

Sunday, March 23, 2025



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



BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

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



Cardinal Leo's Message for Lent



Click the link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-lent-2025-from-his-eminence-frank-cardinal-leo/>

Be still, and know that I am God.—Psalm 46:11

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

Aspects of Carmelite Prayer:
Prayer Requires Stillness

If Carmelites seek the desert atmosphere, it is simply to achieve stillness of soul—the requisite disposition for prayer. St. Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) explains, "The work of salvation takes place in obscurity and stillness."

Yet, stillness is difficult to attain because it requires not only freedom from external noise but more especially, interior agitation. Unchecked passions, emotions, and anxiety wreak havoc on stillness. As Catherine de Houck Doherty says in her classic book, *Poustinia*, "Where noise is—inward noise and confusion—there God is not." Hence, there is a great need to set aside worry as it destroys the ability to pray. Elder Thaddeus Vitovnica (1914-2003) recommends seeking freedom from care;

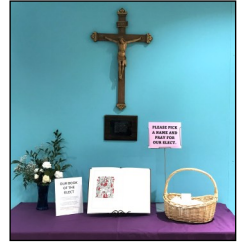
Prayer requires a completely carefree life, for even the slightest worry disrupts our prayer...Just as a speck of dust can blur our vision, so too, does the slightest worry interfere with our concentration in prayer. When we are united with the Lord, then our soul is at peace and Grace descends upon us.

To arrive at this stillness, one must then quiet the interior, including stray thoughts, worries, emotions, and desires. The Dijon Carmelite, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) says, "My Rule tells me: **'In silence will your strength be.'** It seems to me, therefore, that to keep one's strength for the Lord is to unify one's whole being by means of interior silence, to collect all one's powers in order to employ them in the one work of love."



PICK A NAME & PRAY FOR THAT PERSON

Please pick a name from the Basket of the Elects in the rotunda and pray for that person as he/she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil and become a member of the Church. They have been preparing every week since September. They need your support and prayers. Thank you!



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.

CARMELITE MONASTERY EVENTS

THE CARMELITE MONASTERY INVITES YOU TO SEDER AND HOLY WEEK RETREAT

Seder is the celebration of the festival of Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, the historical deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage in the days of Moses. Seder means "order." The religious nature of the Seder with its carefully "ordered" rituals makes this dinner unlike ordinary family dinners. It is an opportunity for each participant to relive the Exodus as a personal spiritual event.

The Carmelite community invites you to participate in this special religious meal and enter into the joy of God's deliverance of his people then and now. The Seder meal will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 16, at the Monastery of Mount Carmel beginning at 5:00 PM.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT: Questions on the Quest

The retreat begins with the Seder celebration on Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 5:00 PM and concludes with Easter Brunch on Sunday, 20 April. Come for all or a part of the retreat. Guests are welcome to spend private days before or after the retreat. The cost is \$165 per day.

Please contact the Spiritual Centre Office (905-356-4113) to make a reservation for Seder and/or the Holy Week Retreat by April 1.

Pillars of Lent:
*Prayer * Fasting * Almsgiving*

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Thursday, April 3rd
starting at 7:00pm



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The BBC 2025 is officially over! The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 would like to thank all the parishioners and clergy at St. John of the Cross Parish. If you haven't returned your bottle, please do so at the Church office during regular hours. We have many bottles to count and look forward to sharing the results of your generosity with you as soon as we can! And it's not too late to donate if you didn't have time to fill a bottle – <https://jfihopecentre.ca/baby-bottle-campaign/>



Consecration of the Faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto to the Blessed Virgin Mary this Tuesday, March 25th, after the 9am Mass.

Visit the Parish Adoration Chapel and spend quiet time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 24, 9am

1. For the Repose of Sylvia Pinto, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Donna Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family

Tuesday, March 25, 9am

1. For Special Intentions for Adrian, requested by the Family

Wednesday, March 26, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Carolyn Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Juliet Uzo, requested by the Family

Thursday, March 27, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Terna Kange, requested by the Family
2. For the Healing of Elisa Elisabeth Lee, requested by Steven & Regina Lee

Friday, March 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Alex DeGiorgio, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Demetrio Atienza Alejandro & Deceased Family Members, requested by the Alejandro Family
4. For the Repose of Thomas Cleary, requested by the Kavanagh Family
5. For the Repose of Thomas Kavanagh, requested by the Kavanagh Family

Saturday, March 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ann & Bill Ottemiller, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Dustin DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
3. For the Repose of Frank Hodonsky, requested by Mrs. Hodonsky
4. For the Repose of Stan Smid, requested by Mrs. Hodonsky

Saturday, March 29, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Gemma Carvalho, requested by the Carvalho Family

Sunday, March 30, 8am

1. For the Repose of John D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

Sunday, March 30, 10am

1. For the Repose of Alice Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
2. For the Repose of Sebro Dias, requested by the Dias/D'Mello Families

Sunday, March 30, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Gerard, requested by the Silang Family

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.

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!*



SUMMER CAMP: SAVE THE DATE

Week 1: July 14-18

Week 2: July 21—25

CHURCH

Mon	Mar. 24	Adult Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Tue	Mar. 25	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	Mar. 26	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 27	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Fri	Mar. 28	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Sat	Mar. 29	Confirmation Confessions 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Mar. 26	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Mar. 26	RCIA Discernment Meeting 7:00-8:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar. 24	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Mar. 25	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Mar. 25	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm
Wed	Mar. 26	Horizons of Hope 10:00am-12:00pm
Wed	Mar. 26	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Wed	Mar. 26	Horizons of Hope 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Mar. 27	Alpha Program 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Mar. 29	Men's Fraternity 6:00am-9:00am

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tue	Mar. 25	CWL 7:00-8:30pm
Thurs	Mar. 27	PTC Book Club 1:00-3:00pm

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!



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