

Sunday, October 26, 2025



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Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org	Ext. 228	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	
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Deacon Ferdinand D'Souza fdsouza@archtoronto.org		6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.	
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1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@arctoronto.org	225	2) A separate email message to admin@sjocross.org	
Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org	230	with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.	
Youth Group, Ryan Belluz, RBelluz@archtoronto.org	222	MARRIAGE	
BAPTISM		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.	
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.		Live Stream	
AddME		All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.	
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.		 Click here for Live Stream	

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1st, 9am
Honouring all the saints of the church,
known and unknown.

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 1st, 5pm
With Commemoration Mass
for the deceased who passed
within the last year.



Pray without ceasing.

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way

When Prayer Is Hard: St. Teresa of Avila's Struggle as a Light of Hope

Prayer is often understood as lifting our hearts and minds to God. But St. Teresa of Avila knew firsthand how challenging this could be.

For her, prayer was often dry, empty, and unproductive. Yet Teresa, who would later become a Doctor of the Church, was not afraid to acknowledge her struggles. In doing so, she reflects our own experience and reassures us that struggle is part of the journey. Eventually, Teresa discovered the "key." What once felt like an endless distraction became something natural and even joyful. She could spend long hours in prayer without noticing the time. Through her perseverance, she not only grew personally but also left us a wealth of wisdom on prayer.

The turning point was not a sudden miracle, but what she called "determined determination" – the choice to persevere (Way of Perfection, 21:2). For Teresa, this meant cultivating patience, fidelity, and the courage to remain in prayer despite trials or feelings of unworthiness. It meant looking at God, not at herself. This shift moved her from thinking much to loving much. She discovered that prayer is not about eloquence or mental effort but about love and perseverance.

Like Teresa, many of us find it hard to sit in prayer for even a few minutes without distraction. We might become frustrated and give up. But her example teaches that perseverance bears fruit. God values faithfulness more than fleeting feelings. The call is to struggle faithfully – to keep showing up, trusting that God works beneath the surface.



Excerpt from Fr. Jerome Ituah, OCD
<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/when-prayer-is-hard-st-teresa-of-avilas-struggle-as-a-light-of-hope/>

BOOK OF LIFE

On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, the Book of Life containing the names of deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. The souls will be prayed on that day and in all Holy Masses throughout the month. There are **2 ways** to have the names of your loved ones be included in the Book of Life:



1. By picking up a purple sheet in the hallway of the church and bringing the sheet back once completed **OR**
2. By clicking the link below or using the QR code, you can write the names of your loved ones on the form. We will print the pages and add them to the Book of Life.



<https://bit.ly/2025parishbookoflife>

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

There is a Rite of Enrollment for all 2025-2026 Candidates for Confirmation in all Masses in the next two weekends. Candidates are required to participate in this Rite by coming to **any** of the Masses listed below:

Saturday, October 25th: 5:00pm
Sunday Mass, October 26th: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm



Night of Light

Reclaim Halloween with Faith & Fun!

Join us for an evening of prayer, joy, and community as we celebrate the Eve of All Saints' Day!

When: Fri, Oct 31, 2025
6:30–8:15 pm

Where: Nessinger Hall (after the church prayer service)

Highlights:

- Prayer & Adoration (6:30 pm)
- Games, songs & prizes
- Kids: dress as saints or wear white
- Treats & loot bags

Free! Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

Register via church office or

email - tavaresloyola@gmail.com

Come celebrate a night of light, laughter & faith!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #12706

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 27, 9am

- For the Repose of Renato Jose Laportar, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Hari Sastry, requested by Elma Sastry & Family

Tuesday, October 28, 9am

- For Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Sciberras Family
- For the Repose of Pham Doan, requested by Toan Pham
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Vic Lopez, requested by the Lopez Family

Wednesday, October 29, 9am

- For the Repose of Lina Lemieux, requested by Diane & Family

Wednesday, October 29, 7pm

- For the Repose of Maureen & Anthony Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz

Thursday, October 30, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Alvin Ramana, requested by the Ramana Family
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Royston Dsouza, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Yorrick Desouza Sr., requested by the Desouza Family

Friday, October 31, 9am

- For the Birthday Blessings of Van Somera, requested by the Querubin & Somera Families
- For the Repose of Hugh Fernandes, requested by Michelle & Family
- For the Repose of Brian Pinder, requested by the Pinder Family & Friends

Saturday, November 1, 9am

- For the Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family
- For the Repose of Jermain Apikian, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Lucien, Mary & Francis Apikian, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Maria, Santiago & Victoria Ferrer, requested by the De Leon Family
- For the Repose of Teresinha Pereira, requested by Joao Pereira
- For the Repose of Mary Fernandes, requested by her Family
- For the Repose of Cathy & Juan Lavcervich, requested by the Family

Sunday, November 2, 8am

- For the Repose of Paolo Biondi, requested by the Biondi Family
- For the Repose of Josephine Rego, requested by Felix & Alice D'Souza
- For the Repose of Lourdes Limjoco, requested by the Limjoco Family
- For the Repose of Olivia de Souza, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Clement & Philo Francis, requested by Lyndon & Elaine Francis
- For the Repose of George & Yvonne Lynch, requested by Lyndon & Elaine Francis
- For the Repose of Petra Prospere, requested by her daughter Angela

Sunday, November 2, 10am

- For all Deceased Family & Friends, requested by the Benjamin Family
- For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

Sunday, November 2, 12pm

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Mikayla Chan, requested by the Chan Family

The Palliative Support Ministry is having its first Bake Sale after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Proceeds will allow the ministry to continue providing support to individuals facing life limiting illnesses and their families. Thank you for your support! Contact us if you have any questions, sjocpalliative@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus.

We invite you to pack a shoebox to put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.



Filled shoeboxes will need to be returned by Saturday, November 8th. Please remember to place \$12 inside the box.



PASTA KNIGHT



The Knights of Columbus is organizing its Annual Takeout Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 8th, 2-3pm. \$12/container (penne & meatballs) or \$10 each for 3 or more. Use eventskoc@gmail.com for e-transfer.

For more info, contact

Denzil 416.580.7585

Josh 647.868.7847

We thank the Men's Fraternity for hosting the Coffee Sunday next weekend, Nov. 1-2, after all Sunday Masses. ***Come, enjoy and socialize!***



CHURCH

Wed	Oct 29	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 30	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Fri	Oct 31	K of C Night of Lights 7:00pm
Sat	Nov 1	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Oct 29	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Oct 30	Music Ministry Meeting 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Oct 27	RCIA 7:00pm
Tue	Oct 28	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Oct 28	Parish Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 29	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Thurs	Oct 30	Youth EDGE 6:45-8:45pm
Fri	Oct 31	K of C Night of Lights 7:00pm
Sat	Nov 1	Men's Fraternity 6:00pm-9:00am
Sat	Nov 1	Lay Carmelites 9:00am-3:00pm
Sun	Nov 2	Alpha 7:00-9:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Tue	Oct 28	Alpha Marriage Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 29	Sacramental Prep 6:30-7:30pm
Fri	Oct 31	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Nov 2	Rise & Lead CWL Public Speaking 1:00-2:30pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Oct 29	CWL Crafts 7:00pm
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In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfill God's will in relation to other men and to all creation. Already they reign with Christ; with him "they shall reign for ever and ever."⁶⁰⁵ - CCC1029

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