


Sunday, May 25, 2025

St John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites



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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.
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

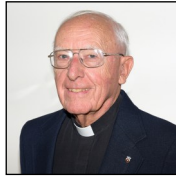
BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

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Holy Mass in honour of our late pastor:

Fr. Marcel Dube O. Carm.
St. John of the Cross Parish Pastor 1987-2000
Wednesday, May 28, 7:00pm

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



Rest in eternal peace, Fr. Marcel!

From all parishioners of St. John of the Cross Church

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

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

Aspects of Carmelite Prayer:

Prayer is Nourished by the Word of God

The Rule of Carmel is rich with scriptural inferences. The author, St. Albert, exhorts the brethren on Mt. Carmel to meditate frequently on Scripture: *Each one must remain in his cell or near it, meditating on the Law of the Lord day and night and keeping vigil in prayer.* St. Albert indicates that the Word of God is part of the spiritual armor: *Let the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, dwell abundantly in your mouth and in your hearts, and whatever you do, let it done in the word of the Lord.* Hence, Carmelites have long cultivated a deep love for Scripture. Carmelite reformer, Blessed John Soreth, compares meditation upon Scripture to hearing the voice of the Son of God as He awakens the dead (cf. Jn. 5:25):



When it sounds in the soul's ears, the divine voice disturbs, frightens, judges, gives life, loosens, enlightens, and cleanses; the Word of God is our food, a sword, our strengthening, our medicine, our repose, our consummation.

The frequent meditation of Scripture not only sustains the life of virtue but also is essential fuel for prayer. Without this meditation, love grows cold: "For lack of wood, the fire goes out" (Pr. 26:20). God gives a trace of his Being through the Holy Scriptures. St. Thérèse says,

Since Jesus has gone to Heaven, I can follow Him only by the traces He has left. But how radiant and how fragrant these traces are! I have only to glance at the Holy Gospels, and at once I breathe the fragrance of His life and know which way to run.

Women's Annual Retreat

FIRE WITHIN

Living Pentecost with Mary

Saturday, June 7th (Pentecost Weekend)
9:00am—3:00pm, Nessinger Hall
Retreat Master: Fr. Michael Corpus

The Parish Women's Group invites all ladies in the parish to come and experience a transformative Catholic women's retreat rooted in the heart of Pentecost and the example of Mary. We'll enter the sacred silence of Mary's hidden life - a space of stillness, prayer, and steady faith.



We'll reflect on how Mary's presence shaped the early Church and how our own quiet faith can transform our homes and communities. Inspired by her contemplative strength, we'll learn to treasure the hidden moments and listen more deeply to the whisper of the Holy Spirit. Whether you're feeling unseen or simply longing for deeper spiritual grounding, join us and rediscover the quiet fire God is igniting in you—just like He did in Mary. "

Lunch is provided. No registration fee.

Love offering is appreciated.

*Register for headcount after any
Sunday Mass this weekend!*

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



There is a promise of marriage this
Saturday, May 31st, between

**Trevor D'Souza and
Riya Anna Abraham**

Let us pray for this couple as they
prepare for their wedding.

SUMMER CROSS CAMP REGISTRATION

For all children in the parish entering Grades 1 to 6 in
September. Camp weeks are:



Week 1: July 14-18 Week 2: July 21-25

The camp runs daily during these weeks,
from 9:00am-3:30pm. Camp registration is
\$175 per child per week.

Discounts are available for siblings who register together and for those who attend both weeks.

Registration forms may be picked up from the parish office or downloaded from the website.

*It is great wisdom to know how to be silent and to look at neither the remarks,
nor the deeds, nor the lives of others. — St. John of the Cross*

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The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 and the JFJ Hope Centre staff would like to thank all the parishioners and clergy at St. John of the Cross Parish for their support and generosity. This year's campaign raised **\$11,847.03 for the JFJ Hope Centre.**

Thank you for your generosity!



Charity Walk & Cycle
Saturday, June 14, 9:45am-12:30pm
Raffle prizes, a live DJ
and refreshments.
Sign up after Sunday Mass!
All is welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 26, 9am

1. For the Repose of Grace D'Mello, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Otto Vanderlowen, requested by Marylou Vanderlowen
3. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family

Tuesday, May 27, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Selwyn & Candy, requested by John, Sabrina & Family

Thursday, May 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Elna Boyle, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of John Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
4. For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families, requested by Joyce Gulati & Family

Friday, May 30, 9am

1. For the Repose of Maria Della Riza Fernandes, requested by her Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kevin Neil Alejandro Varias, requested by the Alejandro Family
3. For the Deceased Members of the Rasquinha & Gulati Families, requested by Joyce Gulati & Family

Saturday, May 31, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Isaiah Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Yoly Atendido, requested by Andy & Yoly Atendido
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Gerard Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family

Saturday, May 31, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Celina Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Melenciana Chao, requested by the Family

Sunday, June 1, 8am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Ian D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Gabriel Ivan Somera, requested by the Querubin Somera Family

Sunday, June 1, 10am

1. For the Special Intentions of Raffaele Abbate & Family, requested by Stella
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
3. For the Repose of Felino Samaniego, requested by Ging Samaniego & Family
4. For the Repose of Pilar Mendoza Molina, requested by Ging Florentin

Sunday, June 1, 12pm

1. For the Healing of Maria Fernanda Arenas Castillo, requested by Arenas & Mendez Families

Sunday, June 1, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Wanda Antao, requested by the Antao Family

PALLIATIVE SUPPORT MINISTRY

Ontario Government Petition

The Palliative Support Ministry has a petition asking the Ontario Government to increase funding for palliative home care programs and services that had it approved by the Archdiocese of Toronto. We would like to present to the Government of Ontario in September. Please see us at the back of the church after mass.



The Palliative Support Ministry has Dr. Park, who is a Palliative Care Doctor at McMaster Medical Center. He will speak about the importance of palliative care for the sick and caregivers. He is booked for Friday, June 13, at 7:00 pm in Nessinger Hall. Please sign up & mark your calendar.

Estate Planning presentation from a Catholic Perspective on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish.

Attend to find out:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your personal Catholic legacy

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. send an email to:

Sjocpalliative.support@archtoronto.org and

write "estate planning" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message or

3. call 647 456-3753



ShareLife donation received: \$38,349.50

Parish goal: \$ 101,000.00

We are about 38% of the goal.

We thank the Men's Fraternity for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Come, enjoy the coffee, cookies, and fellowship!



CHURCH

Wed	May 28	Band Choir 8:00-9:30pm
Thurs	May 29	Folk Choir 7:00-8:30pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	May 28	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	May 26	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	May 27	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	May 27	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:15pm
Thurs	May 29	Parish Women's Group Faith & Fitness 7:00pm
Fri	May 30	Prime Time Club Dinner & Dance 6:30pm

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Tues	May 26	CWL Council Meeting 7:00
Thurs	May 29	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm

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Tues	May 27	Bereavement Session 5:30-8:00pm
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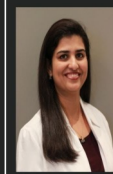
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