

Sunday, January 26, 2025

St. John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1 Tel: 905.821.1331 E-mail: sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org Website: https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org	Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm and 6:00 - 8.30pm Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm
PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228 Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org Fr. Joby Joseph, O.Carm, Associate Pastor Ext. 224 joby.joseph@archtoronto.org Deacon Mark Romeo 222 mromeo@archtoronto.org Deacon Ferdinand D’Souza fdsouza@archtoronto.org 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 Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
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	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
BAPTISM	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
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.
AddME	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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.
Live Stream	MARRIAGE
All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.	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.



BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

ADORATION CHAPEL

WATCHERS NEEDED!

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



Adoration Chapel Terminologies:

WATCHER— someone who signs up to commit to stay with the Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer on the same day and at the same time every week. They sign up for a 1 - hour time slot, i.e., every 2pm on Mondays.

VISITOR— anyone who cannot commit to be a watcher but comes to the chapel to visit the Blessed Sacrament at anytime of the week and stay as long as they can.

Regular Chapel Hours:

Monday to Saturday 9am-9pm
Sunday 9am-7pm

Any questions, please contact the Chapel Committee: sjocchapel@archtoronto.org or the parish office

The Parish Adoration Chapel is a place of silent, personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

“We contribute to the radical transformation of the world during our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.” St. John Paul II

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

Purity of Heart

To explain the significance of purity from a Carmelite perspective, the Irish theologian Chris O'Donnell, O.Carm., uses the image of a milk jug. The purpose of a milk jug is to dispense milk. In order to do so properly, it must be clean; if the milk jug is dirty, then the milk will become infected. However, there is no point in the milk jug being clean simply for the sake of it; if the purpose of a milk jug is to dispense milk, then it can be as clean as you like but if it's empty then it isn't useful.



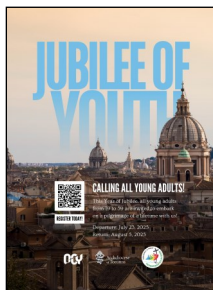
This is an analogy of the human heart. Its purpose is to pour out love for others. If our hearts are impure, then what we 'pour out' to others will be infected. But there is no point in having a pure heart simply to leave it empty; the point of purity is not an end in itself but a means to be useful for others.

This is what Carmelites mean by purity: having a heart undivided for God, free from our own motives and desires so that God's will be done in us.



Maria Purissima, Mary Most Pure, is the great example of purity, in that her heart is totally given over to God and pours out love towards those around her.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH 2025



Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the Office of the Catholic Youth (OCY) team from the Archdiocese of Toronto for a pilgrimage of a life time! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

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/

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass on Sunday, February 9th, 2:30pm, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honor married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, & 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are encouraged to register for seating. For more information, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 x 523.



Youth Group Sundays

5:30-7:30pm, Carmel 1 & 2 Rooms
February 2, February 16, March 2,
March 16, March 30, April 27



Youths in the Parish, you're all invited. This one's for you!

The Holy Mass is an Encounter with the Lord

The Catholics gathers in the church as a parish community for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration, or Holy Mass, in order 1) to praise and worship God, 2) to ask His pardon and forgiveness for our sins, 3) to thank Him for all the blessings received, 4) to listen to His words in Scripture and homily, 5) to present our needs and petitions before God on the altar at the intercessory prayers, 6) to surrender and offer our lives to God during offertory, accepting Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior, and 7) to recharge our spiritual batteries, gain spiritual nourishment and deepen our personal relationship with Jesus by sacramentally sharing his resurrected Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The structure of the Eucharistic Celebration is organized to achieve all these seven goals.

Let us fully love and participate in the Holy Mass!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 27, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Lily Emanuella Cachia, requested by Carmen Duke

Tuesday, January 28, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Matteo Di Folco, requested by the Di Folco Family
- 2. For the Special Intentions of Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
- 3. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Family
- 4. For the Repose of Cenon, Consolacion, Remedios & Edgardo Morales, requested by the De Leon Family
- 5. For the Repose of Mary Ramoutar, requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 29, 9am

- 1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
- 2. For the Repose of Jacinto Yap, requested by Jessy Yap & Family
- 3. For the Intentions of Gilbert & Peppy D'Souza, requested by the Parish Women's Group

Thursday, January 30, 9am

- 1. For the Repose of Betty Elena Mendoza De Martinez, requested by Carolina & Karina Martinez
- 2. For the Repose of Apolonia & Arsenio Manabat, requested by the De Leon Family

Friday, January 31, 9am

- 1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Treffy & Fr. Bosco, requested by John, Sabrina & Family

Saturday, February 1, 9am

- 1. For the Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family

Saturday, February 1, 5pm

- 1. For the Repose of Lynette Mendonca, requested by the Mendonca Family

Sunday, February 2, 8am

- 1. For the Repose of Katherine & Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Bobnic/Jenson/St.John Families
- 2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jason Desouza Junior, requested by the Desouza Family
- 3. For the Repose of Olivia de Souza, requested by the Fernandes/de Souza Families

Sunday, February 2, 12pm

- 1. For the Intentions of Bosch Paullada Family, requested by the Family
- 2. For the Repose of Elvira Pinto, requested by the Pinto Family
- 3. For the Repose of Narciso D'Costa, requested by the Pinto Family

CHURCH

Mon	Jan. 27	Adult Choir 7:00—8:30pm
Tue	Jan. 28	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Jan. 29	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 30	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sat	Feb. 1	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Jan. 29	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan. 27	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Jan. 28	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Jan. 29	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Thurs	Jan. 30	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Feb. 1	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am
Sat	Feb. 1	Lay Carmelites 9:00am-3:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Jan. 27	Bereavement Ministry 10:00am-12:00pm
Tues	Jan. 28	CWL Social Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan. 29	Sacramental Preparation NCS 6:00-7:30pm

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

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

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

We thank the CWL for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Come and enjoy the coffee, cookies, and juice! Mix and mingle!



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

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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