

Sunday, December 7, 2025

# St John of the Cross Parish

## Second Sunday of *Advent*

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Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm  
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### 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.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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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.



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## 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



### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross."

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light.

In his life and writings, John of the Cross has a crucial word for us today. We tend to be rich, soft, comfortable. We shrink even from words like *self-denial*, *mortification*, *purification*, *asceticism*, *discipline*. We run from the cross. John's message—like the gospel—is loud and clear: Don't—if you really want to live!

### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

#### Lighting of the 2nd Candle



The 1st and 2nd candles are lit, followed by the prayer:

#### Let us pray.

Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

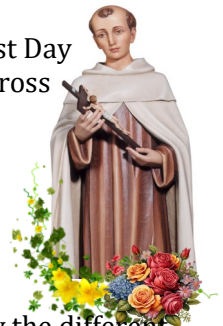


## HAPPY FEAST!

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, Lay Carmelites, and the Parish Women's Group for the contributions.

### EPISCOPAL VISIT & BLESSING

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be blessing the three new statues in our parish during his episcopal visit next 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.

### 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 and our families.*

### GRADE SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are running their annual **Keep Christ in Christmas** Poster contest. The posters along with the form must be submitted to the Church office no later than December 20th. There are 3 categories: Kindergarten to Grade 1; Grade 2 to Grade 5, and Grade 6 to 8. Each category will have 2 prizes, a \$40 gift card for the 1st place and \$25 gift card for the runner up.

[Click to download the form.](#)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 8, 9am

1. For the Repose of Michael Rocha, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Consolacion, Cenon, Edgardo & Remedios Morales, requested by the De Leon Family
3. For the Repose of Francis Miranda Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Rodrigo & Kimberly Anne Lemus, requested by the Alejandro Family
5. For the Repose of Roy Thuraingham, requested by Marina & Zeno

### Tuesday, December 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Deceased Members of the Rodgers Family, requested by Calvin & Denise Rodgers
3. For the Repose of Gerald Lobo, requested by Desmond Lobo

### Wednesday, December 10, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Liam Monisse, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
2. For the Repose of Viviana Amelia Afonso, requested by the Dias & D'Mello Families
3. For the Repose of Mercy Fernandes, requested by the Van Drine family

### Wednesday, December 10, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Felizarda & Joe Francisco Coutinho, requested by the Menezes Family

### Thursday, December 11, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Reece Furtado, requested by the Furtado Family

### Friday, December 12, 9am

1. For the Repose of Hubert De Cunha, requested by Blanche & Valerian Lewis

### Saturday, December 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews
2. For the Repose of Johnny Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Kimberly Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
5. For the Repose of Alfredo Fernandes, requested by the Family

### Sunday, December 14, 10am

1. For the Birthday Blessings on Remcy Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
3. For the Repose of Domenica Quizi, requested by Roberto & Maria DiStefano
4. For the Repose of Paola Varriano, requested by Roberto & Maria DiStefano

### Sunday, December 14, 12pm

1. For the Repose of John, Argentina & Peter D'Silva, requested by the D'Silva Family



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

For course inquiries, please contact:  
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Scan for more info  
and to register

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The ushers will be distributing the green envelope for offering towards the flowers for the altar this weekend. You may bring them back at anytime.

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



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## PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Calling all Women Parishioners to the



Sign up for free after any of the Masses this weekend. Games, raffles, food, prizes, dancing, etc. Let's fill Nessinger Hall with laughter and merriment! Feel free to bring your daughters. Bring a dish to share (Potluck). *See you all, ladies! Ho! Ho! Ho!*



CHURCH		
Thurs	Dec 11	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 13	Confirmation Session 9:00am-12:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM		
Mon	Dec 8	Palliative Support Ministry 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 10	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Dec 12	St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:00pm
Sat	Dec 13	St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:00pm

NESSINGER HALL		
Mon	Dec 8	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Dec 9	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Dec 9	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 10	CIC Sessions 6:00-6:45pm
Wed	Dec 10	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Dec 11	Youth EDGE 6:45-8:45pm
Fri	Dec 12	Parish Women's Christmas Party 6:30pm
Sat	Dec 13	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sun	Dec 14	Knights of Columbus 6:30pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM		
Mon	Dec 8	St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:00pm
Tue	Dec 9	St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:00pm
Wed	Dec 10	Sacramental Prep 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Dec 11	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00pm
Fri	Dec 12	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Dec 14	LIFE TEEN 5:15-7:15pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM		
Mon	Dec 8	Adult Choir 6:30pm
Thurs	Dec 11	Band Choir 8:00pm
Sat	Dec 13	Children's Choir 10:00am

ROTUNDA		
Sat	Dec 13	St. Vincent de Paul Society 8:00am-12pm

## SQUIRES POINSETTIA

The Squires are delighted to celebrate the Advent season with our annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale! We'll be taking orders after all Masses this weekend at our table in the hall. Pick-ups will be available at St. Josephine Bakhita on December 13th. Thank you for supporting the Squires and helping us share the joy of the season!





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