

Sunday, January 5, 2025

# St. John of the Cross Parish



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|   | <b>RECONCILIATION</b>  |
|   | 6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.   |
|   | <b>SICK AND HOMEBOUND</b>  |
|   | Please contact the office.   |
| <b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b>  | <b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b>   |
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| <b>BAPTISM</b>  | <b>MARRIAGE</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.  | 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>AddME</b>  | <b>Live Stream</b>   |
| To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.   | All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  |

 [Click here for Live Stream](#)

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

ROSARY TO THE HOLY FAMILY

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

- Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30pm
Thursday, January 16, at 6:30pm
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.



“The stench of impurity before God and the angels is so great, that no stench in the world can equal it” - St. Philip Neri

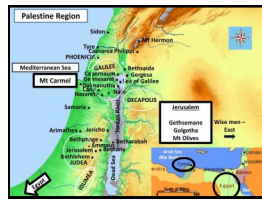


Mount Carmel Significance

Carmel’s significance in the Old Testament is multifaceted, both as a geographic landmark and a site of profound spiritual events. Often referred to as “the garden of God,” Carmel’s lush landscapes stand out amid the arid regions surrounding it.

The mountain also represents a sanctuary, a place of refuge and contemplation.

Mount Carmel's soaring heights unfortunately also became high places of idol worship. There were altars to the false god Baal and his goddess wife Ashtoreth on Mount Carmel. For this reason, Elijah chose this mountain range as the place to challenge the priests of these false gods and show the people which god was the True God (1 Kings 18:19). In perhaps the most well-known account featuring Mount Carmel, Elijah told the false priests to build altars, prepare their sacrifice, and to pray to their god for fire to then burn the sacrifice. After the priests failed to call down fire from their god, Elijah asked that water be poured over the altar he had built to the One True God. He asked that so much water be poured over it that the wood was saturated and water overflowed to lay in a trench below. When Elijah then prayed to the One True God, God sent down fire that consumed not only the sacrifice, but "the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench" (1 Kings 18:38). The people fell on their faces and proclaimed, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God" (1 Kings 18:39). So, here at Mount Carmel, God displayed His power through Elijah, using both a consuming fire and life-giving water in the form of rain. God revealed Himself to be the One True God worthy of all our worship. Carmel embodies the concept of divine revelation. Carmel’s elevation thus becomes a symbol of spiritual ascent, encouraging individuals to strive for greater heights in their own spiritual journeys.



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Rest in Peace!

Thank you, Fr. Marcel Dube O. Carm., for being our 2nd pastor in the history of St. John of the Cross Parish, from 1987 to 2000. Thank you for your care, for your guidance, and for your prayers. Thank you for all your good works in the parish.



St. John of the Cross Parish Community presents you with love and gratitude to our merciful and loving God. Rest in eternal peace, Fr. Marcel!

“Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum.” (I am full of zeal for the Lord God of hosts). 1Kings 19:10

BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE

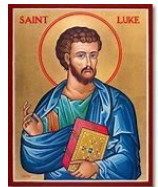


The Parish invites all parishioners to come and join the Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow. Start date: February 11th for 8 weeks, 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Come and let’s dig deep into the scripture! \$42 for the workbook with 1-year video access, payable upon signup. Signup at the Parish Office by Monday, January 6th.

LUKE, THE EVANGELIST

A Syrian from Antioch was the inspired author of the third Gospel. This Gospel can be dated at the latest at the end of AD 62 or the beginning of 63. Luke mainly addressed people with a Gentile background. A physician by profession, a man of culture with perfect Greek, he was a disciple of Paul and was an early Gentile convert, from about the year 40. He accompanied Paul on his second journey (49-53) from Troas to Philippi (Acts 16:10-37), remaining there for some years, until he again joined Paul toward the end of his third journey (53-58). He stayed with the Apostle when he was imprisoned in Caesarea; he was with him on his adventurous trip from Caesarea to Rome and during his first Roman captivity (Col. 4:14, Phil. 1:24). Luke claims (Lk 1:2) that he has collected matter for his gospel after consulting the eye witnesses of Jesus’ ministry including apostles and Mary. He begins by emphasizing the continuity of the work of salvation begun by God in the Old Testament and brought to fulfillment in the New. Luke asserts that Jesus came to redeem man from sin, to free him from slavery to the devil and from eternal death. Luke’s account stresses the universal character of salvation. Salvation starts in Jerusalem, the center of all Jesus’ activity. Luke starts his Gospel there, and there he concludes it. He leaves over to his second book—the Acts of the Apostles—the account of the spread of the Church.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 6, 9am

1. For the Repose of Neville & Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Conversion of Cleve, requested by the Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Beatrice DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
4. In Thanksgiving for 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Mignonette & Chris Trinidad, requested by the Family

### Tuesday, January 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the Repose of Valerie Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. In Thanksgiving for the Healing of C. Gregorio, requested Theresa Vergara
4. For the Repose of Higinio Castronuevo, requested by Lou Hufana

### Wednesday, January 8, 9am

1. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Roy & Theresa, requested by the Vergara Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Darryn & Alma DeSouza

### Thursday, January 9, 9am

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

### Saturday, January 11, 9am

1. For the Repose of Frans Sjah, requested by the Sjah Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Elva Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ella DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family

### Saturday, January 11, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Maurice, Joy & Phillip Christopher, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Babu Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family

### Sunday, January 12, 8am

1. For the Repose of Frank Sigal, requested by the Jensen/Bobnic/St. John Families

2. For the Repose of Phero Kien Hoang, requested by Le Hoang

### Sunday, January 12, 12pm

1. For the Intentions of Bosch Family, requested by the Family
2. For the Healing of Savia A. requested by the Charles Family

### Sunday, January 12, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Raymond, Grisilda & Hyginus Perera, requested by the Family

## PALLIATIVE SUPPORT TRNG.

Palliative Support Ministry is a new Ministry at SJOC Parish that supports parishioners who need to know how to advocate for the sick and dying and what resources are available in the community.

Compassionate Community Care (CCC) Director: Kathy Matusiak Costa, who will share more about CCC, their mission, important work, practical ways to help those most vulnerable in the community and more.

Visit [www.beingwith.org](http://www.beingwith.org)

Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying to renew their hope and purpose in life.

The CCC Training will be held on Jan 18 and Jan 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at SJOC in Nessinger Hall. Please sign up at the back of the church after each mass for more information.

Our hope IS in the One  
who makes all things new.

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

### CHURCH

|       |         |                                  |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Mon   | Jan. 6  | Adult Choir 7:00—8:30pm          |
| Tue   | Jan. 7  | Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm |
| Wed   | Jan. 8  | Band Choir 8:00pm                |
| Thurs | Jan. 9  | Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm         |
| Sat   | Jan. 11 | Children’s Choir 10:00am         |

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

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| Mon | Jan. 6  | CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00-9:00pm       |
| Sat | Jan. 11 | Confirmation Preparation NCS 1:00pm |

### NESSINGER HALL

|       |         |  |
|-------|---------|--|
| Mon   | Jan. 6  | RCIA 7:00-9:00pm                         |
| Tue   | Jan. 7  | Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm |
| Tue   | Jan. 7  | Parish Bible Study 7:00pm                |
| Wed   | Jan. 8  | CIC 6:00-6:45pm                          |
| Thurs | Jan. 9  | Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm                |
| Fri   | Jan. 10 | Men’s Fraternity 6:00-10:00pm            |
| Sat   | Jan. 11 | Men’s Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am           |
| Sat   | Jan. 11 | Confirmation Class 9:00am—12:00pm        |

### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

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|-------|---------|--|
| Sun   | Jan. 5  | Youth Group 5:30pm-7:30pm                |
| Tue   | Jan. 7  | Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:00pm |
| Wed   | Jan. 8  | CWL Crafts 7:00-9:00pm                   |
| Thurs | Jan. 9  | St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm  |
| Fri   | Jan. 10 | GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm         |

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

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| Mon | Jan. 6 | Bereavement Ministry 10:00am-12:00pm    |
| Mon | Jan. 6 | Prayer Group Meeting 6:30pm             |
| Wed | Jan. 8 | Sacramental Preparation NCS 6:30-7:30pm |



### 2025 Jubilee Theme: Pilgrims of Hope

“May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.”

Jubilee info: [bit.ly/sjoc2025jubilee](http://bit.ly/sjoc2025jubilee)

## 3RD ORDER LAY CARMELITES

The 3rd Order Lay Carmelite is a secular branch of the Carmelite Order which includes all the lay people, single or married, who follow the Third Order Rule. The Lay Carmelite is a true member of the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. He/she shares in the unique spirit of the Carmelite family and, led by the Holy Spirit, has an influence on the life of the entire family. The 1st Order Carmelites are the friars (Carmelite Priests). The 2nd Order Carmelites are the Carmelite Nuns.



St. John of the Cross Parish is blessed to have a 3rd Order Lay Carmelite Community. They meet once a month for their formation, education, and fellowship. If you are interested to know more about the Lay Carmelite Order, please contact the parish office.

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