

Sunday, September 15, 2024

St. John of the Cross Parish

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PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
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	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
BAPTISM	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
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.	Please contact the office.
AddME	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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.
BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON	MARRIAGE
	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.
	Live Stream
	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.



PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be visiting families in our parish starting October, the month of the Rosary, to promote and enhance the prayer life in the families through the Holy Rosary.

Two members of the ministry will bring the statue to homes and will pray the Holy Rosary with the family. A family can be a person of 1 (i.e., a widow with adult children living somewhere) or Mom, Dad, children, and extended families.

Please sign up after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend if you want the Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue visit you in your home for a few days.



"The family that prays together, stays together."
Pope John Paul II

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all parishioners to its annual

POTLUCK PARISH FALL FAMILY PICNIC



Saturday, September 28th
10:30am—3:00pm
Meadowvale Conservation Area



It will be a fun day for all ages!
Food, Games, & Good Friendships.

Bring your families and let's celebrate our parish and each other as one big family!

Register after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend. Details of the picnic will be emailed to you upon registration. See you all!



LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRNG.

The annual archdiocesan training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024>
CONTACT: Saulina Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518.

Archbishop Leo invites the faithful to pray the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel
<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/archbishop-leo-invites-the-faithful-to-join-novena-for-saint-michael-the-archangel/>

Our Carmelite Promise:

The Holy Spirit & Discernment



Discernment is a spiritual art form requiring grace upon grace so that we may come to listen and respond correctly. So first we should begin by examining some of the conditions required for us to become docile to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Father Garrigou Lagrange provides this wonderful synopsis on Carmelite teaching:

To be docile to the Holy Spirit, we must first hear His voice. To do so recollection and detachment from the world and from self are necessary as are the custody of the heart, the mortification of self-will and personal judgment. *If silence does not reign in our soul, if the voice of excessively human affections troubles it, we cannot of a certainty hear the inspirations of the interior Master.* For this reason the Lord subjects our sensible appetites to severe trials and in a way crucifies them that they may eventually become silent or fully submissive to our will animated by charity. If we are ordinarily preoccupied with ourselves, we shall certainly hear ourselves or perhaps a more perfidious, more dangerous voice which seeks to lead us astray. Consequently our Lord invites us to die to ourselves like the grain of wheat placed in the ground. (Three Ages of the Interior Life, Vol 2, pg 233)

Thus, to hear divine inspirations we must *learn to cultivate an attitude of silence*; but even then the voice of the Holy Spirit will remain mysterious. At first we perceive it as indistinct and obscure, in St. John of the Cross' terms. Later, with time, practice and grace, the workings of the Spirit may become more clear and certain as we enter the **light of His illumination** ... the fruit of contemplation.

As Father Garrigou Lagrange alludes, in discernment we must learn to distinguish three distinct spirits: (1). the thoughts and feelings that originate in our *natural self*. (2). those that are *of God* and (3). those *of the devil*.

Theologians show us our natural spirit is a consequence of original sin and leads us to seek self in all things.

The devil, recognizing our weakness, seeks to exploit our natural self to his advantage. He appeals to our pride by inflating our opinion of our self and he causes charity to grow cold by inducing us to acts of self love. His spirit is marked by anxiety ... fear ... agitation ... dissension ... confusion ... doubt ... insecurity ... even despair. We can always tell his presence in our soul for he enters, as St. Ignatius teaches "like a banging gong."

The spirit of God, on the other hand, is the opposite of this. He inspires us to humility not pride; *selfless* giving not *selfish* seeking. His spirit fosters charity, zeal and all the virtues to blossom ... growth in which St. Teresa teaches is the only true test if a prayerful experience is from God. He gives us patience in trial, love of the cross and love of enemies. His gift is peace with our selves and others. More so, He gives a peace that is grounded in true interior joy.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024-2025

First Communion and Confirmation Meetings are scheduled at the Church for all parents with baptized children preparing for these sacraments on the following dates:

First Communion Registration Dates

Registration packages will be delivered to the schools

Sunday, September 22nd, 7:00-8:00 pm **OR**

Tuesday, September 24th 7:00- 8:00 pm

Confirmation Registration Dates

Sunday, September 29th, 6:00 pm **OR**

Tuesday, October 1st, at 7:00 pm

For questions, please call:

First Communion/ First Reconciliation

905-821-1331 x 225

Confirmation

905-821-1331 x 230

Voice mail messages will be returned by
members of the Sacramental Team.

CHURCH

Mon	Sept. 16	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Tues	Sept. 17	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Wed	Sept. 18	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Sept. 19	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept. 16	CWL Stretch Exercise 3:00-4:00pm
Tues	Sept. 17	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Sept. 20	Prime Time Club Fun Night 6:30pm
Sat	Sept. 21	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Sept. 18	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Sept. 18	CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Sept. 12	Prayer Group 7:00-8:30pm
Sat	Sept. 21	Children's Choir 10:00am

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Sept. 16	CWL Council Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	Sept. 19	Rosary Apostolate 7:00pm

SPIRITUS WEST: YOUNG ADULTS

The Spiritus West's Kick Off Social, the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow young adults and kick start our journey together!

Wednesday, September 18th, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Saints Martha and Mary Parish

See you there! Bring boardgames and other activities that everyone can enjoy. We can't wait to see you there!

SVDP Food Bin by the church back door is ready. Need breakfast items, i.e. cereals, canned meat, jams, tea, etc.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ashby & Joyce Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family
2. For the Repose of Juan Bautista, requested by the Bautista Family
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Kristen Lobo, requested by the Lobo Family

Tuesday, September 17, 9am

1. For the Repose of Juliette DaCosta, requested by all her Children
2. For the Repose of Carmelita Bautista Alejandro & Deceased Members, requested by the Alejandro Family
3. For the Repose of Maria Philomena Dsouza, requested by Pereira Chakil Antonians
4. For the Repose of Ben & Minda Emata, requested by Liane & Family

Wednesday, September 18, 9am

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

Wednesday, September 18, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Maria Apolonia Gomes, requested by Neela Gomes
2. For the Repose of Mr. Menino Fernandes, requested by the Family

Thursday, September 19, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Daliah Romeo, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Sheila Pinto, requested by Marilyn Bansod

Friday, September 20, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the D'Silva Family
2. For Special Blessings on Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family

Saturday, September 21, 9am

1. For the Repose of M.A. Michael, requested by the Vincent Family
2. For the Repose of Mr. Biju Paul, requested by Anna Babu Palathingal

Saturday, September 21, 5pm

1. For the 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Margaret & Shanker Sundaram, requested by the Machado Family
2. For the Repose of Rosemarie Rego-Fernandes, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Nila Poerba, requested by Deb Finegan-Downey
4. For the Repose of Annie D'Abreu, requested by Denise & Stephen

Sunday, September 22, 8am

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

Sunday, September 22, 10am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Candida Balmes, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
2. For the Repose of Kazimierz Tomaszewicz, requested by Lidia Bazylewicz

Sunday, September 22, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Hygeia San Agustin, requested by Remy Barry


The CWL Fall Harvest Dance

Saturday, October 19th. Tickets are now on sale and it costs \$45 each ticket. Please see CWL members at the back of the church if interested.



Johnathan Michael in Concert
(Sacred Project) at our parish on
Saturday, Sept. 28th, @ 7:30pm.
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Office. Adults: \$25 / Seniors: \$20

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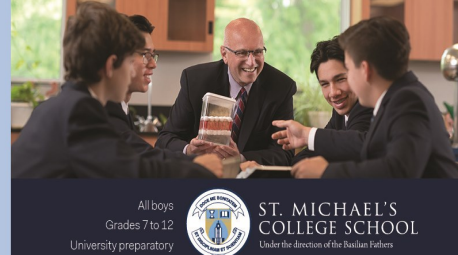
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