

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org	225	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.	
Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org	230		
Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org			
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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.	



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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

From our Pastor: Fr. Joyson George O. Carm.

Dear Parishioners,

Our journey through Lent takes a major shift this week as we begin the Holy Week. The stories that mark our path from here until Easter are powerful and familiar. As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. When you listen to the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death are 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.

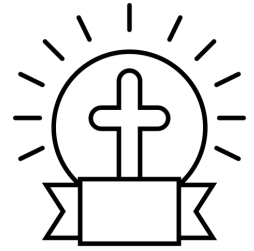
While walking with Jesus this Holy Week, it's good to reflect, what did Jesus cling to? Not to the fleeting glory of crowds shouting, 'Hosanna!' Paul says Jesus didn't even cling to his divine position: he "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself", becoming human. He accepted the suffering and pain of human life. He lived in vulnerability, God's Suffering Servant, not hiding his face "from insult and spitting".

But he did not cling to suffering. He did not let it become the final word. Not even on the cross. He clung, instead, to his identity as God's beloved. He clung to his relationship with the Father. Even in his agony, he remembered who he was. His final, heartbroken, cry was, nonetheless, a cry of faith, a prayer from Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He clung to what he knew best - he was God's Son; he trusted in God. And God did not let him down. Paul assures us, "God highly exalted him". We need to be reminded that evil, hatred, suffering and death don't have the final word. Jesus gives us this gift. He shows us that life is stronger than fear and suffering. He shows us that we, too, are God's beloved. Let us cling to this love.

Praying that the Lord fills all your Heart with peace. Holds you in His Love and Blesses you with His grace... On this Holy Week and Always.

Let us begin....

Fr. Joyson



*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

RCIA Adults and Children

Please feel free to leave a Card of Welcome or a token of appreciation for our Elects who will become members of the Church at the Easter Vigil. Put them in the basket located on the table in the rotunda. *Thank you!*



Prayer to God

Renew my mind, body and soul
Renew my belief in you
Renew my desire to serve you until my dying breath
Renew my faith
Renew my love for you and all your children
Renew my courage to honor you
Renew my strength when I face persecution
Renew my ability to be fearless
Renew my passion and vigor needed to help you
to save the soul of the whole of humanity
Renew my desire to prepare my soul to enter
your kingdom. Amen.



LENTEN SCHEDULE



WEDNESDAY

April 16th, 7pm

Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th, 8:00pm– 12:00am Holy Eucharist
and Washing of the Feet followed by
Adoration in Nessinger Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18th

10:00am—Stations of the Cross
3:00pm—Celebration of the Passion of our Lord
7:00pm—Stations of the Cross (Youth)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19th: 8:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27th: Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm
Followed by the Blessing of Divine Mercy icons
Holy Mass at 4pm

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FISH & CHIPS KNIGHT



The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Fish N Chips on Saturday, April 12th. Orders must be placed online no later than Thursday, April 10th. Curbside Pickup is on Saturday, April 12th, between 5:30 pm and 6:45 pm. Click to order:

<https://forms.gle/ZYe4zSU1d5U46Q8FA>

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 14, 9am

1. For the Repose of Monica & Nelson Coutinho, requested by Ven, Sidney & Crystal Coutinho

Tuesday, April 15, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For Special Blessings on Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for John Varao, requested by the Alejandro Family

Wednesday, April 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Inocencio Antonio Coutinho, requested by his Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kristine Alejandro-Varias, requested by the Alejandro Family
3. For the Repose of Victoria & Santiago Ferrer, requested by the De Leon Family
4. For the Repose of Norbert Joseph Castelino, requested by Robert & Hedy
5. For the Repose of Urbano Yang, requested by the Family

Wednesday, April 16, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Maureen & Anthony Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz
2. For the Repose of Leonora Mopas, requested by the Mopas Family
3. For the Repose of Maxim D'Costa, requested by the D'Costa Family
4. For the Repose of Mary Cabral, requested by the D'Costa Family
5. For the Repose of Santana E.A. Costa, requested by the Da Costas Family

Sunday, April 20, 10am

1. In Thanksgiving & 70th Birthday Blessings for Mr. Albano Benedicto Pinto, requested by the Pinto Family
2. For the Repose of Rosa Gambacorta, requested by the Gambacorta Family
3. For the Repose of Francis Harrison, requested by Annette Harrison & Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Franz Josef Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Pearl Fernandes
6. For the Repose of Cenon Capati Morales, requested by the De Leon Family
7. For the Repose of Phero Kien Hoang, requested by Leo Hoang
8. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
9. For the Repose of Edwin & Edith Fernandes, requested by Denise Rodgers

Sunday, April 20, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Anacita Bueno Borgano, requested by the Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Marco Anthony Borgana, requested by the Pace & Borgana Families
3. For the Repose of Olinta Xavier, requested by Vito Xavier & Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Mina Maranan, requested by Mina Maranan

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all ladies and their families:

Put on your walking shoes, wear pink, and together, let's walk/bike/run on

**Saturday, May 3rd, at 8am for
Mother's Day Walk-A-Thon**

Mark your calendar. Details & signups will follow.

An initiative of the Parish Women's Group
to support the Breast Cancer Research



BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Bereavement Sessions start on Tuesday, May 6th from 6pm -8pm for 6 consecutive weeks.

Sessions are conducted by ministers certified in Grief and Bereavement by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We have been dealing with grief for over 10years and all of the minsters have experienced personal losses in their lives.

Grief or tears may not show it's ugly face for years but sooner or later we'll need help to heal our broken heart.

For more information email muriel1066@bell.net

Please include your phone number.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, that whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16**

CHURCH

Mon	Apr. 14	Adult Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Apr. 16	Band Choir 8:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Apr. 16	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Apr. 14	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
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FREE 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 a 30-minute appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, in April. Tax preparations can be done in-person or by telephone interview. Let the accountant know when they call you to confirm your schedule.

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



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