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# 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.

## 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

Please contact the office.

## Two Steps for E-Transfer:

1) Send donations to: [admin@sjocross.org](mailto:admin@sjocross.org)  
2) A separate email message to [admin@sjocross.org](mailto: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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## Be grateful!

### Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ....

#### Pilgrims of Hope

In the Autumn of 2023, approaching my 70th birthday, I noticed that I was beginning to feel old. An awareness of inevitable mortality occupied my waking thoughts. I realised that there is a connectedness between these three theological virtues, faith, hope and love. They do not stand in isolation. There is a movement from one to another. Faith in God leads to hope in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. This leads to an understanding that God is the source of love which flows through the world. I can act like a conduit for love. I can freely give to others the love I am freely and continuously given by God. Love doesn't run out. I don't have to conserve it. There is an endless supply. An analogy could be made with the way the energy from sunlight flows through ecosystems, energising the whole planet. There is enough and more to keep it functioning. When darkness comes at night, we hope there is plenty more light the next day. The hope is so strong that it becomes knowledge. It becomes a certainty. I wake up most mornings with gratitude for a lot of things but rarely remember to give thanks for the sun rising. Nevertheless, on an overcast day, I do feel very good when the sun becomes visible, however briefly, in a break in the clouds. What occurred to me, in my musings, was that love is always flowing, in abundance, whether we recognise its source or not.

For me, my understanding, in an abstract way, of true faith in God started in my 40s, accepting the source of love to be God. Without God, the world just seemed to languish in inexplicable absurdity. Progressing from faith in God to hope in Jesus the Christ came about when I was able to truly believe in the divinity of Jesus. In the Gospels, Jesus is slow to declare himself to be the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, but, during his passion, he says "I am" (Mark 14:62) echoing "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:24) which God says to Moses. I believe Him. My hope in Jesus is summarised in the Commemoration of the Dead in the Eucharistic Prayers in the Order of Mass: "To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies," (EPI) or "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection." (EPII) or "There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes." (EPIII). It is the divinity of Jesus which enables me to hope in something beyond and after what the world has to offer. However, hoping to die a good death requires me to live a good life. Learning about and relating to the humanity of Jesus in the gospels encourages me to attempt to respond to the life of Jesus, to align myself to the will of God, in a way that I can begin to understand, seeing God face to face.

Excerpt from *Robert Johnson T.O.C.*

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



## PARISH RCIA PROGRAM

### A Journey of Faith to Encounter God



Do you know anyone who is curious to know about God, the Catholic Faith, and the Church teachings? Or thinking about joining the Church? RCIA is a program for adults to help them in this journey. They may 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.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Moms and Dads, during summer, how about a family visit to the Living God, the King of Kings, the best friend ever? Talk to your older kids and teens about the Blessed Sacrament and bring them to the Adoration Chapel for a quiet visit and talk with the Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is a safe and peaceful refuge. Encourage them to develop that very special bond of friendship and of family with Jesus.



#### Regular Adoration Chapel Hours:

Monday to Saturday 8am-9pm

Sunday 8am-7pm

*The Parish Adoration Chapel is a place of silent, personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.*

## OLDER CHILDREN BAPTISM

Moms and Dads, if your child is not baptized yet and is now 7 years old and above, please contact the Parish Office. The parish has an RCIA program adapted for children (RCIC) to help prepare your child for baptism.

**"It is love alone that gives worth to all things." - St. Teresa of Avila**

## BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Bereavement sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive weeks starting Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:muriel76mph@gmail.com)

Please include your phone number.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 4, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Karl Chaves, requested by the Chaves Family
2. For the Repose of Oriana D'Souza, requested by the Antao Family
3. In Thanksgiving & 60th Birthday Blessings for Bozena Rak, requested by the Bozena Family
4. For the Repose of Arthur Tavares, requested by Lynda Tavares & Family
5. For the Repose of Frans Sjah, requested by the Sjah Family
6. For the Repose of Sampath Bandaratilleke, requested by Onitha & the Children

### Tuesday, August 5, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Olivia Pais, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Rosie & Manuel Uy, requested by Rosie Uy

### Wednesday, August 6, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Ryan & Kerrie DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the 9th Birthday Blessings of Anugraha Arun, requested by Arun & Family
3. For the Repose of Benigno Alejandro Jr. & Deceased Family Members, requested by the Alejandro Family

### Wednesday, August 6, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Lewis Coutinho, requested by Michelle & Jules Coutinho

### Thursday, August 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
3. In Thanksgiving & 1st Birthday Blessings for Kian, requested by the Robson Family
4. For the Repose of Lynn Padgett, requested by Luisa & Bob

### Saturday, August 9, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Darryn & Harper DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Owen Peter Nichol, requested by the Pereira Family
3. For the Repose of Donnet Pereira, requested by Keith & Andrea Pereira
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Albina, requested by the Family

### Saturday, August 9, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Hilaria Del Pino, requested by Del Pino & Valere Families
2. For the Repose of Simone Young, requested by Kim Mellet & Family
3. For the Repose of Valerian D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
4. For the Repose of Celestine Rebello, requested by Nelson & Joshua Rebello

### Sunday, August 10, 8am

1. For the Repose of Mary Pahlawan, requested by the Family

### Sunday, August 10, 10am

1. For the Repose of Gerard Houle, requested by Diane & Family
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
3. For the Repose of Vemon D'Souza, requested by the Family

### Sunday, August 10, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Safety & Health of the Family, requested by the Dixon Family
2. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Frank & Margaret Mooney, requested by Pat & Paula Nolan

### Sunday, August 10, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Anthony D'Costa, requested by the Vieira Family
2. For the Repose of Vilma Fabros, requested by Janet Fabros

There will be a Building Fund Collection this weekend, August 2-3, for the ongoing projects in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Thank you, Fr. Marvin,  
for being with us.  
We wish you all the best  
in your new assignment  
at St. Patrick's Church.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Prime Time Club, the Parish Women's Group, CWL, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for hosting the modified Coffee Sunday this weekend as a Thank You to Fr. Marvin.

With grateful hearts for the gift that is Fr. Marvin, we send him off to his new assignment. May his ministries bear much fruits, fruits that will last. God bless you and your loved ones, Fr. Marvin!  
*We are going to miss you!*



***A Blessed Civic Day  
to you all!***

Stay safe and healthy  
as you celebrate the long weekend.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 4th, for Civic Day. There will be a 9am Holy Mass.

### ARE YOU CALLED TO A CHURCH VOCATION?

"Be on guard against all kinds of greed." Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416.968.0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org.

## 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.

### NESSINGER HALL

Tues	Aug 5	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Aug 5	Baptism Class 6:30pm
Sun	Aug 10	Alpha Marriage Course 6:30-9:00pm



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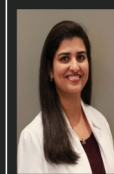
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