


Sunday, May 12, 2024



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation 225 Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230 Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org St. Vincent de Paul Society 305	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.
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 AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 13 9am

1. For the Repose of Peter Martin Ferreira, requested by His Family
2. For the Repose of Cedric Aguiar, requested by the Coutinho Family
3. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
4. For Special Blessings on Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Virginia Talagsa, requested by the Talagsa Family

Tuesday, May 14, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for JessyYap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
2. For the Healing of Theresa & Clayton D’Souza, requested by the DeSouza Family
3. For the Repose of Randy San Andres, requested by Ronald Jaulingco

Wednesday, May 15, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ray & Rose Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Finnian Romeo, requested by the Family
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Shimater Kange, requested by the Family

Wednesday, May 15, 7pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Reny Katopo, requested by the Katopo Family

Thursday, May 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Brian D’Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Effie Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas
3. For the Repose of Rosaria Cardoso, requested by the Cardoso Family

Friday, May 17, 9am

1. For the Repose of Myrtle D’Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Tiffany Joseph, requested by the Family

Saturday, May 18, 9am

1. For the Repose of Jacob John, requested by Diana & Ashwin
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for George Babu, requested by the Family

Saturday, May 18, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Ralph Rodrigues, Mervyn D’Souza, and Shirley Festus, requested by Marge & Allwyn D’Souza

Sunday, May 19, 10am

1. For the Repose of Greta Soares, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For Deceased Family, Neighbors & Friends, requested by Ashley & Abigain Fernandes
3. For the Repose of Annie Evelyn Rawana, requested by Jackie Fernandes & Family

Sunday, May 19, 12pm

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Aondoso Chieykula, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Elvira Fonseca, Requested by Teresa & Michael Ouellette
3. For the Repose of Pearl Gonsalves, requested by Jules & Michelle Coutinho

BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul Society members and a truck will be in the parking lot for the Bundle Up Collection on May 25-26 to receive your donations . They accept clothing, footwear, beddings, drapery, towels, and toys (new only).

**Mother’s Day Bake Sale
after all Masses this Weekend!**

The *Parish Youth Group* is having a Mother’s Day Bake Sale this weekend for Deacon-Candidate Ferdinand D’Souza’s ordination and for the parish’s ongoing repair projects. The Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee. *Enjoy!*



A prayer of gratitude and a basketful of flowers for our moms, living and deceased.

Happy Mother’s Day, Mom! We love you dearly!

SUMMER CAMP



Summer Camp registration for all children in the parish who are entering Grades 1 to 6 in September is now open. Camp weeks are:

Week 1: July 15-19 Week 2: July 22-26

The camp runs daily during these weeks, from 9:00am-3:30pm. Camp registration is \$150 per child per week.

Discounts are available for siblings who register together and for those who attend both weeks.

Registration forms may be picked up from the parish office or downloaded from the website.

“Mothers Helping Mothers”

During the month of May, we celebrate and thank our mothers for all they do for us. In support of pregnant youth and young vulnerable families, **Vita Centre** is asking for your generosity for our 2024 campaign “Mothers Helping Mothers”. **Vita Centre** needs your financial help to fully fund our programs and keep our “Care Closet” filled with necessities for new mothers, such as formula, diapers and wipes. We will have collection boxes out after each Mass the weekends of **May 11th and 12th (Mother’s Day)**, and the following weekend **May 18th and 19th 2024**. Thank you from all the young mothers you will help.

CHURCH

Mon	May 13	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Tues	May 14	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Wed	May 15	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	May 16	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	May 18	Children’s Choir 10:00am

NESSINGER HALL

Tues	May 14	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tues	May 14	Parish Women’s Group Made by God 7:00pm
Thurs	May 16	Estate Planning & Catholic Cemetery 7:00pm
Fri	May 17	Parish Prayer Group 7:00pm
Sat	May 18	Parish Women’s Retreat 9:00am

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	May 15	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm
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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Tues	May 14	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:00pm
Wed	May 15	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00pm-3:00pm

God bless all mothers!

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The Parish Women's Group invites all women to the Annual



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, May 18th (Pentecost Weekend)
9:00am—2:30pm, Nessinger Hall
By: Fr. Marvin Diongzon O. Carm.

Morning session:

"Women's Leadership Renewed:
Embracing the Spirit's Guidance"

Afternoon session:

"Embracing Divine Wisdom: Women's Role in
Catholicism Through the Holy Spirit"

Register for headcount after any of the Masses
this weekend or at the Parish Office.

Lunch is provided. Love offering is appreciated.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We are very happy to inform you that our parish has been approved for three internship positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The internship will be starting on July 02, 2024 to Aug 23, 2024 for a period of 8 weeks. If interested, please email your resume by noon on Sunday, May 26 to the Parish Office, sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org. We thank you for your interest. Only those who will be considered for interview will be contacted.

Canadian Summer Job Role Description

Title: Camp Coordinator (Jobs:3)

Start date: July 02, 2024 No. of weeks per job: 8

Hourly rate : \$16.55 Hrs per week : 35

Summer Intern Job Description:

St. John of the Cross Parish is looking for a summer job intern to help in the Parish Youth Ministry Program – Summer Cross Camp. This will be a great opportunity for a motivated and organized individual to work in a church setting, contributing to meet its many needs.

Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate must be knowledgeable in excel, trustworthy, and hardworking.
- Good work ethic, able to work alone or in a team setting.

Requirements:

- Candidates must be between 15-30 years of age
- Tasks are to be performed at the parish
- The successful applicant must have a laptop available to for work purposes

Other Information:

- Start Date/ End date for these positions: **Tuesday, July 02 – Friday, August 23, 2024**
- Hourly rate of pay: **\$16.55/hour**

Application Deadline: **Sunday, 25 May 2024**



Happy Mother's Day to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother!



Our Beautiful Catholic Faith

Q&A for Faith Formation

Happy Feast of the Ascension of Jesus!

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection but his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." This indicates a difference in



manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension. Only the one who 'came from the Father' can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. 'No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man.' Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house', to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.

'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.' The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal covenant, 'entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands ... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.' There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he 'always lives to make intercession' for those who draw near to God through him.' Henceforth, Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: 'By "the Father's right hand" we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified.'

Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom, one that shall not be destroyed." *Happy Feast of the Ascension of our Lord!*

The CWL will be handing out St. Monica prayer cards after all Masses this weekend to pray for her intercession upon all mothers.

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**Message for Mother's Day 2024
His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

12 May 2024

My Dear Friends,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers here in the Archdiocese of Toronto. During the month of May we not only celebrate the Virgin Mother of God, Mary most Holy, our spiritual mother, we celebrate indeed all mothers and in them, the gift of maternity. While we certainly do not limit our acknowledgment and praise of mothers to merely a single day once a year, since we ought to do so in different and creative ways every day; nevertheless, it is important to set aside time to recognize all mothers in a special and prayerful way. I say "prayerful way" not as a pious platitude, but because the origin of Mother's Day is steeped in prayer, rejoicing and recognition.

In many parts of the world, Mother's Day was known as "Mothering Sunday" which took place on *Laetare Sunday* (the Fourth Sunday of Lent). On this day, it was customary for people to return to their "mother Church," that is, the parish Church where they were baptized or the mother Church of the Diocese (the Cathedral). As part of their "pilgrimage" home people would likewise visit and celebrate their own mothers. Overall, the tenor of the day was celebratory, marked with a sense of gratitude for the gift of motherhood and true maternal love - love for Holy Mother Church, for Mary the Mother of God, and for all Mothers, living or dead. Today things have changed somewhat, but it might be interesting to plan a trip to your baptismal Church or St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica here in the Archdiocese of Toronto as part of your Mother's Day festivities.

We must never downplay or overlook the importance of motherhood. While many reduce the importance of motherhood to the one act of giving birth, I would suggest there is more, much more for us to consider and for which to be grateful. One of the commandments given on Mount Sinai was to honour our father and mother (Deut. 5:16). The Decalogue can be split into two sections, the first looking at our relationship with God and the second looking at our relationship with others.^[1] The second section, dealing with human relationships begins with the fourth commandment, pointing to the fundamental segment of all human interaction—the family. To honour one's mother and father is to recognize that we are not individuals merely co-existing with others, but rather we have a responsibility for others. We are in relationship with God and with others. We are members of a family, and families are the most basic unit of any and every society. The first three commandments recognize our primary relationship—our relationship with God; the remaining seven commandments focus on our secondary relationships—our relationship with others. Both our relationship with God and our neighbour are outward looking—a crucial remedy to an increasingly fragmented view of humanity that can be at times uncaring and anti-social. The fourth commandment to honour our mother and father colours and influences all other relationships and in many ways underpins our entire Catholic Social teaching.^[2]

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Within the context of our families we learn how to be “human,” how to live with others, care for others, and give of ourselves in a sacrificial way. The importance of the family cannot be overstated. The Second Vatican Council referred to the family as the “domestic Church,” (LG 11) the place where we first learn about God and His love for us. The interconnectedness of the family mirrors the divine life of the Holy Trinity, participating in the creative love of the Father, the sacrifice of the Son and love of the Holy Spirit.[3] Pope Francis describes this divine dynamic referring to the family as a “living icon,” writing, “the triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection.”[4] The image of the family as a “living icon” of the Trinity is profound because icons have traditionally been understood to have a transcendent quality, participating in the reality they depict. Thus, the family doesn’t just mirror or reflect the Trinity, but is called to participate in the very divine life of God. Further, the creator of an icon is not a painter, but a writer, with a specific theological goal—to draw people into the mystery being depicted, likewise the family is meant in similar fashion to draw people into the mystery of God (cf. Eph. 5:21-33).

In a General Audience on January 7th, 2015 Pope Francis said this of mothers:

Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism. “Individual” means “what cannot be divided”. Mothers, instead, “divide” themselves, from the moment they bear a child... A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being’s life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers, the first acts of devotion that a child learns. It is a message that believing mothers are able to pass on without much explanation: these come later, but the seed of faith is those early precious moments.[5]

On this Mother’s Day I wish to extend my warmest best wishes and abundant blessing on all mothers. Thank you for everything you do for your families, the Church, this archdiocese and the world. My prayer for mothers today is that you continue to live in the grace of Our Lord, labouring in His vineyard, giving each day a piece of your heart to those around you, nurturing and protecting, and living the abundant life of authentic holiness, in imitation of the Mother of us all, Our Lady. Please know that you are deeply loved and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,
Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

[1] The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and love of neighbor. the first three concern love of God, and the other seven love of neighbor. As charity comprises the two commandments to which the Lord related the whole Law and the prophets . . . so the Ten Commandments were themselves given on two tablets. Three were written on one tablet and seven on the other. (CCC 2067).


[2] CCC 2198.

[3] CCC 2205.

[4] Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, n.11.

[5] Francis, *General Audience*, 7 January 2015. See also *Amoris Laetitia*, n.174.

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