


Sunday, January 19, 2025

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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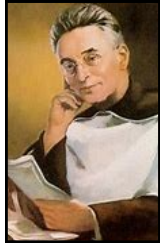
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<b>PASTORAL TEAM</b>	<b>MASS TIMES</b>
Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228 <a href="mailto:Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org">Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org</a> Fr. Joby Joseph, O.Carm, Associate Pastor Ext. 224 <a href="mailto:joby.joseph@archtoronto.org">joby.joseph@archtoronto.org</a> Deacon Mark Romeo 222 <a href="mailto:mromeo@archtoronto.org">mromeo@archtoronto.org</a> Deacon Ferdinand D’Souza <a href="mailto:fdsouza@archtoronto.org">fdsouza@archtoronto.org</a> Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org 226 Violanta Nicholson, Secretary VNicholson@archtoronto.org 223 Diane Mejia, Reception 221	Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm <b>Sundays:</b> 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday
<b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION</b>
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation <a href="mailto:Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org</a> 225 Confirmation, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org</a> 230 Youth Group, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org</a> Vincent de Paul Society 305	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>SICK AND HOMEBOUND</b>
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.	Please contact the office.
<b>AddME</b>	<b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b>
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.	<b>1) Send donations to:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> <b>2) A separate email message to</b> <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
	<b>MARRIAGE</b>
	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.
	<b>Live Stream</b>
	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  <a href="#">Click here for Live Stream</a>

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

## St. Titus Brandma

### Carmelite Martyr for Truth

St. Titus Brandsma was a Carmelite priest, professor, and writer. One of ten Carmelites martyred at Dachau during the Holocaust, this humble servant gave his life for truth and love. When Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in 1933, Titus spoke out in the classroom and in the press against his despicable tyranny. The Nazis were forcing the Dutch newspaper editors to publish their hateful propaganda. The prelate asked Titus to visit the editors across the Netherlands, uniting them in opposition to Nazi demands. Titus willingly began his mission, shadowed by the Nazis. "We have reached our limit. We cannot serve them. It will be our duty to refuse..." he wrote. The Nazis arrested Titus. His calm and truthful responses to the Gestapo's questions angered the Nazis, who transferred him to Dachau. There his gentle and imperturbable manner frustrated his captors. They beat him with clubs, boards, and their fists. They shoved him into the mud, gouged him, drawing blood, then left him wounded and alone. Father's delicate health was failing. He suffered open sores and infected blisters on his feet, caused by hard labor in worn sandals. He was often unable to walk on his own. Fellow prisoners carried Father Titus home at the end of the workday. Another imprisoned priest recalled how his cheerfulness and gentleness touched everyone as they grew to love the priest whose body was broken, but whose spirit modeled Christ.



Father encouraged the prisoners to pray for their captors. He exhorted them, "Do not yield to hatred. Be patient. We are here in a dark tunnel but we have to go on. At the end, the eternal light is shining for us."

Eventually the guards remanded Titus to the infirmary, where the Nazis used the prisoners for gruesome experiments. Titia, a nurse who tended him, reported that people were always trying to visit his bedside for consolation, and Father met each one with love. She relayed what the doctor in charge of the experimentation told her about Titus, who confounded him by remaining serene, never offering any form of resistance: "One would think there was something utterly supernatural about him," the perplexed doctor mused.

In his final moments, as in the rest of his inspiring life, this humble priest met the darkness of evil with the Eternal Light of Love. His life is a sign that man's quest for knowledge and his embrace of mystical realities are complementary paths to God and to truth. He reveals how the fruits of monastic life reach far beyond monastery walls, bringing an outpouring of grace into our broken world. In a day when many distort the truth, so that discerning and speaking it can become complicated, the life of St. Titus reveals the importance of standing firm, regardless of the consequences. Witnessing to the truth sometimes costs us much - even our own lives - and St. Titus Brandsma surrendered his life in quiet love.

*St. Titus Brandsma, pray for us.*



## 1ST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

First Communion Registration meetings will be held at St John of the Cross Church in January 2025 for parents of children who received their First Reconciliation in November 2024. Parents need to attend only one of the dates below:

**Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025 @ 7pm Or**

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025 @ 7 pm**

Students need not attend.

Invitations and Registration letters have been delivered to the schools. Parents, you will also have received an email copy. Check your inbox. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the meeting, if you have not yet submitted it.

## ROSARY TO THE HOLY FAMILY

**The Knights of Columbus invites you to a Week of Rosary to the Holy Family**

Friday, January 17, at 6:30pm

Saturday, January 18, at 6:00pm

Sunday, January 19, at 5:00pm

Monday, January 20, at 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30pm

These will be held in the church.



## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be on Saturday, March 29th at the Metro Convention Centre. Early birds tickets are now available at \$39. After February 1st, tickets will go up to \$49.

Details for bussing to the event and back will follow.

For rally tickets and information:

[https://www.ljhr.ca/rally\\_tickets/](https://www.ljhr.ca/rally_tickets/)

## ADORATION CHAPEL

### WATCHERS NEEDED!

If you can commit to sit with the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel for an hour, any day of the week, as a Watcher, please sign up at the back of the church after any of the Masses this weekend. Thank you!



Valentine Mass Cards are now available in the parish office. \$3 each.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Thursday, January 23, 9am**

1. For the Repose of Brian D’Mello requested by the Rodgers Family

**Friday, January 24, 9am**

1. For the Repose of Lindbergh Flores, requested by the Flores Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Maureen D’Silva, requested by the Family

**Saturday, January 25 5pm**

1. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Anthony & Lita, requested by Anthony & Lita
2. For the Repose of Jim Gordon, requested by the Family

**Sunday, January 26, 10am**

1. For the Repose of Irma Kruszynski, requested by the Kruszynski Family

**Sunday, January 26, 12pm**

1. For the Intentions of Bosch Paullada Family, requested by the Family

**Sunday, January 26, 4pm**

1. For the Repose of Stanislaw Skubisz, requested by his Daughter

**CHURCH**

Sun	Jan. 19	First Communion Registration 7:00-8:00pm
Sun	Jan. 19	Knights of Columbus Family Rosary 5:00pm
Mon	Jan. 20	Knights of Columbus Family Rosary 6:30pm
Mon	Jan. 20	Adult Choir 7:00—8:30pm
Tue	Jan. 21	Knights of Columbus Family Rosary 6:30pm
Tue	Jan. 21	First Communion Registration 7:00-8:00pm
Wed	Jan. 22	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 23	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Jan. 25	Children’s Choir 10:00am

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM**

Wed	Jan. 22	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Sat	Jan. 25	Confirmation Preparation NCS 1:00pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Mon	Jan. 20	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Jan. 21	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Jan. 22	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Thurs	Jan. 23	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Jan. 24	Prime Time Club Event 5:00-9:00pm
Sat	Jan. 25	Men’s Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am
Sat	Jan. 25	Compassionate Care Trng 9:00am—12:00pm

**BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM**

Mon	Jan. 20	CWL Council Meeting 7:00pm
Fri	Jan. 24	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm

**BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM**

Mon	Jan. 20	Bereavement Ministry 10:00am-12:00pm
Tues	Jan. 21	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Jan. 22	Sacramental Preparation NCS 6:30-7:30pm

*True prayer makes us grow in virtue. If it’s easy—but we’re not growing in virtue—it’s not good prayer.*  
*St. Teresa of Avila*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus invites you to the



**25th Year Anniversary of the Knights of Hearts Valentine’s Dinner & Dance**  
 Saturday, February 8th  
 Apollo Banquet & Convention Centre  
 \$85 per person or  
 \$750 for a table of 10

See flyer for details.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**



**Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest**  
 for Grades 7-8 students

February 15, 2025, 9:00 am to 2 pm, Nessinger Hall  
 Contact: Thelma Alphonso at 905-824-4183  
 Email: babarat@hotmail.com

What is the Liturgy of the Hours? The Lord has commanded us to *pray without ceasing*, and this is what the Hours help us do. “Seven times a day I praise you.” – Psalm 118(119):164. The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the day and all human activity.” The Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer resource of the Christian Church, with prayers, psalms and readings for each of the Hours, changing each day and through the seasons. Morning Prayer – at the start of the day’s work and the coming of the light. Daytime Prayer – at mid-morning, noon and in the afternoon, to unite us with the one for whom and through whom we are working. Evening Prayer – at the end of the day’s work, to offer up what we have done. Night Prayer – last thing at night, to commend our souls to God.

**PARISH FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT**

The Parish Women’s Group is inviting all parishioners and friends for an evening of bowling, pizza, and fun on the last Friday of this month, January 31st, 7:00pm-8:30pm at Planet Bowl (5555 Eglinton Avenue West, Etobicoke).

Registration table will be outside the church after all Masses this weekend. Registration fee of \$38 per person for individual registration or \$33 per person for a group of 3 or more covers 90 minutes of bowling and food. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the parish special project for the parish community.



Come! Bring your families and friends and *let’s bowl for fun and for our parish! It will be great.*

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