


Sunday, December 14, 2025

# St John of the Cross Parish

*Third Sunday of Advent*



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**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**



## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

### **St. John of the Cross Feast Day Celebration**

Saturday, December 13th, 5pm

Feast Mass Celebrant: Bishop Ivan Camilleri

### **Parish Advent Reconciliation**

Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00pm

### **Christmas Candlelight Carol Service**

Sunday, December 21st, 6:00pm

### **Christmas Eve Mass**

Wednesday, December 24th

4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, and Midnight 12am

### **Christmas Day Mass**

Thursday, December 25th

10am and 12pm

### **New Year's Eve Mass**

Wednesday, December 31st

4pm and 6pm



### **Mary, Mother of God Mass (New Year's Day)**

Thursday, January 1st

10am and 12pm



*O come, let us adore Him ...*

## **BAKE SALE FOR SJOC PARISH**

The Parish Women's Group is holding the last Bake Sale of the year next weekend, December 20th-21st to raise funds towards the purchase of the **Baptismal Font** for the church. They will also have book sale of religious books and auction of religious statues. *Come, give support and enjoy!* Your participation will benefit our brothers and sisters who will become members of our Faith Community.



### **ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME**

#### Lighting of the 3rd Candle



The 1st two purple candles and the pink candle are lit, followed by the prayer.

#### **Let us pray.**

We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. You who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, December 14th is the Feast Day of our patron saint, St. John of the Cross

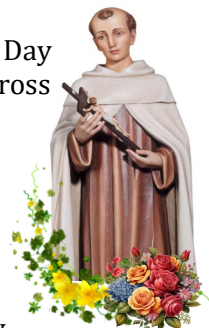


## **HAPPY FEAST!**

### **Feast Mass**

Saturday, December 13th, 5pm

Celebrant: Bishop Ivan Camilleri



A reception in the rotunda provided by the different ministries follows after the Feast Mass.

We thank the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Prime Time Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Lay Carmelites, and the Parish Women's Group for the food contributions. The Special Events Committee will be serving the plated food and coffee in the rotunda.

Do you know? It's our patron saint's milestone year this year! Read more ...

## **Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Saint John of the Cross**

On 6 October 2025, the Apostolic Penitentiary published a decree granting a plenary indulgence on the occasion of the Sanjuanist Centenaries, which will be celebrated from 14 December 2025 to 27 December 2026, during which the third centenary of the canonization and the first centenary of the ecclesiastical Doctorate of Saint John of the Cross will be celebrated. The decree specifies that the faithful will be able to benefit from the indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), if they participate in a spirit of penance and devotion in the jubilee celebrations or if they go on pilgrimage to the designated churches.

*St. John of the Cross, our parish patron saint, pray for us, our families, and the world.*

## **EPISCOPAL VISIT & BLESSING**

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be blessing the three new statues in our parish during his episcopal visit this weekend. He will bless the two statues in the sanctuary: Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the statue of Saint John of the Cross in the rotunda.

Feel free to place your flower offering in the regular collection. Thank you for helping make our sanctuary beautiful!



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 15, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jason Desouza Sr., requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Rane Abeywardena, requested by the Perera Family
4. For the Repose of Annette Ferrante, requested by the Family
5. For the Deceased Siblings of Ena Barrett, requested by Ena Barrett
6. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Olivia Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

### Tuesday, December 16, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Nina Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Neela & Sherard, requested by Heather Desouza
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Jevilyn Lorraine Ching, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Ching

### Wednesday, December 17, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Denise Christine, requested by the Alphonso Family

### Wednesday, December 17, 7pm

1. For the Living & Deceased Members of the Coutinho & Menezes Families, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the Repose of Giovanna Gentili, requested by the Camello Family

### Thursday, December 18, 9am

1. For the Repose of Gloria D'Silva, requested by the D'Silva Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Clarence & Aileen D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
3. For the Repose of Consuelo Loyola, requested by Arnold, Khristine & Gabriel Camello
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Charlotte Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis

### Saturday, December 20, 9am

1. For the Repose of Natty & Trevor D'Souza, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Glicerio Sarmiento Catalig, requested by the Catalig Family

### Saturday, December 20, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Lydia D'Costa, requested by Priscilla & Phil Pinto
2. For the Repose of Lynette Mendonsa, requested by the Mendonsa family
3. For the Repose of Umberto, Santuzza & Guiseppe Ragogna, requested by the Cairney Family
4. For the Repose of Joyce & Jim Gordon, requested by the Family
5. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Aldon & Isabella D'Silva, requested by the Family

### Sunday, December 21, 8am

1. For the Repose of John Farrugia, requested by his Friend

### Sunday, December 21, 10am

1. For the Repose of John & Veronica D'Mello, requested by Conrad & Beatrice Lewis

### Sunday, December 21, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Michael Chan, requested by the Chan Family
2. For the Repose of Louisa James, requested by Iris Fernandez



The Alpha Marriage Course will start on Feb 1st to March 22nd 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

For course inquiries, please contact: sjocalphmc@gmail.com

For preview and more details, visit: [www.themarriagecourse.org](http://www.themarriagecourse.org)



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### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tue	Dec 16	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec 18	Band Choir 8:00pm

## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Mystic & Doctor of the Church*



One of Saint John's main lessons is about **trust**. During times of spiritual dryness, we might feel lost or abandoned. Yet Saint John encourages us to stay faithful in prayer, even when we don't feel God's Presence. He reminds us that God may be closer than we realize, working silently to purify and strengthen our souls.

Another important lesson from Saint John is **detachment**. He teaches that we should let go of things that distract us from God. This does not mean rejecting the good things in life but having the freedom to put God first. In a world full of materialism and busyness, his message of simplicity can guide us to live more peacefully.

Saint John also inspires us to be **patient**. He understood that spiritual growth takes time. Just as he found light in his darkest moments, we can find hope and purpose even in difficult times. His example shows us that staying close to God brings true peace and joy, no matter what challenges we face.

*Thank you, St. John of the Cross!*

*We thank our God for bringing you to us as our brother and role model in faith and for giving you to us as our parish patron saint.*

"Now that I no longer desire all, I have it all without desire." - St. John of the Cross

We thank the Alpha Group for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend.

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 15	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 16	Parish Advent Reconciliation 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Dec 18	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 20	Children's Choir 10:00am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Dec 17	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Dec 15	CWL Christmas Party 7:00pm
Tue	Dec 16	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Dec 17	CIC Sessions 6:00-6:45pm
Fri	Dec 19	Confirmation Non-Catholic Schools 6:00pm
Sat	Dec 20	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am

### ROTUNDA

Mon	Dec 15	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
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### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Fri	Dec 19	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Dec 21	Usher Gathering 8:30-9:30pm

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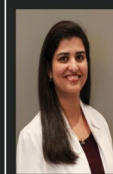
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