


Sunday, February 9, 2025

St. John of the Cross

Served by the Carmelites



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<p>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p>	<p>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</p>
<p>1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org Vincent de Paul Society 305</p>	<p>1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org 2) A separate email message to admin@sjocross.org with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.</p>
<p>BAPTISM</p>	<p>MARRIAGE</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>AddME</p>	<p>Live Stream</p>
<p>To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.</p>	<p>All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  Click here for Live Stream</p>

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE



MARRIAGE SUNDAY

There will be a blessing of all married couples at all Sunday Masses this weekend, February 8th and 9th.

Congratulations!

“When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilisation could actually be written in terms of the level of its women.” - Fulton Sheen

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way

The Interior Castle

By St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa compares the seven rooms of the Castle with as many degrees of prayer, whereby we enter within ourselves and draw nearer to God. So that, penetrating to the depths of our soul and gaining perfect self-knowledge,

we reach the seventh room where God Himself dwells, with Whom we become united by as perfect a union as is possible in the present life, being made partakers of His light and love. In the first, man is cleansed from sin and habitual imperfection by the use of the sacraments and by voluntary mortification of the passions. The mind is purified by sedulous meditation on the last end and on the Life and Passion of Christ, which must ever be the great model of the Christian. This first portion of the way to heaven can be covered by the help of the ordinary means of grace, without any direct and extraordinary intervention of divine power. The second part differs in many ways from the first. It comprises the passive purification of the soul and the passive enlightenment of the mind. By sending it keen interior and exterior trials and sufferings, God completes the cleansing of the soul in a manner far surpassing any voluntary effort of man. By raising it to the stage of contemplation He gives it fresh light on the mysteries of our Redemption. The mind is then no longer compelled to strain the memory, the reason, and the will, in order to dwell upon the great truths of religion and to derive some personal benefit therefrom, for these truths are now more or less permanently before it and fill it with holy thoughts, sometimes giving it consolation in trouble, at other times striking a



warning note against imperfection. Again, the subtraction of sensible consolation, and the interior aridity arising therefrom, leave a terrible blank in the soul, showing it that, without God's help, it is mere nothingness. This apparent estrangement from God is the keenest trial that can befall a soul, but also the most powerful means of cleansing it from the least, the most subtle imperfections. (Intro Excerpt)



BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Adoration typically refers to Eucharistic Adoration, which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. You can come to the Parish Adoration Chapel anytime during chapel hours. There is no need to sign-up or ask permission to attend, you can just show up and be with Lord.



If you can commit to spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament on the same day and time every week, then you can sign up as a watcher.

As a form of respect, you should always genuflect or bow when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect and silence. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God!

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.

Sacrament of Matrimony

“The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring. This covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament” (CCC #1601). The biblical basis of the sacrament of matrimony is given Gen 2:24 – “a man leaves his parents and clings to his wife and they become one flesh” and in Mark 10:2-12; Matt 19:1-9 – where Jesus teaches against divorce; “What God has joined together, let no one separate.” Jesus blesses the couple of Cana by miraculously converting water into wine (Jn 2.1-11). In Eph 5:22-33; 1Cor 7:10-16 – Paul stresses the unity of husbands and wives. The central liturgical formula in the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is said by the bride and groom because they are the actual ministers of this sacrament: “I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband/wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.” (or a similar formula). Here the officiating priest is only the official witness of the Church. The central action of the sacrament is the public promise made by the bride and groom accepting each other as spouse for life in all life situations. The exchange of rings that follows is only a visible sign of this verbal commitment. As a result of the sacrament of matrimony, the bride and groom get united (“one flesh”) in God’s eyes; becoming a publicly and legally recognized couple.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 10, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Candy Fernandes, requested by Sabrina, John, Selwyn & Family

Tuesday, February 11, 9am

1. For the Repose of Don Pace, requested by Esther Pace
2. For the Repose of Joaquim Fernandes, requested by Mrs. Fernandes & Family

Wednesday, February 12, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Alcide Gervais, requested by Albina

Thursday, February 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad

Friday, February 14, 9am

1. For the Repose of Gilbert Yap, requested by Carmen Yap & Family
2. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Marylou Vanderlowen
3. In Thanksgiving for Graces Received, requested by the Lee Family
4. For the Repose of Maria Romaldina Fernandes, requested by the Lee Family

Saturday, February 15, 9am

1. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family

Sunday, February 16, 8am

1. For the Repose of Nila Poerba, requested by Mom & Sister

Sunday, February 16, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Rosa Gambacorta, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Pacita De La Cura, requested by the Dega Family

Sunday, February 16, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Curcino D’Costa, requested by the Vieira Family

St. Valentines, pray for us.



The Knights of Columbus Squires of St. John of the Cross and St. Josephine Bakhita parishes will be doing their

Annual Chocolate Roses sale after all Masses this weekend, February 8-9 in the rotunda. Come and get a rose for Valentines!



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The books of Luke are in! If you have signed up for the Luke Bible Study, please pick up your book at the Parish Office. Our gathering & study starts this Tuesday, February 11th, 7pm, at Nessinger Hall. See you!



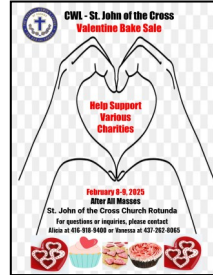
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE



Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest
for Grades 7-8

February 15, 2025,
9:00am to 2pm,
Nessinger Hall

Contact: Thelma Alphonso at 905-824-4183
Email: babarat@hotmail.com



CWL is holding a Valentine Bake Sale this weekend, February 8-9, after all Masses.

Come and support the various CWL Corporate Charities.

CHURCH

Mon	Feb. 10	Adult Choir 7:00—8:30pm
Tue	Feb. 11	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Feb. 12	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Feb. 13	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Feb. 15	Children’s Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Feb. 12	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Sat	Feb. 15	CWL Public Speaking 10:00am-2:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb. 10	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Feb. 11	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Feb. 11	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Feb. 12	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Wed	Feb. 12	Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	Feb. 13	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Feb. 15	Men’s Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am
Sat	Feb. 15	CWL Public Speaking 9:00am-2:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Feb. 10	Bereavement Ministry 10:00am-12:00pm
Tues	Feb. 11	CWL Social Committee 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb. 12	Sacramental Preparation 6:00-7:30pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A

Thurs	Feb. 13	SVDP 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Feb. 14	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00pm

“The greater the friendship, the more solid and long-lasting the marriage will be, as we are united not only in flesh but in domestic activity.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

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