Icons

4:00pm Sunday Holy Mass



**Bring your Divine Mercy icons
to be placed at the foot of the altar.**

We welcome the new members of the Church and of our parish community! They have taken the Parish RCIA (RCIC for children) journey, coming every week since September 2023 to know more about God, the Catholic Church teachings and traditions. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We keep them and their families in prayers, that they continue to grow in faith, wisdom, and courage. May they continue to encounter God in their lives and be nourished by His sacraments.

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community!

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Adedunmola Abiola

Angelina Muscat

Annil Ramsumair

Ariana Hakim

Dan Niculescu

Devina Doodnauth

Emmanuel Osuna

Ethan Abdul

Gabriel Vidal

Gabriela Bianchi

Irina Niculescu

Luciana Mascardo

Mofeoluwa Orioke

Mofolusewa Orioke

Monjolaoluwa Orioke

Moroundiya Abiola

Nancy Nguyen

Samantha Balajadia

Sophia Vidal

Thaddeus Duffus

Timothy Duffus

Trishana Stewart



Parish Office is Closed on:

Good Friday, March 29th

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Easter Monday, April 1st

Have a blessed Holy Week!

RCIA Adults and Children

Thank you for picking a name and praying for the Elects and Candidates. They will be baptized on Saturday, March 30th during the Easter Vigil and become members of the Church and of our community.

Please come and witness!



Feel free to leave a Card of Welcome or a token of appreciation in the basket that's on the table in the rotunda for them. *Thank you!*

Have mercy on us, Lord!

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY!



HOLY WEEK

Hi guys, do you ever wonder why next week is called Holy Week? It is called Holy because it shows us Jesus immense love for all people—a love willing to suffer, a love that has no end, a love that conquers death itself with his Resurrection. Let's see ... on **Holy Monday**—Mary anoints Jesus feet with perfume.

Holy Tuesday—Jesus predicts Judas betrayal and Peter's three times denial of Jesus.

Holy Wednesday—Judas betrays Jesus with thirty pieces of silver.

Holy Thursday—Jesus gives the commandment of love and institutes the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders during the Last Supper.

Good Friday—the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Black Saturday—contemplation of Jesus in the tomb in silence and adoration.

Easter Sunday—Jesus triumphs over death, sin, and evil with His Resurrection, proving He is God.

Come to as many services as you can with your mom and dad, boys and girls, especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil on Saturday, at 8pm.

See you all there!

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Holy Week Message from the Pastor

“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #29).

Holy Week begins. As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus’ passion and death were proclaimed to you on Palm Sunday, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus’ passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ’s saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

Let us resolve to make this week holy by claiming Christ’s redemptive grace and by living holy lives. Let us resolve to make this week holy by reading and meditating Holy Scripture. Let us take time this week to be present to someone who suffers. Sharing the pain of a fellow human will enliven Scripture and help us enter into the holy mystery of the redemptive suffering of Christ. Let us be united with the suffering church throughout the world – in Gaza, Haiti, Sudan and Ukraine.

Let us resolve to make this week holy by sharing holy peace and joy within our families, sharing family prayer on a regular basis, making every meal a holy meal where loving conversations bond family members in unity, sharing family work without grumbling, asking forgiveness for past hurts and forgiving one another from the heart, seeking to go all the way for love as Jesus went all the way for love.

As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It’s a week of participation in the mystery of God’s pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you. Keep it on your mind and heart throughout the week. Allow that love, offered some 2,000 years ago, to become truly present to you so that you will be more present to our Lord and His love for you.

Wishing you all a grace-filled Blessed Week!

Fr. Joyson

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Sunday, March 24, 2024

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23rd, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 24th, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm



HOLY THURSDAY

March 28th, 8:00pm– 12:00am Holy Eucharist
and Washing of the Feet followed by
Adoration in Nessinger Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29th

10:00am—Stations of the Cross

3:00pm—Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross (Youth)



HOLY SATURDAY

March 30th, 8:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm



He is Risen. Alleluia!

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25, 9am

1. For the 40th Birthday Blessings of Laureta Okenwa, requested by the Family
2. For the Deceased Members of the D'Arrigo Family, requested by the Family

Tuesday, March 26, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Carolyn Romeo, requested by the Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Juliet Uzo, requested by the Family

Wednesday, March 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Phyllis Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Vivienne D'Souza, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Family
4. For the 18th Birthday Blessings of Terna Kange, requested by the Family
5. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
6. For the Deceased Members of the Cresta Family
7. For the Repose of Isabel D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

Wednesday, March 27, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Roland Lopez, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Debbie Perera, requested by the Family

Sunday, March 31, 8am

1. For the Repose of Peter Kien Hoang, requested by Le Hoang
2. For the Healing of Helen & Irene Gibos, requested by the Family

Sunday, March 31, 10am

1. For the Repose of Ann Ottemiller, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Carnelio
3. For the Repose of Stephen & Lumen Silveira, requested by Alvito Silveira & Family

Sunday, March 31, 12pm

1. For the 23rd Birthday Blessings of Gerard Silang, requested by Team Silang

CHURCH

Sun	Mar 24	Youth Group Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
Mon	Mar 25	Altar Server Practice 5:45pm
Mon	Mar 25	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Tues	Mar 26	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Mar 27	Knights of Columbus Founder's Day 7pm
Wed	Mar 27	Band Choir 8:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar 25	RCIA Retreat 7:00pm
Tues	Mar 26	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Mar 27	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Mar 27	Knights of Columbus Founder's Day 8pm
Sat	Mar 30	Mens' Fraternity TMIY 7:00-8:30am
Sat	Mar 30	RCIA 9:00am-2:00pm

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The BBC 2024 is officially over! The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 would like to thank all the parishioners and clergy at St. John of the Cross Parish. If you haven't returned your bottle, please do so at the Church office during regular hours. We have many bottles to count and look forward to sharing the results of your generosity with you as soon as we can! And it's not too late to donate if you didn't have time to fill a bottle - <https://jfhopecentre.ca/baby-bottle-campaign/>

Thank you for caring enough to share your blessings with families in need and make a difference in the lives of so many - God Bless You!

Bernadette Williams, Communications and Development Manager, JFH Hope Centre!



Gardening Volunteers Needed

Our Gardening Committee meets during the gardening season for about 3 hours every Tuesday morning for planting, weeding, deadheading and other gardening activities. Committee members also volunteer to water the gardens every day at a time convenient to the volunteer(s). If you are able to assist in either of the above activities, please contact Al



Cormier at alcormier2@sympatico.ca

FREE INCOME TAX FILING

**"INCOME TAX PREPARATION
for Eligible Individuals**

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, during the months of March and April. Tax preparations can be done in-person or by telephone interview.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION
IN THE NEIGHBORING PARISH**

St. Josephine Bakhita, Tuesday to Friday: 5-6pm
St. Francis Xavier, Monday, March 25th: from 7:00pm

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