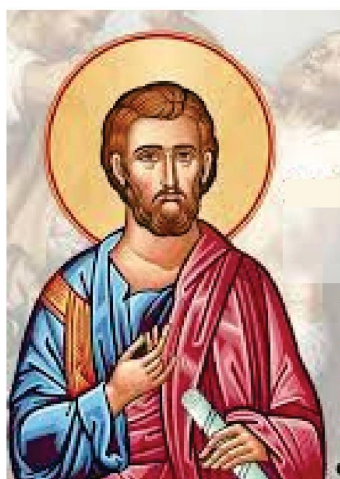


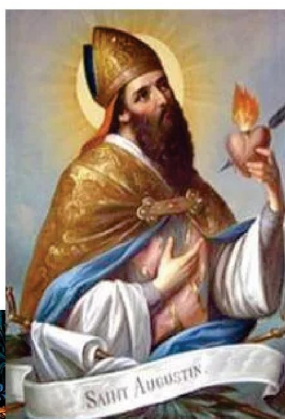
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St John of the Cross



St. Bartholomew
August 24

St. Monica
August 27



St. Augustine
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**Beheading of
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August 30

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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.

AddME

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click **AddME** to be added to the Parish Email List.

PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm
Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am
Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm
Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

RECONCILIATION

6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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- 2) A separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.

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.



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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE



We keep our young adults in prayers as they go to universities and colleges. May they have a good learning experience; may they be surrounded with good friends; and may their relationship & faith in God grow stronger.



We love you, guys!

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

Hope is Not Deceptive

The saints of Carmel were all deeply aware that *"Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ."* (Romans 8:35) They were by no means spared persecution or suffering but they never lost hope, even when they knew they faced certain death. As St Paul puts it so beautifully, *"sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."* (Romans 5:5)



In our daily usage of the word, hope is often associated with the future. I hope it will be sunny tomorrow or that Liverpool will win the league. The Christian virtue of hope is not just wishful thinking or optimism but something rooted in present reality. The Carmelite tradition emphasises a lifelong journey into a deeper relationship with a loving and merciful God whom we discover is awaiting us, calling us, always already there, deep within our own being. St Paul was very much aware of this reality, as were all the saints of Carmel.

The times in my life when I have felt somewhat hopeless have happened when I have placed my hope in something other than this reality and perhaps lost sight of the presence of God in the present moment. St John of the Cross is clear that even in religious life, we can create 'false-gods' in which we place our hope. These are not necessarily bad things. They may even have been part of our original call. The danger is that we make these things non-negotiable and so, when they are inevitably taken away from us, we feel crushed. The only constant source of hope is Christ and he may very well be inviting me to let go and move on, while keeping my hope fixed firmly in him.

We live in an uncertain and very deceptive world. We no longer trust the words of politicians, while our screens are filled with AI-generated digital media, making it difficult to distinguish fact from fantasy. The Carmelite tradition and the teaching of St Paul give me a firm anchor for these times, because they bear witness that *"hope is not deceptive."*

Excerpt from Sr. Thérèse Wilkinson OCD, Thicket Carmel, York
<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/hope-is-not-deceptive/>

PARISH RCIA PROGRAM

A Journey of Faith to Encounter God

to adults interested to know more about the Catholic Faith **or** who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, **or** to baptized Catholics who did not have their 1st Communion or Confirmation yet, the RCIA is a program for you! A satisfying journey of faith to know and encounter God, we invite you to come aboard. Contact Liane Harris, 905.821.1331 x 226 for details or they can leave their contact information in the office.



RCIA Program starts in September.

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St John of the Cross Men's Fraternity

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- Experience the transformation of God through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
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BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Bereavement sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive weeks starting Sept 9th to Oct 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.

*Our hearts were made for You, O Lord,
and they are restless until they rest in
you.—St. Augustine of Hippo*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Onitha Bandaratilleke, requested by Onitha Bandaratilleke

Tuesday, August 26, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for 25th Wedding Anniversary of Herman & Reny Katopo, requested by the Katopo Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Margaret Kange, requested by the Family

Wednesday, August 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Hamilton Antao, requested by the Antao Family
2. For the Repose of Renato Jose Laportar, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Consolacion Morales, requested by the DeLeon Family
4. For the Healing of Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family

Thursday, August 28, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Micah Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Corazon Collantes-Jose, requested by the Camello Family
3. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
4. For the Conversion of Cleve, requested by the Family

Friday, August 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fammy D'Costa, requested by the Vieira Family
2. For the Repose of Helen & Francis Fernando, requested by Angelo, Antonette & Family
3. For the Repose of Angela Rebello, requested by Angelo, Antonette & Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
5. For the Repose of Thereza Mascarenhas, requested by the Family

Saturday, August 30, 9am

1. For the Deceased Members of the Gulati & Rasquinha Families, requested by Joyce Gulati & Family

Saturday, August 30, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & 80th Birthday Blessings for Sue Babin, requested by Janet Lim
2. For the Repose of Joseph C. Mascarenhas, requested by the Family
3. In Thanksgiving to Pedrinho Rodrigues, requested by the Family

Sunday, August 31, 10am

1. For the Repose of Maria Barreto requested by Desmond Lobo
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
3. For the Repose of Sylvia De Cunha, requested by Blanche & Valerian Lewis
4. For the Repose of Linton Borthwick, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Lenin Nunes, requested by the Godinho Family

FAITH Q & A:

Q: Can the faithful on earth help one another?

A: The faithful on earth, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, can help one another by practicing Supernatural charity and especially, by performing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Supernatural charity means, in the 1st place, LOVING GOD. The more our hearts are on fire with God's love, the more easily we can kindle that same fire in the hearts of others, even those we may never see. The most important way we can help others is by CHARITY which means LOVING GOD OURSELVES. The Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima asked the children to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. The salvation of many souls depends on the prayers & penances of the members of the Mystical Body.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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