

Sunday, August 10, 2025

St John of the Cross Parish



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BAPTISM 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.	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.
AddME To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	Live Stream All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed. <div>  Click here for Live Stream </div>

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

"In the Book of Psalms there is profit for all, with healing power for our salvation."

+ St. Ambrose, Bishop (340-397 A.D.)

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way

The Politics of Hope



While we can say in confidence – for Christ said it – that "Blessed are the poor for yours is the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20), I often sit and wonder how much consolation it must be to those in, say, Sudan or Gaza, to know that God is with them in their suffering, and how far we, in our relative comfort, have strayed from Christ and his message. When I pray, the inequalities of the world (and our own societies) pull strongly at my heart. It was through the Carmelite saints that I gained some assurance that we should continue praying through dryness. Sitting silently with God can be very painful, but we believe that after the Crucifixion came the Resurrection. As St John of the Cross teaches us, a seeking of spiritual or temporal sweetness makes us 'spiritually speaking, enemies of the cross of Christ.' (Prologue, *Ascent of Mount Carmel*).

One of the most frequent criticisms that I have had put to me by fellow Catholics since I started working in international development is that I'm "risking making faith political." To those people, I could direct attention to several governments and say that while our policy views differ, faith very much is political. Just as Christ was Word made flesh, so too should our faith live out in the public sphere. As St Teresa famously said, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours." You can't separate this from politics and social justice.

So, to hope. As St. Thérèse wrote during her own crisis of faith, "When I sing of the happiness of heaven and of the eternal possession of God, I feel no joy in this, for I sing simply what I want to believe."

With the current funding crisis, job and programme cuts, restructures, and the uncertainty of the sector all hanging over us, I have begun to ask my colleagues where they find joy and/or hope, to try to help us all look at something positive. Three points came up multiple times: creation, creativity, and community. Even in the most desperate of situations, our work shows us the strength and resilience of individuals – each of whom has Christ dwelling within – and challenges us to continue to learn from them, be witness to them, and help to keep God's creation safe for all of us to enjoy.

My work has challenged and deepened my faith just as much as my time in the convent. Just as in the convent, I do as St Teresa taught and sit silently with Christ in Gethsemane as he, too, weeps.

As I write this on Easter Sunday, I pray that we Christians can bring the risen Lord to those who suffer and that we may act in a way that is worthy of the One Who is Love, and say, "thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven."

Excerpt from *Sophia M. White T.O.C.*

<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/the-politics-of-hope/>

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, August 15th
Holy Mass at 9am & 7pm**



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Friday, August 15th, between



**Anthony Shu and
Shanel Sequeira**

and between



**Alexander Nowicki and
Gabrielle Fidalgo**

Let us pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding.

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Bereavement sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive weeks starting Sept 9th to Sept 14th from 6pm - 8pm at St John of the Cross Church.

Groups consist of men and women who are dealing with the loss of their loved ones. Men have commented how beneficial these confidential groups have been to their healing. If you have lost a piece of your heart, even if not recently, contact Muriel at muriel76mph@gmail.com

Please include your phone number.

"Sacred Scripture is God's gift to us and it should be understood in the way that He intends: We should not do violence to it by interpreting it according to our own preconceived ideas." + St. Hippolytus, priest (170-236 A.D.)

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Our Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at the Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (6933 Tomken Road, Mississauga) on

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 7pm.
Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be the celebrant.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Thurs	Aug 14	CWL Palliative Support Ministry 7:00pm
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