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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 :o be added to the Parish Email List.	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Stream Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.

Sunday, August 10, 2025

"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 9^{th} to Sept 14^{th} 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

 For the Repose of Yorrick Desouza Sr., requested by the Desouza Family

Tuesday, August 12, 9am

- For the Repose of Arthur & Yvonne D'Souza, requested by Lloyd D'Souza & Family
- For the Repose of Janelle Montano, requested by the Montano Family
- For the Repose of Paul Rebello, requested by the D'Souza Family

Wednesday, August 13, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
- For the Repose of Susan Ann Fusco, requested by Shirley & Ron Patrick

Wednesday, August 13, 7pm

 For the Repose of Gloria Adelmo, requested by Angelita, Lester, Randall & Family

Friday, August 15, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Jordan & Jana Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
- 2. For the Repose of Anthony Pinto, requested by Doris Goveas
- 3. For the Repose of Rose Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas
- 4. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
- For the Repose of Amelia Carmelina Pires, requested by Norbert Pires

Saturday, August 16, 9am

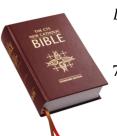
 In Thanksgiving for Neelan & Sherard, requested by Heather Desouza

Saturday, August 16, 5pm

- For the Repose of Sienna D'Souza, requested by Doris Goveas
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Marilyn & Clayton, requested by John & Sabrina
- For the Repose of Julieta Fernandes, requested by Jane, Tony & Family
- For the Repose of Peter Rocha, requested by Fiona Lobo, Iona Collaco, Floyd Rocha & Family
- For the Repose of Anthony & Maureen Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz
- For the Repose of Albert & Bridget Pereira, requested by the Shu Family
- 7. For the Repose of Thomas & Josephine Shu, requested by the Shu Family
- 8. In Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Anthony & Shanel Shu, requested by the Shu Family
- 9. For the Repose of Felix & Lucy Sequeira, requested by the Shu
- 10. For the Repose of Cyril D'Souza, requested by the Shu Family
- Sunday, August 17, 8am
- 1. For the Repose of Flora Biondi, requested by the Biondi Family Sunday, August 17, 10am
- 1. For the Repose of Rodolfo Hernandez, requested by the Hernandez Family
- For the Repose of Rhonda Godinho, requested by the Godinho Family
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Tristan Fernandes, requested by the Rego Family

Sunday, August 17, 12pm

- For the Repose of Custodio & Bella Pereira, requested by the Family
- 2. For the Repose of Lauro Velarde, requested by the Cruz Family
- 3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jigger Cruz, requested by the Cruz Family



Let's journey together and learn more about our faith! Free your Tuesday evenings, 7pm-9pm, starting this October for the Parish Bible Study. Details will follow. See you all!

TEX MEX



The Knights of Columbus invites you to a Tex Mex Dinner & Dance on Saturday, August 16th @ 6:30pm, Nessinger Hall

\$25 for Adults \$12 for Children (6-10) Free for 5 & under

Sign up after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend.

FOR NEW & CRADLE CATHOLICS: FAITH Q & A

Q: How do we know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ?

A: We know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ because no other church has these four marks:

- 1. ONE—all its members, according to the Will of Christ, profess the same faith, have the same sacrifice and sacraments, and are united under one and the same visible head, the Pope.
- HOLY—Jesus Christ is the founder, who is allholy, and because it teaches, according to the
 Will of Christ, holy doctrines, and provides the
 means of leading a holy life, thereby giving holy
 members to every age.
- 3. CATHOLIC (or Universal)—It is destined to last for all time, it never fails to fulfill the divine commandment to teach all nations all the truths revealed by God.
- 4. APOSTOLIC—It was founded by Christ on the apostles and, according to His divine Will, has always been governed by their lawful successors. The Church can trace its origin back to the Apostles on whom Christ founded the Church.

CHURCH			
Tue	Aug 12	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm	
NESSINGER HALL			
Tues	Aug 12	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm	
Sat	Aug 16	Knights of Columbus Tex Mex 6:00-10:00pm	
Sun	Aug 17	Alpha Marriage Course 6:30-9:00pm	
BASEMENT CARMEL A			
Mon Wed	Aug 11 Aug 13	CWL Exec Meeting 7:00pm Rosary Apostolate Training 7:00pm	
	BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM		

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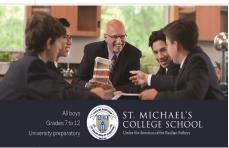
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