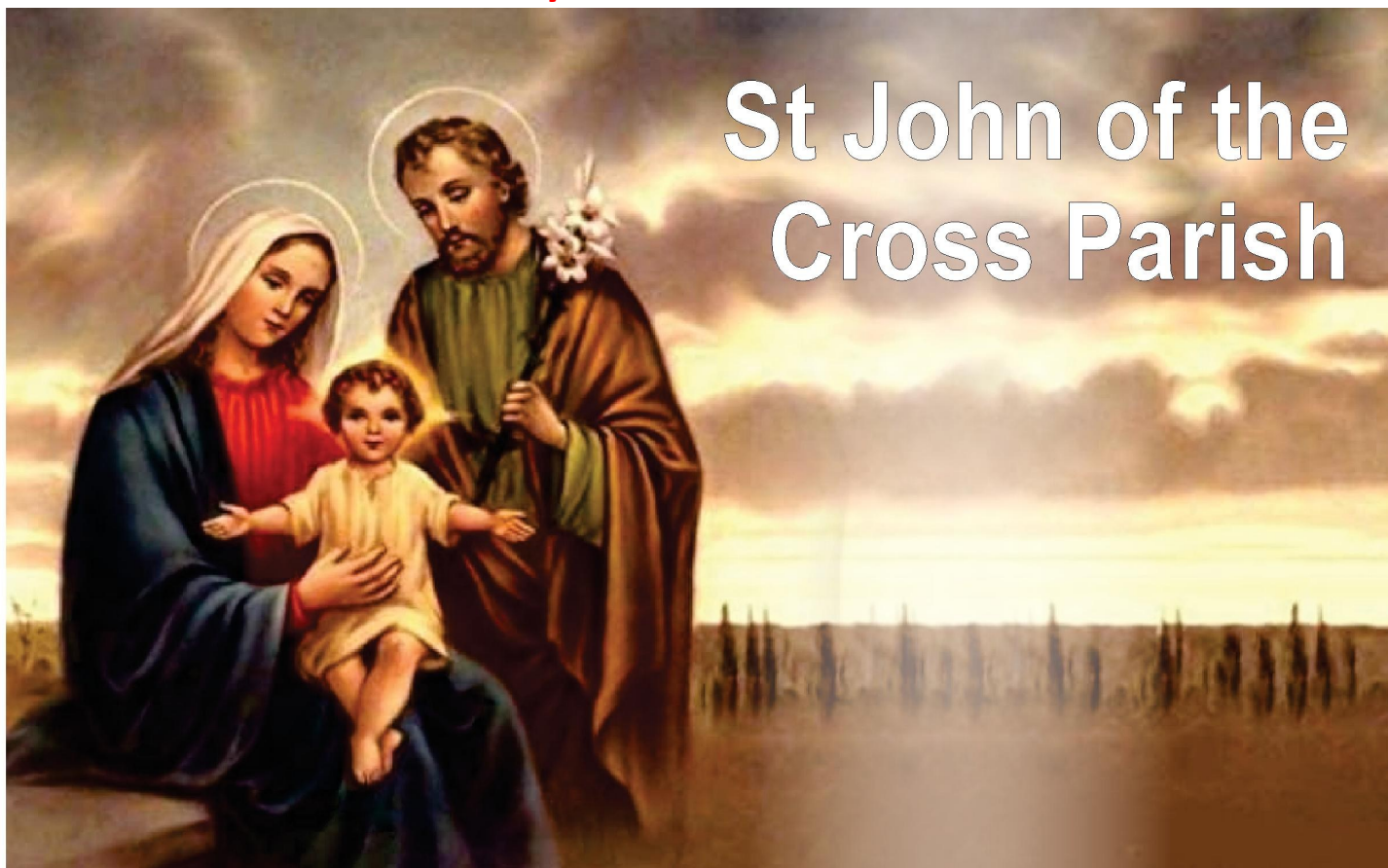



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PARISH OFFICE 6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1 Tel: 905.821.1331 E-mail: sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org Website: https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org	PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm and 5:30 - 8.30pm Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm
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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>

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Sunday, December 28, 2025

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God Holy Mass (New Year's Eve)

Wednesday, December 31st
4pm and 6pm

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

Thursday, January 1st
10am and 12pm

Do small things with great love.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

As we stand at the beginning of a new year which seems to be filled with the uncertainties of wars, of a changing climate, of hunger, perhaps of personal challenge or uncertainty, the opening prayer of the Mass for New Year's day reminds us that all our beginnings are grounded in the Incarnation, are rooted in the 'gift of a mother's love'...so we face the future with courage, with joy rooted, not in the changing uncertainties of life but in the challenging 'sure and certain hope' that Jesus lives in and through us:

*My soul rejoices in God my Saviour.
My spirit finds joy in God, the living God.
My soul proclaims your mighty deeds.
My spirit sings the greatness of your name.
Your mercy flows throughout the land
And every generation knows your love.
You cast the mighty from their thrones
And raise the poor and lowly to new life.
You fill the hungry with good things.
You send the rich away with empty hands.
Just as you promised Abraham and Sarah
You come to free your people.*

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May Mary's prayer,
May the gift of a Mother's love,
Be our joy
Through all the challenges,
Joys and sorrows of this New Year.

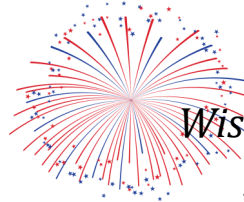


Excerpt from Maggie Cascioli, Carmelite Reflections
<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/mary-mother-of-god/>



*Happy Feast of Mary,
Mother of God!
Thursday, January 1st*

*Mary, our Mother,
pray for us.*



Happy New Year!

*Wishing all parishioners and
friends a grace-filled
and healthy 2026!*



BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God of ancient blessing,
Your servant Mary pondered in her heart
The treasured words spoken about her Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Bless us, as we gather in his name
And prepare our hearts to receive His spirit,
That our tongues may confess him Lord,
Every day of this new year,
And for ever and ever. Amen.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



The Alpha Marriage Course will start on Feb 1st to March 22nd 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
For course inquiries, please contact: sjocalphamc@gmail.com
For preview and more details, visit: www.themarriagecourse.org



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Sunday, December 28, 2025



Happy Feast of the Holy Family! Sunday, December 28th

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Lance Boyle, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Noel Ambrose D'Mello, requested by the D'Mello Family
3. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Belinda & Basil Gracious
4. For Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Valerian & Blanche Lewis, requested by the Family
6. For the Birthday Blessings of Jevilyn Lorraine Ching, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Ching
7. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received by Mr. & Mrs. Ching

Tuesday, December 30, 9am

1. For the Repose of Annette Ferrante, requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 31, 9am

1. For the Repose of Thomas Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Vernon Romy Carvalho, requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 31, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Bernard Jr. Ranger, requested by the Ranger Family

Wednesday, December 31, 6pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family

Thursday, January 1, 10am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Ermelinda Rodrigues, requested by her Family
2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Luisa & Bob

Thursday, January 1, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness, requested by Michelle Coutinho & Family

Friday, January 2, 9am

1. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Cordell & Christine Robson, requested by the Robson Family

Friday, January 2, 7pm

1. For the Special Intentions of the Menezes Family, requested by the Menezes Family

Saturday, January 3, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Clyde D'Souza, requested by Clarence & Aneeta
2. For the 45th wedding Anniversary Blessings on Rhona & Francis D'Silva, requested by the Family

Saturday, January 3, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Teresinha Pereira, requested by Joao Pereira
2. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Kevin & Sandra Fernandes
3. For the Repose of Philip & Yvonne Fernandes, requested by Louisa D'Silva

Sunday, January 4, 10am

1. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Clarence & Aneeta D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

Sunday, January 4, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Nila Poerba, requested by Friends & Family
2. For the Repose of Esther Coutinho, requested by Jules & Michelle Coutinho

Come to the 1st First Friday Holy Mass of the year! Let us adore our God together.



Join us on January 2nd, 9am & 7pm for the

1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS

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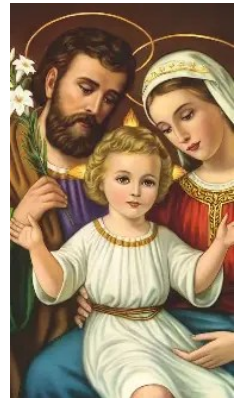
PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

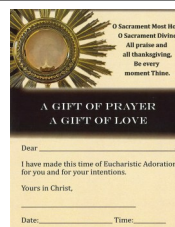


CHURCH

Mon	Dec 22	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Sat	Jan 3	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sat	Jan 3	Lay Carmelites 9:00am-3pm



Make your visit in the Adoration Chapel a Gift of Prayer for someone and let them know that you are praying for them. Gift of Prayer card available in the Parish Office, \$2.

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