

Sunday, October 13, 2024



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<p>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p> <p>1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org 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> Click here for Live Stream</p>

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

BOOK OF LIFE

On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, the Book of Life containing the names of deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. The souls will be prayed on that day and in all Holy Masses throughout the month.

There are **2 ways** to have the names of your loved ones be included in the Book of Life:

1. By picking up a purple sheet in the hallway of the church and bringing the sheet back once completed **OR**
2. By clicking the link below and listing the names of your loved ones on the form. We will print their names and add them to the Book of Life.



<https://bit.ly/2024bookoflife>

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

There is a Rite of Enrollment for all 2024-2025 Candidates for Confirmation in all Masses in the next two weekends. Candidates are required to participate in this Rite by coming to **any one** of the Masses listed below:

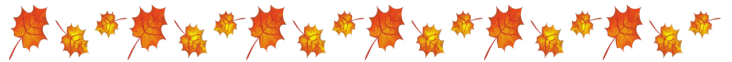
- Saturday, October 19th:** 5:00pm
- Sunday Mass, October 20th:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm
- Saturday, October 26th:** 5:00pm
- Sunday Mass, October 27th:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

An important emphasis in the Carmelite tradition is the need to alert people to the fact that contemplation, as God's gift, is **open to all**: it is not the preserve of monks, or friars, or nuns, or those with plenty of leisure time. It is as much **for busy people**, leading busy lives, as for anyone else.

According to Carmelite reflection, contemplation involves developing a contemplative outlook on life, acquiring an attitude of openness to God's presence, learning to see the world with God's eyes, inspiring us to seek, recognise, love, and serve God in those around us. The *Carmelite Constitutions* speak of contemplation in this way:

'**Contemplation** is the inner journey, arising out of the free initiative of God, who touches and transforms us leading towards unity in love with him, raising us up so that we may enjoy his gratuitous love and living in his loving presence. It is a transforming experience of the overpowering love of God. This love empties us of our limited and imperfect human ways of thinking, loving, and behaving, transforming them into divine ways.'



On this Thanksgiving Weekend, we thank everyone in our faith community who generously support the parish with their time, talent, and treasures, and in a special way, all our volunteers who actively contribute to the parish ministries and keep our church a vibrant place for us all to celebrate.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

*Fr. Joyson, Fr. Joby,
Fr. Marvin, Deacon Ferdinand,
Deacon Mark, and staff*



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.



Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL #12706



Invites you to - **Night of Light 2024**
When: October 31, 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm
Where: St. John of the Cross Church

Join us for a **Night of Light**, a beautiful initiative to reclaim Halloween for the Church. Halloween, or *All Hallows' Eve*, is the vigil of All Saints' Day, a time to honor the glory of God reflected in His saints. Our evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Adoration, followed by engaging activities including action songs, quizzes, treats, and sparklers. Children and adults are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite saints. There is no cost to attend, but we kindly ask you to bring non-perishable food items to support our local food bank. **Don't forget to register** after all Masses this weekend so we can ensure that everything is prepared for you! We look forward to celebrating with you!

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Message from our Pastor: Fr. Joyson George O. Carm.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever".

(1Chronicles 16:34)

It is my joy to wish you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is traditionally a time of year when we gather with family and friends in sincere gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives.

Throughout history, thanksgivings have been held at the end of harvests, in celebration of successful growing seasons. But the yield at harvest time is always unpredictable, just as life's trials. However, our faith assures us that when challenges abound, God's grace abounds all the more.

As we give thanks for our blessings, we must remember the One who blesses us. I encourage you to spend time with our Lord in prayer and especially at Mass to thank Him for the many blessings, seen or unseen, that you have received and also for the gift of the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving and we have no more perfect way to thank the Father than to join ourselves to Christ's perfect act of praise and thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to take an inventory of God's blessings in the last one year and to be grateful. At our parish, we now have a Blessed Sacrament Chapel for quiet personal prayer and we successfully completed the renovation of our church basement. On this Year of Prayer, to promote family prayer, we started the family ministry with our Mother of Carmel visiting homes for a week with the recitation of rosary. This is indeed a year to be grateful to God.

As I reflect on this year, I remain truly grateful to see God blessing our parish through each of you. G. K. Chesterton said, "When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude". We are eternally grateful to the gracious God for giving us such a caring community with numerous parishioners with hearts of gold here at St. John of the Cross. It's your generosity that kept our church vibrant and its ministries going. Learning from all these experiences, I can't agree enough with W. T. Purkiser about what he said, "Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving".

May God Bless you and your family abundantly this Thanksgiving!

Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving to you all!

Fr. Joyson



BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1st, 9am
Holy Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction

Friday, November 1st, 7pm
Commemoration Mass for the deceased
who passed within the last year

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2nd, 9am

The OCY and the Spiritus West Young Adult Ministry will be having a prayer & pilgrimage this coming Wednesday on the 16th, 7pm @ Nessinger Hall. We will begin with Mass and then rosary. Afterwards, there will be an info session on the upcoming Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Rome! So if there are any young adults from the ages 19 - 39 (single or married) who are interested in going to this pilgrimage to Rome and so many other beautiful places, the info session will be able to answer any questions that you may have. Light Refreshments will be provided.



World Mission Sunday
Special Collection, October 20

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support!*

CHURCH

Tue	Oct. 15	Altar Server Training 6:00-7:00pm
Tue	Oct. 15	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Oct. 16	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 17	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Oct. 19	Children's Choir 10:00am

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Oct. 15	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Oct. 15	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Oct. 16	RCIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 17	Rosary Apostolate 7:00pm
Sat.	Oct. 19	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Oct. 16	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 17	Confirmation Parent Mtg. Non-Catholic Schools, 7pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Tue	Oct. 15	CWL Events Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 17	Prayer Group 7:00pm
Fri.	Oct. 18	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00pm-8:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Oct. 16	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 14, 9am

- For the Healing of Theresa & Clayton D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Fernandes Family
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Earl & Indira Coutinho & Family

Tuesday, October 15, 9am

- For the Birthday Blessings of Nina Romeo, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
- For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Sciberras Family

Wednesday, October 16, 9am

- For the Repose of Mauricio Hernandez, requested by Diaz Hernandez Family

Wednesday, October 16, 7pm

- For the Repose of Neville Coelho, requested by the Family

Thursday, October 17, 9am

- For the Repose of Juliette Da Costa, requested by all her Children

Friday, October 18, 9am

- For the Repose of Jacob John, requested by Diana & Ashwin
- For the Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Joy, Maurice & Philip Christopher, requested by Maureen D'Silva
- For the Deceased Members of the Gulati & Rasquinha Families

Saturday, October 19, 9am

- For the Repose of Therasa Pillai, requested by Sheone Sebastian
- For the Repose of Monica DeSouza, requested by Nina & John Tobias

Saturday, October 19, 5pm

- For the Repose of Nila Poerba, requested by Ryan Downey
- For the Repose of Rubias De Mello, requested by Vilma De Mello & Family
- For the Repose of Juliet Rocha, requested by Reynold & Family

Sunday, October 20, 8am

- For the Repose of Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families

Sunday, October 20, 10am

- For the Repose of Pius & Effie Goveas, requested by the Doris Goveas
- For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Brenda Lobo
- For the Repose of Edith & Edwin Fernandes, requested by Brenda Lobo
- For the Repose of Ricardo Lobo, requested by Lourdes Lobo & Family

Sunday, October 20, 12pm

- For the Repose of Maria Apolonia Gomes, requested by Neela Gomes


Sunday, October 20, 4pm

- For the Repose of Victor Schembri, requested by the Schembri Family



*The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, October 14th
for Thanksgiving.
Happy Thanksgiving to all our
parish family & friends!*

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