

Sunday, March 2, 2025

St. John of the Cross Parish

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PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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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

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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th



Holy Mass with
Distribution of Ashes at
9am, 5pm, & 7pm



Join us on March 7th at 9am for the
1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS

Followed by:

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY

Invites you to a Lenten Night Vigil which will take place right after the Parish Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass this Friday, March 7th.

Jesus, said, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Come and experience a night of praise, worship, talk and fellowship. Coffee and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

HORIZONS OF HOPE

The Catholic Women's League invites you to join a four-part program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, entitled "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care", on Wednesday March 12, 19, 26, and April 9th at either 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Join us to share and discuss the importance of palliative care. Learn more about how we can respond to our Christian call to provide compassionate care for our loved ones at the end of life. Please register with the CWL members after mass or email

sjocrosscwl@archtoronto.org

Fasting & Abstinence on

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Abstinence means abstaining from eating meat.




For those who are able to fast, fasting is eating one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



You support our community in countless ways through **ShareLife**. Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.

- You eased the struggles of more than 11,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 3,700 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 67 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, 2024-2025
- You helped sponsor 754 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,800 young parents and their children;
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 1,400 people with special needs and their families.

**Thank you for living the Gospel
by providing for those in need!**



*Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent starting this 1st Friday, March 7th, at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass
Community Rosary at 6:30pm.*

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ... Aspects of Carmelite Prayer: *The Humanity of Jesus*

If prayer is a love relationship, then it follows that one must *know* God first in order to love Him. After all, who can love what he does not know? But there's a problem—according to apophatic theology, God is unknowable—his essence is utterly transcendent and beyond human concepts. Fortunately, God Himself solves this problem by stepping into time and offering the means to know Him through his Son, Jesus Christ: "No one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Luke 10:22). Jesus becomes our gateway to know the Father.



St. Teresa of Avila discovered that by remaining close to the humanity of Jesus, she understood hidden mysteries: *I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight. Many, many times I have perceived this through experience. The Lord has told it to me. I have definitely seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. (Life 22:6)*

While it may be said that St. John of the Cross is chief among apophatic theologians, yet in practice, he remained ever close to the humanity of Christ. For him, Jesus is not only the gateway to the spiritual journey (Ascent, Bk. 2:7:2) but also its completion: *One of the main reasons for the desire to be dissolved and be with Christ is to see Him face to face and thoroughly understand the mysteries of the Incarnation, which is by no means the lesser part of beatitude (SC Stanza 37:1).*

How about you?

**When you dig deep during prayer,
what does your heart say about who Jesus is?**

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 3, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Alma De Souza, requested by the DeSouza Family
2. For the Repose of Anna Severina Fernandes, requested by the Family
3. For the Deceased Members of the Fernandes & Affonso Families, requested by the Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Clement Nwankwo, requested by Uju Obi

Tuesday, March 4, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Efren Regio, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Joe Saldanha, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Helen & Alban Toscano, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Amy & Albert Misquitta, requested by Elma Sastry & Family

Wednesday, March 5, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Willy Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the Repose of John Louis D'Mello, requested by Sabrina, Treffy, John & Family
3. For the Repose of CP Carvalho & Family, requested by the Family
4. For the Deceased Members of the Lobo & Saldanha Families, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Denny & Kenny Nwankwo, requested by Uju Obi

Thursday, March 6, 9am

1. For the 60th Birthday Blessings of Leonard Kange, requested by the Family
2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Family

Friday, March 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the Repose of Valerie Rodgers, requested by Marylou Vanderlowen
3. For the Repose of Margarida Lopes, requested by the Sanders Family
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Queen Kange, requested by the Family

Friday, March 7, 7pm

1. For the Special Intentions of the Menezes Family, requested by the Menezes Family

Saturday, March 8, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Kristian Chaves & Amanda Pereira, requested by the Chaves Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family
3. For the Repose of Vathathara & Celine Augustine, requested by Anna Babu Palathingal
4. For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families, requested by Joyce Gulati & Family

Saturday, March 8, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Helen Shim, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Hilaria Del Pino, requested by Del Pino & Valere Families
3. For the Repose of Olga & John Coutinho, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Sr. Nirmala Dias, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Hari Sastry, requested by Elma Sastry & Family

Sunday, March 9, 10am

1. For the Repose of Noel Joseph D'Mello, requested by the D'Mello Family

Sunday, March 9, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Sylvia Kulpa and Fernando Pimentel, requested by the Deveaux/Pimentel/Ramard Families

Sunday, March 9, 4pm

1. In Thanksgiving to St. Jude, requested by the Vieira Family



There will be a Building Fund Collection this weekend for the ongoing projects in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*

PANCAKE SUPPER



Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Secondary School

3700 Trelawny Circle, Mississauga

TICKETS \$7.00 each or 5 for \$30.00

Tickets will be sold after all Sunday Masses on March 1st & 2nd. A ShareLife fundraiser.

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 a 30-minute appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, March to April. Tax preparations can be done in-person or by telephone interview. The accountant will call you to confirm your appointment.

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

CHURCH

Mon	Mar. 3	Adult Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Tue	Mar. 4	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Mar. 5	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 6	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Fri	Mar. 7	Stations of the Cross & Holy Mass 7:00pm
Sat	Mar. 8	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Mar. 5	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar. 3	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar. 4	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Mar. 5	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Thurs	Mar. 6	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar. 8	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

BASEMENT CARMEL A

Mon	Mar. 3	CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Tues	Mar. 4	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Mar. 5	Sacramental Preparation 6:00-7:30pm
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Coffee Sunday this weekend!

We thank the Prime Time Club, a social group for 55 years old and above, for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend, March 1st & 2nd. Come, enjoy the goodies, and fellowship with another parishioner!



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