

Sunday, June 29, 2025

# St John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites

## HAPPY CANADA DAY



Lord Jesus Christ,  
look on the people  
of our land  
and bless us all.

Help us to be  
brothers and sisters  
to all the world  
and to work  
for peace and love.

Be with us, Jesus  
and bless Canada,  
for you are our Lord  
and Saviour for ever.  
Amen.



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PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
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.
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 <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.	1) Send donations to: <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> 2) A separate email message to <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.
MARRIAGE	Live Stream
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.	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**



We welcome Fr. Thomas Kunnappilly O.Carm., 1st Councilor from St. Thomas Carmelite Province in India who will be preaching next weekend for the Carmelite Mission.

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" - St Gerard Majella

### Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

#### Hope is Not for the Fainthearted!

A few months later I came across Teresa of Avila's teaching about prayer as just being with God as with a friend, that prayer is not thinking much but loving much....

'It is better to attempt to live in silence and in hope, and God will take care of God's own.' (Interior Castle 3)

*"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant." (Job 14:7 - 9)*

Slowly and with huge gratitude, I realised that I have been generously enfolded by Carmel.

Several years ago I found myself in a barren, dark space. All the certainties and expectations of my life were changed, were withdrawn and I had no sense of purpose, of being. After several months a friend introduced me to the bookshop in Aylesford. While browsing the poetry section I came across the poems of St John of the Cross translated by Roy Campbell. I read the translation of the first poem and thought it was doggerel, but the words formed an 'earworm' in my brain and, to my surprise, I found myself constantly repeating them:

*'My beloved is the mountains  
They reveal him unto me  
And the lonely wooded valleys  
And the islands of the sea ....'*



Hope is not for the faint hearted, nor for those who seek to ignore the very real perils of our world: the power wielded by political leaders, the hunger, the growing poverty and helplessness of whole peoples, the very real threat of climate change.... To hope is to understand the realities and to seek change, to work for the coming of the kingdom of God, to do what we can, where we can... Like Mary to hope is to 'set out and go with haste to the hill country', to take the first steps of what may well be a difficult journey. Journeying in hope, we are called 'to follow the divine injunction addressed to Elijah: Get up, eat, and journey on. We cannot surrender to discouragement, but we need to get up in hope, convinced that God is still at work in Carmel, in the Church,' in you and me, 'and in the world even in these difficult times...May Mary, our mother and sister, Star of the Sea, show us the way and journey with us, as we continue to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ, her Son, and transmit from one generation to another the joy of living the Gospel in the Carmelite way of life.'

Excerpt from Carmel Reflection by Maggie Cascioli  
3rd Order Lay Carmelite

<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/4026/>



## Parish Summer Fest

in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
Patroness of the Carmelites and ours

### Feast Mass on Saturday, Jul 12th, at 4pm

Outdoor procession reciting the rosary after the Feast Mass followed by the blessing and distribution of the brown scapular.

Games, music, food, cake, ice cream, BBQ, facepainting, dunk booth, dancing, and many other fun activities in the parking lot for everyone after the distribution of scapulars.

The Knights will start selling BBQ tickets beginning this weekend.

All are welcome to come and enjoy as we celebrate Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the heavenly Patroness of the Carmelite Order. The Mass will not be at 5pm on this day.

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel starts on Friday, July 4th after all Masses.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.**



There will be a Building Fund Collection next weekend, July 5-6, for the ongoing projects in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*



## RCIA PARISH PROGRAM

### A Journey of Faith to Encounter God



Do you know anyone who is curious to know about God, the Catholic Faith, and the Church teachings? Or thinking about joining the Church? RCIA is a program for adults to help them in this journey. They may contact Liane Harris, 905.821.1331 x 226 for details or they can leave their contact information in the office. RCIA Program starts in September.



**Sunday, June 29, 2025**



**Join us on July 4th, 9am & 7pm for the  
1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS**

**Followed by:  
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

*Come, let us worship our Gracious &  
Merciful God together, present in the  
Blessed Sacrament.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, June 30, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & 95th Birthday Blessings for Erva Joseph, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Alice D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

### Tuesday, July 1, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ainsley Robson, requested by the Robson Family
1. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Kristel & Gyles, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
3. For the Repose of Angelo Ang Co, requested by the Ang Co Family

### Wednesday, July 2, 9am

1. For the Repose of Alfredo Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Olivia de Souza, requested by the Family
3. For the Successful Surgery & Quick Recovery of Antony Michael Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family

### Thursday, July 3, 9am

1. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
2. In Thanksgiving for 60th Wedding Anniversary of Henry & Bonnie Desbois, requested by Janet Lim

### Friday, July 4, 9am

1. For the Repose of Anton Reginald Francis, requested by Neeta Francis
2. For the Repose of Frans Sjah, requested by the Sjah Family

### Friday, July 4, 7pm

1. For the Special Intentions of the Menezes Family, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the Repose of Claude of Jacolyn Seneviratne, requested by his wife Indira & Children

### Saturday, July 5, 9am

1. For the Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family
2. For the Repose of Wilfred D'Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Mrs. Ethel Dompaul, requested by the Dompaul Family

### Saturday, July 5, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jane Fernandes, requested by Tony Fernandes & Family

### Sunday, July 6, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving & 1st Birthday Blessings for Haley Moniz, requested by the Family

### Sunday, July 6, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Anthony & Philomena Pereira, requested by the Family

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1st, for Canada Day. *Stay safe and healthy as you celebrate our great country!*



*Happy Canada Day!*

Such a blessing to live  
in this beautiful and  
prosperous land.  
*Thank you, God!*

We pray for all the people in Canada,  
that we may learn to value what we have —  
land, freedom, opportunities, and diversity.



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Sunday: 9:30am—1:30pm

### CHURCH

Wed	July 2	Band Choir 8:00-9:30pm
Thurs	July 3	Folk Choir 7:00-8:30pm

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	July 2	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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### NESSINGER HALL

Sat	July 5	Lay Carmelites 9:00am-3:00pm
Sun	July 6	Alpha Marriage Course 6:30-9:00pm

### CARMEL ROOM A

Thurs	July 3	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
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### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	June 25	CWL 7:00-8:30pm
Thurs	June 26	PTC Book Club 1:00-3:00pm

Wishing all our  
students, teachers,  
and school person-  
nels a wonderful and  
safe summer break.

**Have a  
Great  
Summer!**



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Graduates!**

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