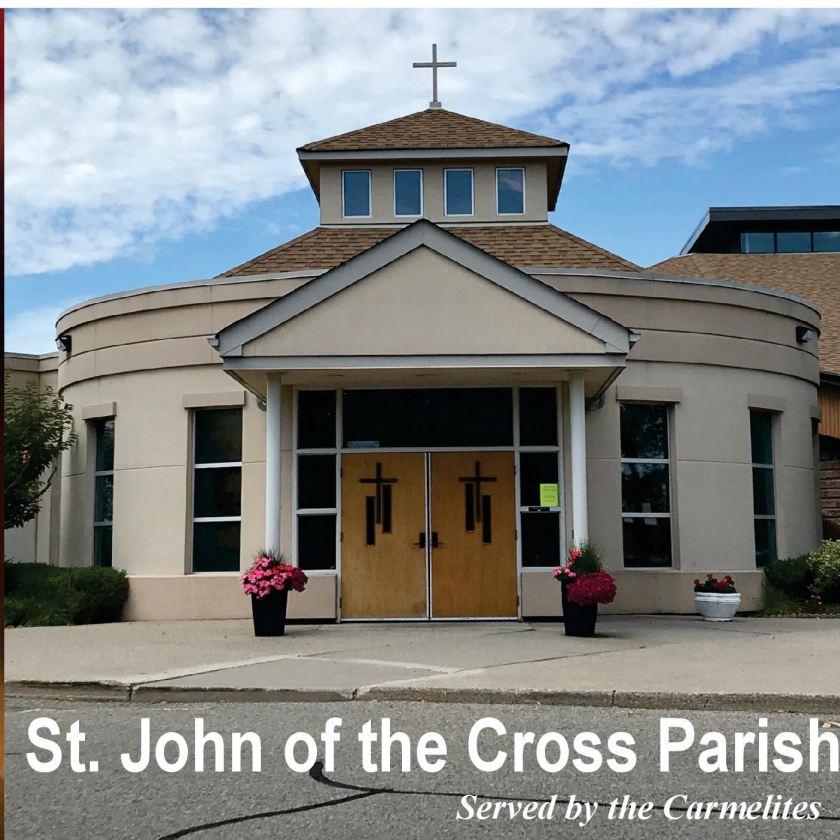



Sunday, November 24, 2024



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<p>BAPTISM</p>	<p>MARRIAGE</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>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>
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VOCATION SEEDS

Today, we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him, and serve His as well. If you feel that God is calling you to a church vocation, then call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto @ 416.968.0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org. www.vocationstoronto.ca

Please include in your prayers the RCIA Inquirers and Candidates who will be joining the Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome on the 1st Sunday of Advent, and our children who will be receiving the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation this week.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, November 30th, between



Cristopher Rogue and Briana Palmer

Let us pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding.

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

On Attachment / Detachment

It makes little difference whether a bird is tied by a thin thread or by a cord. Even if it is tied by thread, the bird will be held bound just as surely as if it were tied by cord; that is, it will be impeded from flying as long as it does not break the thread. Admittedly, the thread is easier to break, but no matter how easily this may be done, the bird will not fly away without first doing so. This is the lot of those who are attached to something. No matter how much virtue, they will not reach the freedom of the divine union.



A person has only one will and if that is encumbered or occupied by anything, the person will not possess the freedom, solitude, and purity requisite for divine transformation.

The first operation of desire in the will is of utmost importance in the spiritual life. It is compromised and harmed when desires are indulged.

St. John of the Cross, Ascent of Mount Carmel



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be providing Christmas Hampers to those in need within our local community. Your support of gift cards will help many families during this Christmas season. Please drop the gift cards off with the receipt to the parish office by December 8th. Thank you!

Youth Group gathers two more Sundays this year, Dec. 1st & Dec. 15th, 5:30-7:30pm, Carmel 1 & 2 Rooms. Youths in the Parish, you're all invited.



The Parish invites you all to a MOVIE & SNACKS NIGHT Showing: John of the Cross

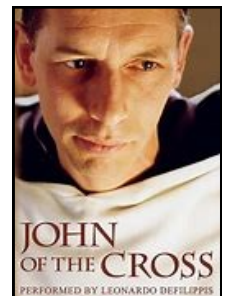
Thursday, December 5th, 7:00pm @ Nessinger Hall

Get to know our Patron Saint!

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Sunday, November 24, 2024

Message of His Grace Most Rev. Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
World Youth Day 2024 (Solemnity of Christ the King - November 24)



My Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Youth of our archdiocese,
May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing in anticipation of this year's upcoming World Youth Day which we are celebrating locally and with the Universal Church on the Solemnity of Christ the King. To mark this auspicious occasion, I will be presiding over Holy Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2 p.m., on Sunday, November 24th. The Eucharistic celebration will mark the conclusion of RENEW Toronto, our annual archdiocesan youth weekend conference, and will unite us spiritually with the millions of young people across the globe who will be celebrating World Youth Day in their dioceses. I encourage everyone between the ages of 19-39 who is able, to please consider joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Michael's and the social following Mass.

The theme for this year's World Youth Day, "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (cf. Is 40:31) calls our attention to the importance of hope. We live in a world that needs to rediscover the virtue of hope. Our Holy Father reminds us that while we "live in times marked by dramatic situations that generate despair," God opens a "highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXXIX World Youth Day). I encourage everyone to read and meditate upon the Pope's Message. As we know, hope is one of the three theological virtues; it nurtures our desire to be with God in eternal life and corresponds to our natural longing for happiness (cf. CCC 1817-1818). As in the case of the prophet Isaiah, hope also gives us the strength to continue marching forward even in the face of adversity, knowing that we can always depend on God regardless of how bleak the outlook might seem (cf. CCC 1820-1821).

Pope Francis encourages us to focus on hope, not only during World Youth Day, but in the months to come as well. In fact, the theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Reflecting on hope, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "To come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope" (Spe Salvi, 3). We live in a world where many people have lost the sense of a personal relationship with God and it is our task to proclaim the Good News, meaning, to evangelize, to remind the world that there is in fact much more, and that "more" is the Lord Himself and a personal relationship with Him in whom we place all our hope, in whom we find meaning for our lives, inspiration for our days, and upon whom we can cast all our anxieties and fears because he cares so much about us (cf. 1 Peter 5:7). Furthermore, the beginning verses of the prophet Isaiah (ch. 40) is a call to "comfort" God's people, to assure them of His love and assistance, in short, to be messengers of hope to others, to our peers, in our circles of influence, to our family and friends. To do so effectively, we must first be pilgrims of hope, walking the walk, committing ourselves personally to "set out on a journey, to discover life along the path of love, and to seek the face of God" (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXXIX World Youth Day, 3).

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and reminds us of who it is that we serve with loving and grateful hearts. Our hope informs our lives and how we live our lives day to day. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us: "The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life" (Spe Salvi, 2). I invite everyone to take up anew the invitation to rediscover the awesome and life-giving virtue of hope; to do what you can to intentionally live in hope daily; and to decidedly allow hope to pervade every aspect of our lives. In the manifold instances in which we experience darkness and despair, confusion and defeat - we are called to bear hope, the hope that never disappoints, as St. Paul wrote to the Romans (5:5). In the varied circumstances where we are faced with strife and conflict, anxiety and discouragement, let us respond with a renewed and heartfelt hope for we know that the Lord Jesus is with us and walks alongside us.

To the blessed Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto, I invite you all to come and join in our archdiocesan celebration of World Youth Day, embrace the call of being pilgrims of hope, and remember that that God will provide you with the necessary strength for the journey you need to discover.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, of the Church and of our Youth, pray for us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Archer Romeo, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Peter D'Costa, requested by the Vieira Family
3. For the Repose of Rosina & Benedetto Bosco, requested by the Family
4. For Special Intentions & Blessings on Michael Harrison, requested by his Family

Tuesday, November 26, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Vieira Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Linda D., requested by the D'Sa Family

Wednesday, November 27, 9am

1. For the Deceased Members of the Lionel Barrett Family, requested by the Family

Thursday, November 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by his Mother
2. For the Repose of Milagros Bravo Caberto, requested by Bernardo Caberto
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Mila Casino, requested by Delsa
4. In Thanksgiving for the Casino Family, requested by Delsa

Friday, November 29, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Francisco Babush Barreto, requested by the Barreto Family
2. For the Repose of Roque Soares, requested by the D'Almeida Family

Saturday, November 30, 9am

1. For the Repose of Priscilla Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Ross Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family
3. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Edwin & Edith Fernandes, requested by Denise Rodgers
5. For the Repose of Januario Alejandro & Deceased Family Members, requested by the Alejandro Family

Saturday, November 30, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Hubert & Vick, requested by the Bustos Family

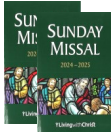
Sunday, December 1, 8am

1. For the Repose of Frank Sigal, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families
2. For the Repose of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Narciso, Benita & Gregorio Tuiza, requested by the Tuiza Family

Sunday, December 1, 10am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Marjorie Saldanha, requested by the Saldanha Family

2024—2025 Sunday Missal
Get your copy at the Parish Office.



Thank you to all who supported the Christmas shoebox! Many children will be happy on Christmas Day.

For All Ladies in the Parish

Ladies, mark your calendar!

Come to the Parish Women's Group Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 13th, 6:30pm, @ Nessinger Hall. Details will follow. It will be very jolly!



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CHURCH

Mon	Nov. 25	First Reconciliation 7:00pm
Tue	Nov. 26	First Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Nov. 27	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Nov. 28	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Nov. 30	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Nov. 27	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Sat.	Nov. 30	Santa Pictures 9:00am-9:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Nov. 25	1st Reconciliation 7:00pm
Tue	Nov. 26	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Nov. 26	1st Reconciliation 7:00pm
Wed	Nov. 27	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Nov. 28	Baptism Preparation Class 7:00pm
Fri	Nov. 29	PTC Christmas Party 6:00pm
Sat	Nov. 23	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am
Sat	Nov. 30	Confirmation Class 9:00am—12:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Nov. 25	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Nov. 26	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Nov. 27	Sacramental Preparation 6:00pm
Thurs	Nov. 28	Prayer Group 7:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tues	Nov. 26	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Nov. 27	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Nov. 28	Prime Time Club 6:30pm-7:30pm

MIGHTY THANKS

The International Food Festival- 2024 was a huge success. We raised \$9,206 towards our sacristy renovation! Thanks for your whole-hearted participation in making this a real celebration of various cultures we cherish at our faith community.

Dear Volunteers, thank you so much for your time and energy to make this year's food festival a memorable event! Your dedication and hard work truly brought the event to life. From the announcements, selling of tickets, greeting guests with a warm smile, helping with setup and teardown, to keeping the food stations running smoothly, your efforts created a memorable and enjoyable event for our community. Special thanks to Julia D'Souza for co-ordinating the event. Thanking everyone for your generous support and care for our St. John of the Cross Parish.

You might be doing great good somewhere but if you are sent elsewhere, you must be ready to leave. The work belongs to Jesus, not to us. Obedience and humility are the same thing. If you want to know if you are humble, ask yourself: "Do I obey because I see Christ in every command?" You can get used to poverty, but every act of obedience is an act of the will. It gets harder as we get older because we have our own ideas, and resent advice and interference. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the grace of obedience. - St. Teresa of Calcutta

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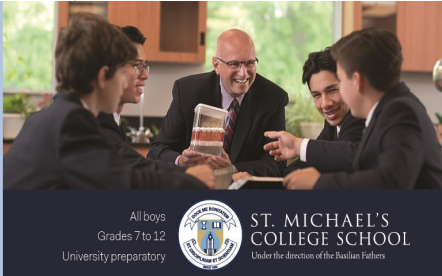
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