

Sunday, May 4, 2025

# St John of the Cross

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## BAPTISM

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.

## AddME

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click **AddMe** to be added to the Parish Email List.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm and 6:00 - 8.30pm  
Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm

## MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am  
Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm  
**Sundays:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm  
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

## RECONCILIATION

6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office.

## Two Steps for E-Transfer:

- 1) Send donations to: [admin@sjocross.org](mailto:admin@sjocross.org)
- 2) A separate email message to [admin@sjocross.org](mailto:admin@sjocross.org) with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.

## MARRIAGE

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.

## Live Stream

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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Please keep in your prayers all our children receiving the Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation. May they grow strong in faith and love of God and neighbor. May they, and their families and sponsors, be brought closer to God.



### PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE

Lord Jesus Christ, by entrusting to St. Peter and his successors the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, thou didst establish the office of the papacy. Grant to thy Church, we beseech thee, a pope who, in his dedication to the Sacred Tradition of the Church, will seek to govern the Church according to the Deposit of Faith and for the salvation of souls. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Confessors, we consecrate to thee the conclave and the election of the Holy Father. Blessed Mother, look not upon our sinfulness or upon the infidelity of many Catholics who do not accept the teaching of thy Son, but upon the Church which is the spotless Bride of thy son, so that we do not get the leader we deserve, but a Holy Father who will guide the Church for the glory and honor of thy Son. Amen.

### Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

#### Aspects of Carmelite Prayer:

#### Intercession



The Mystical Body of Christ is the original networking system. Bodies may be separated by continents but souls are connected through prayer. Hence, intercession on behalf of others is at the heart of Carmelite prayer. It has its roots in the example of Elijah, whose prayer restored the widow of Zaraphath's son from death (1 Kings 17:21-22) and who obtained rain from heaven after a three-year drought (1 Kgs 18-19). Intercessory prayer has been a key factor throughout Carmelite history. Its effectiveness may be seen in the example of St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897). Though hidden in solitude, her gift of prayer and suffering reached souls on distant continents. She describes her concept of intercession as love in the heart of the Church:

*I understood that if the Church has a body composed of different members, the noblest and most necessary of all the members would not be lacking to her. I understood that the Church has a heart and that this heart burns with Love. I understood that Love alone makes its members act, that if this Love were to be extinguished, the Apostles would no longer preach the Gospel, and the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood... Jesus, my love, at last I have found my vocation. My vocation is love. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and then I will be all things. (Story of a Soul)*



Significantly, thirty years after her death, Pope Pius XI proclaimed St. Therese as Patron of Missions. How could this cloistered Carmelite, who never left her monastery, be on equal footing with the great missionary St. Francis Xavier? It is because the ardor of her love spread through all the veins of the Mystical Body.

### BIBLE STUDY: PRAY LIKE MARY



Listen — and Respond — like Mary at the Annunciation. Mary has been called the "mother of listening." She didn't just hear the Word; she pondered it in light of her own relationships and circumstances and then let it transform her.

In *How to Pray Like Mary* you will:

- Develop a daily habit of life-changing prayer.
- Learn how to tell the difference between God's voice and your own thoughts in prayer.
- Understand Mary as the mother of the Church and a model for individual Christians... and why this is so important.
- Rediscover the power in the early Church's method of Scripture-based prayer.
- Many more .....

Most importantly: You will know how to *respond* to God when you do hear him, just like the Blessed Mother!

6 Sessions every Tuesday, 7:00-8:15pm, starting May 27th.

Workbook with 1-year access of video: \$32  
Cash, debit/credit is accepted.

Sign up after all Sunday Masses this weekend.

**All is welcome!**

"Mary is the mother who patiently and tenderly leads us to God, so that He may untie the knots in our soul." - Pope Francis

### A DAY WITH MARY

During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope, on the Feast of the Visitation, and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone!

Round Trip Transportation:  
\$25 per person  
When: Saturday, May 31st  
Optional lunch is available for \$10

Bus departs parish parking lot: 8:15am  
Bus departs Villanova College, King City: 4:15pm

**Open to all parishioners, friends, & families!**

Sign up after any of the Sunday Masses or  
at the Parish Office



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## SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Our parish has been approved for two internship positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The internship will be from June 30th to August 22nd, 2025.

Job descriptions are posted in the parish website. If interested, please email your resume no later than noon on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to the Parish Office, [sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org). Thank you for your interest. Only those chosen for interview will be contacted.

From Vita Centre:

This May, as we honour our mothers, Vita Centre invites you to support young pregnant women and vulnerable families through our Mothers Helping Mothers campaign. Collection boxes will be available after all Masses in the rotunda on May 10th and 11th. Thank you for helping make a difference.

There will be a 2nd Collection for ShareLife this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, May 7, 9am**

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Eden DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family
3. Birthday Blessings for Jackie Fernandes, requested by her Family

**Thursday, May 8, 9am**

1. For the Repose of Matteo Di Folco, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Giuseppe Milan, requested by the Family
3. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
4. For the Repose of Tomas Aquino Fernandes, requested by the Family

**Friday, May 9, 9am**

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Hannah Bustos, requested by the Family

**Saturday, May 10, 5pm**

1. For Blessings on all Mothers of St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross
2. For the Repose of Carlos Chao, requested by the Family

**Sunday, May 11, 8am**

1. For Blessings on all Mothers of St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by CWL of St. John of the Cross

**Sunday, May 11, 10am**

1. For Blessings on all Mothers of St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by CWL of St. John of the Cross
2. For the Repose of Theresa & Leo Pereira, requested by the Godinho Family
3. For the Repose of Kostas Scountrianos, requested by the Scountrianos Family

**Sunday, May 11, 12pm**

1. For Blessings on all Mothers of St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by CWL of St. John of the Cross
2. For the Repose of Rosa Gambacorta, requested by the Gambacorta Family
3. For the Repose of Antonio Sr. & Remedios Magallanes, requested by Remy Barry
4. For the Deceased Vincentian Members of St. John of the Cross, requested by St. Vincent de Paul Members

**Sunday, May 11, 4pm**

1. For Blessings on all Mothers of St. John of the Cross Parish, requested by CWL of St. John of the Cross

## SUMMER CROSS CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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.

## BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Bereavement Sessions start on Tuesday, May 6th from 6pm -8pm for 6 consecutive weeks.

Sessions are conducted by ministers certified in Grief and Bereavement by the Archdiocese of Toronto. We have been dealing with grief for over 10 years and all of the ministers have experienced personal losses in their lives.

Grief or tears may not show its ugly face for years but sooner or later we'll need help to heal our broken heart. For more information email [maribel1066@bell.net](mailto:maribel1066@bell.net). Please include your phone number.

## PARISH PRAYER GROUP



Prayer Group Meets every Thursday, 7:00-9:00pm. All is welcome.

### CHURCH

Mon	May 5	Adult Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Tues	May 6	Confirmation 7:00pm
Wed	May 7	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	May 8	Confirmation 7:00pm
Sat	May 10	1st Communion 10:30am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Tues	May 6	CWL 7:00-8:30pm
Wed	May 7	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	May 5	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	May 6	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	May 8	Baptism Prep Class 7:00pm

### CARMEL ROOM A

Tues	May 6	Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	May 7	CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	May 8	SVDP Meeting 7:00pm

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tues	May 6	Bereavement Session 5:30-8:00pm
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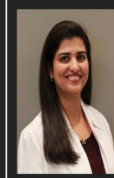
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