

Sunday, October 5, 2025

# St John of the Cross Parish

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| Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate<br><a href="mailto:LHarris@archtoronto.org">LHarris@archtoronto.org</a>   | 226      | SICK AND HOMEBOUND   |  |
| Violanta Nicholson, Secretary<br><a href="mailto:VNicholson@archtoronto.org">VNicholson@archtoronto.org</a>  | 222      | Please contact the office.   |  |
| Diane Mejia, Reception   | 221      | Two Steps for E-Transfer:  |  |
| SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION  |          | 1) <b>Send donations to:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a><br>2) A separate email message to <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.                  |  |
| 1st Communion/1st Reconciliation <a href="mailto:Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org</a>  | 225      | MARRIAGE   |  |
| Confirmation, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org</a>   | 230      | 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. |  |
| Youth Group, Ryan Belluz, <a href="mailto:RBelluz@archtoronto.org">RBelluz@archtoronto.org</a>   | 222      |  |  |
| BAPTISM  |          | Live Stream  |  |
| 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. |          | All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.  |  |
| AddMe  |          |  Click here for Live Stream   |  |
| To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.  |          |  |  |

**BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE**

## YOUTH PROGRAMS



**EDGE**

Calling all Grades 5-8 youths!  
Make new friends, learn about  
Catholic teachings through interactive games, lessons,  
and many more fun activities. We meet every other  
Thursday evening starting in the fall. Details & registra-  
tion @ [https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/  
our-ministries/youth-group/edge/](https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/edge/) See you all soon!

If you're in high school, this one's for YOU!

Dive into engaging activi-  
ties and discussions  
about our Catholic faith.



Navigate the challenges of peer pressure, academic stress,  
and family issues while building a deeper relationship  
with Jesus Christ and His Church. We meet every other  
Sunday evening after the 4pm Holy Mass. Details & Regis-  
tration: [https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/  
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We look forward to see you all soon!

## ROSARY RALLY

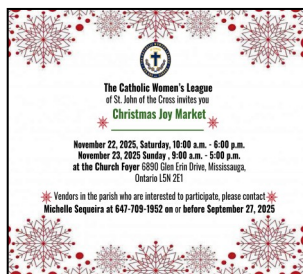
### Praying the Rosary for Canada

Saturday, October 11th,  
2025 at 12pm by the  
outdoor statues of Our  
Lady of Mount Carmel  
and St. John of the  
Cross, (Gananoque and  
Glen Erin Drive).



**Meditate on the mysteries  
as you pray the Holy Rosary.**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



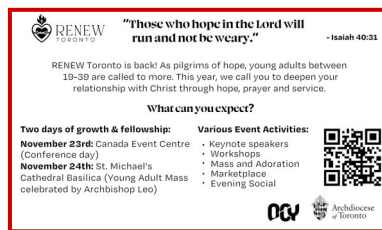
### Vendors Wanted for CWL's Christmas Joy Market

Any vendors in the parish  
who are interested in partici-  
pating, please contact  
Barbara Godfrey  
at 437-776-0284 .

## RCIA FOR CHILDREN (CIC)

The Parish has an RCIA Program adapted for chil-  
dren (CIC) 7 years old and above and is not bap-  
tized yet, designed to help them prepare for their  
Baptism, 1st Communion and if they are in Grade 7  
and above, also Confirmation. The program will  
start on Wednesday, October 15th. Please contact  
Liane Harris in the Parish Office for details.

## RENEW TORONTO



Calling all Young  
Adults 19-39 years old  
for a gathering on  
Christ the King week-  
end to deepen their  
Catholic Faith through  
keynote speakers,

breakout sessions, fellowship, etc. RENEW Toronto is  
OCY's largest gathering of young adults in the Archdio-  
cese of Toronto and beyond.

For more info: <https://renewtoronto.org/>

### Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ....

## Hope is in the Word of the Lord

*"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word  
of our God will stand for ever" (Isaiah 40.8)*

The difference between hope and blind optimism is that  
hope is something that is based on a solid foundation.  
Things that are short-lived, ephemeral or unreliable don't  
make a good basis for hope. But if we place our  
trust in something that is long-lived, solid and un-  
shakeable, then that becomes a real, firmly ground-  
ed hope.



The word of the Lord is one of those things that is worthy of  
our trust. In the New Testament, the phrase "the word of the  
Lord" is used quite often in the Acts of the Apostles. Here it  
refers to the gospel message that the apostles were preach-  
ing, the good news about Jesus.

And today we often talk about the "word of the Lord", (or  
"the word of God") and refer to the Bible. After the readings  
at Mass, the reader proclaims "The Word of the Lord", and  
we reply, "Thanks be to God". By doing this, we mean more  
than that this reading we have just heard is an extract from  
the Bible. By that response, we acknowledge that through  
that reading, God is communicating with us here and now, in  
our own lives. There is something within each reading that  
we hear at Mass that can be helpful for us. It might directly  
connect to a situation in our own lives. There might be  
something about the words or actions of the people spoken  
of in the reading that is inspirational to us (or even a warn-  
ing to us!).

This hearing and reading is something that can be trans-  
formative in our lives, because it is a place where we en-  
counter God. Any authentic meeting with God will leave us  
changed somehow. It will involve growth as a person and a  
better understanding of who God is, who we are and how we  
connect to the people around us who we meet every day.  
But most of all, it will leave us with a greater love.

Excerpt from Richard Green O. Carm. [Carmelite Weekly Reflections](#)

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for  
the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 6, 9am

1. For the Repose of Maria Vieira, requested by the Vieira Family
2. For the Repose of Ray Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Daniel D'Souza, requested by Ferdie & Anita
4. For the Repose of Benita Ang Co, requested by the Ang Co Family
5. For the Repose of Romeo Bala Laforteza, requested by Maria Grace Banticella
6. For the Repose of Lionel De Cunha, requested by Blanche & Valerian Lewis
7. For the Repose of Joseph Sebastian Pereira, requested by the Dias Family

### Tuesday, October 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
2. For the Healing of Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family

### Wednesday, October 8, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Wilfred Minezes, requested by the Menezes Family

### Thursday, October 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Eldon John Skeavington, requested by Dawn Skeavington
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kimberly Anne Varias-Lemus, requested by the Alejandro Family

### Friday, October 10, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kimberley Monisse, requested by John, Sabrina, Clyde & Family
2. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
3. For the Repose of Ricardo Lobo, requested by Rodrigues & Lobo Families

### Saturday, October 11, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Myron & Jennifer DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family

### Sunday, October 12, 10am

1. For the Repose of Simon D'Cruz, requested by his Family
2. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

### Sunday, October 12, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Laura & Patrick Barrie, requested by Bridget & Bismark Abreu



We thank the 3rd Order Lay Carmelites for hosting the Coffee Sunday this weekend, October 4-5.

*Come, enjoy and socialize!*



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Collection bins are set up at each end of the church until October 19th. Some suggested items include: cereal, oatmeal, soups, peanut butter, jam, pancake mix/ syrup and snack foods.

*Thank you for your kindness!*

**We pray for all migrants, refugees, and the healing and reconciliation of all relationships, especially our relationship with our God.**

Please put your Building Fund envelope along with the regular collection this weekend. *Thank you for your generosity!*



## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOODS

The St. John of the Cross community is excited to host our 3rd **International Festival of Foods**, celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our parish. This special event will take place in Nessinger Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2025**.

The Festival aims to highlight the foods, entertainment, customs, and traditions of our various cultures. To make this event a success, we are seeking **donations of food items** representing your country—this can be an appetizer, main course, or dessert. These dishes will be available at the Festival in exchange for a ticket donation, with all proceeds supporting **our parish**.

We are also inviting parishioners to share other elements of their heritage—**traditional dances, cultural attire, or any unique customs** that represent your background.

Your participation and support are key to the success of this event. If you're able to contribute food, perform, or help in any way, please contact: **Julia D'Souza**, 416-275-5646 OR the parish office.

### CHURCH

|       |        |                               |
|-------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Mon   | Oct 6  | Adult Choir 6:30pm            |
| Tue   | Oct 7  | Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm   |
| Wed   | Oct 8  | Band Choir 8:00pm             |
| Thurs | Oct 9  | Folk Choir 7:00pm             |
| Sat   | Oct 11 | Children's Choir 10:00am      |
| Sat   | Oct 11 | Altar Server Training 11:15am |

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

|       |        |                                    |
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| Wed   | Oct 8  | Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm |
| Thurs | Oct 10 | GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm   |

### NESSINGER HALL

|     |        |   |
|-----|--------|---|
| Mon | Oct 6  | RCIA 7:00-9:00pm                        |
| Tue | Oct 7  | Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm                |
| Wed | Oct 8  | Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-9:00pm |
| Sat | Oct 11 | Men's Fraternity 6:00pm-9:00am          |

### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

|       |        |   |
|-------|--------|---|
| Mon   | Oct 6  | CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00-9:00pm               |
| Tue   | Oct 7  | Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg 7:00-9:00pm   |
| Wed   | Oct 8  | Sacramental Prep 6:30pm                     |
| Thurs | Oct 9  | SVDP Conf. Meeting 7:00-9:00pm              |
| Fri   | Oct 10 | Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm                    |
| Sun   | Oct 12 | Rise & Lead CWL Public Speaking 1:00-2:30pm |

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

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| Tues | Oct 7 | Bereavement 5:30-8:30pm |
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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
THIRTYFOURTH CENTRAL COUNCIL

List of Items Accepted and Not Accepted at Bundle Up Weekends & Stores

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Accept</b>                   | <b>Don't Accept</b>  |
| All Clothing<br>(Any Condition) | Please we do not accept the following:                                   |
| All Footwear<br>(Any Condition) | Baby items<br>(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture) |
| Bedding<br>(Any Condition)      | Construction Material<br>(Any Condition)                                 |
| Drapery/Towels                  | Dishes<br>(Any Kind)   |
| Toys<br>(New only)              | Furniture<br>(Any Kind)  |
|                                 | Books/Video/Audio Cassettes  |

## Bundle Up

For the  
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On

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