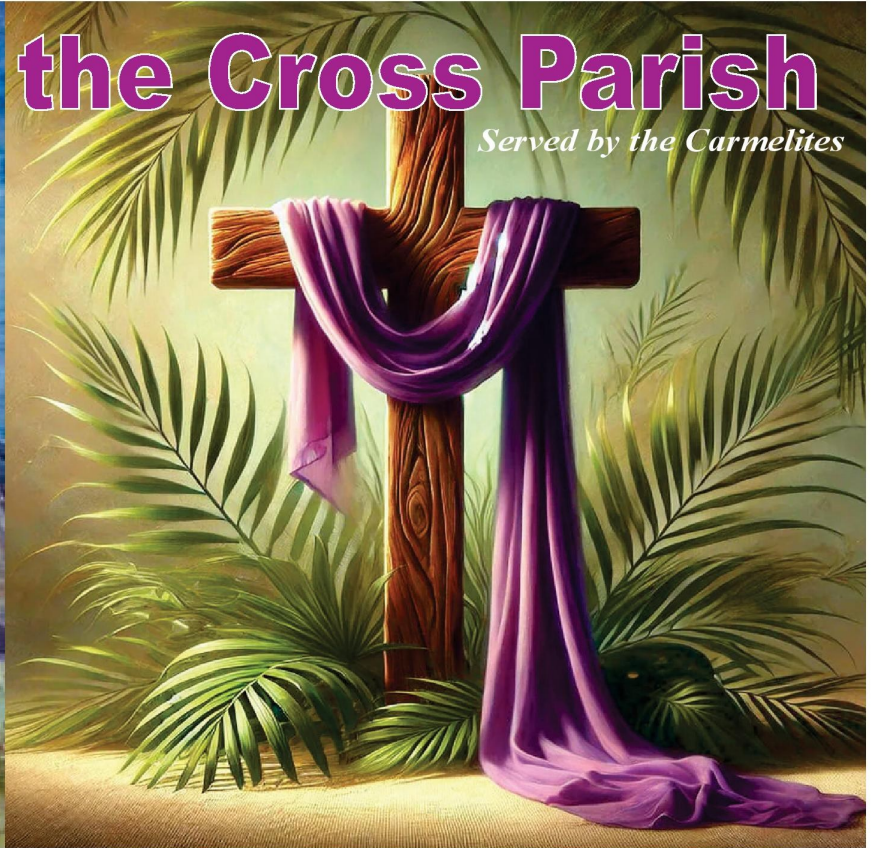



Sunday, March 16, 2025

# St. John of the Cross Parish

*Served by the Carmelites*



2nd Sunday of Lent

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<p><b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</b></p>	<p><b>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</b></p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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, &amp; purpose of this fund.</p>
<p><b>BAPTISM</b></p>	<p><b>MARRIAGE</b></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><b>AddME</b></p>	<p><b>Live Stream</b></p>
<p>To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin &amp; Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.</p>	<p>All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, &amp; the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  <a href="#">Click here for Live Stream</a></p>

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



**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

By Fr. Henry Alva OFM Cap.  
March 31st—April 2nd  
7:00pm  
*Mark your calendar!*



**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION**

Thursday, April 3rd  
starting at 7:00pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation

**PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY**

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be visiting families in our parish. Two members of the ministry will bring the statue to homes and will pray the Holy Rosary with the family. A family can be a person of 1 (i.e., a widow with adult children living somewhere) or Mom, Dad, children, and extended families. There will be a sign up this weekend after all Sunday Masses, March 15th-16th, for those who want the Our Lady of Mount Carmel pilgrim statue in their homes for a few days. *Thank you for opening your homes to our Lady of Mount Carmel's visit.*



*Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass Community Rosary at 6:30pm. Come! Let us walk with the Lord in His last hours on earth.*

**CONSECRATION OF THE FAITHFUL To the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will consecrate the faithful in the Archdiocese on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord on March 25th, to Our Lady. A Marian Triduum will be prayed at the 9am Holy Mass on Friday (March 21st), Saturday (March 22nd), and on Monday (March 24th). The Consecration will be prayed on Tuesday, March 25th at the 9am Mass.



**2024 TAX RECEIPTS**

2024 Tax Receipts are ready for pickup. Kindly verify the address on the receipt to make sure that you are picking up your own Tax Receipt. If you prefer to receive an email copy of your tax receipt, please email the parish office at [sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org)

**Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...**

**Aspects of Carmelite Prayer: The Desert Spirit**

It is in the barrenness of the desert that God speaks to the heart: "Behold, I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her" (Hosea 2:14). It was in the Sinai wilderness that God purified the Israelites so that they might behold his glory, manifested in the shining cloud (Ex. 40:38).



Hence, Carmelites follow in the footsteps of Elijah, who not only dwelt on lush Mt. Carmel but also in the silent desert of Horeb. His successor, St. John the Baptist, who "came in the spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:17), also dwelt in the desert. Jesus Himself prepared for his public ministry in the desert for forty days.

God is more easily found in the solitude of the desert because of the scarcity of distractions. The desert also fosters silence which is the fertile soil whence divine intimacy grows. However, the desert also represents a place of testing and waiting, which prepares the soul for the Promised Land of union with God. Concomitant to the desert spirit is simplicity of life. This means an avoidance of worldly concerns and frugality in bodily needs.

**ShareLife Pancake Supper**

Net Profit : \$907.50  
50/50 Raffle: \$140 Raffle Winner: Loretta Pavan

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Baby Bottle Campaign is ending soon! Thank you so much for your support! Please bring your bottles back to church **next week - March 22nd and 23rd!** *God bless!*



**Coffee Sunday this weekend!**

We thank the Parish Family Ministry for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend, March 15-16. Come, enjoy the fellowship in the rotunda and get to know some of our parish families!



It's that glorious time of the year when Easter flowers decorate our sanctuary. Flower contribution envelopes will be handed out this weekend. You can return them at your convenience.



*Thank you for helping decorate our sanctuary throughout the year!*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 17, 9am

1. For the Special Intentions of the Benjamin Family, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jennifer Fernandez, requested by the Rego Family
3. For the Repose of Loyola Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family
4. For the Repose of Cyril & Regina Varuna, requested by Terrence & Catherine Xavier

### Tuesday, March 18, 9am

1. For the Repose of Carmen & Atanacio Jr. Ramiro, requested by the Quintos Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Doris Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas

### Wednesday, March 19, 9am

1. For Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family

### Thursday, March 20, 9am

1. For the Healing of Elisa Elisabeth Lee, requested by Steven & Regina Lee
2. For the Repose of Charlie De Souza & Mary Angelica, requested by the De Souza Family

### Friday, March 21, 9am

1. For the Repose of Philomena Fonseca, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Claire Pinto, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ashley Eugene, requested by the DeSouza Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings & Healing for Benny Cuevillas, requested by Zennie & Family
5. For the Repose of Maria Delima, requested by the Lee Family
6. For the Birthday Blessings of Greg, Aidan & Grayson, requested by the Lee Family
7. For the Repose of Bibiana Castro, requested by the Lee Family
8. For the Repose of Benita Ang Co, requested by the Ang Co Family

### Friday, March 21, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Joseph & Catherine Fernando, requested by the Fernando Family

### Saturday, March 22, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family

### Saturday, March 22, 5pm

1. For the Repose of John D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. For the Repose of Heather Martyris, requested by the Machado Family

### Sunday, March 23, 10am

1. For the Repose of John D'Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Sylvia De Cunha, requested by Blanche & Valerian Lewis
3. For the Repose of Joseph Pinto, requested by Marilyn Bansod
4. For the Repose of Godfrey & Greta Dega, requested by the Dega Family

### Sunday, March 23, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Anthony & Philomena Pereira, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Francis Strickland Gordon, requested by Gilliam Gordon

### Sunday, March 23, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Ernest Ambrose, requested by the Robson Family

Dr. Andrew Simone's Canadian Food for Children is asking for donations of iodized salt, canned fish & meat, and soap bars. If you can help out, please bring these items and place them in the marked bin located in the hallway. The bin will be there until April 6th. Thank you!



## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

### For Eligible Individuals

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, during the months of March and April. Each appointment will be about 30 minutes.

Tax preparations can be done in-person or by telephone interview. Let the accountant know when they call you to confirm your schedule.

## HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers. There will be many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass on March 22-23. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque accepted.

You can also visit and support us at

[www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)



### CHURCH

Mon	Mar. 17	Adult Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Tue	Mar. 18	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Mar. 19	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 20	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Fri	Mar. 21	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Sat	Mar. 22	Confirmation Confessions 10:00am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Mar. 19	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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### NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Mar. 16	Youth Group 5:30-7:30pm
Mon	Mar. 17	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar. 18	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Mar. 18	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm
Wed	Mar. 19	Horizons of Hope 10:00am-12:00pm
Wed	Mar. 19	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Wed	Mar. 19	Horizons of Hope 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 20	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar. 22	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

### BASEMENT CARMELA

Wed	Mar. 17	CWL Council Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 20	Rosary Apostolate 7:00pm-9:00pm
Fri	Mar. 21	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed.	Mar. 19	Sacramental Preparation 6:00-7:30pm
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