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September 15th

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	RECONCILIATION
	6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
	Please contact the office.
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	Two Steps for E-Transfer:
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation <a href="mailto:Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org</a> 225 Confirmation, <a href="mailto:Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org">Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org</a> 230 Youth Group, Ryan Belluz, <a href="mailto:RBelluz@archtoronto.org">RBelluz@archtoronto.org</a> 222	1) Send donations to: <a href="mailto:admin@sjocross.org">admin@sjocross.org</a> 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.
BAPTISM	MARRIAGE
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.	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.
AddME	Live Stream
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click <b>AddMe</b> to be added to the Parish Email List.	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.



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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Liturgy of the Word with children will be starting this weekend during the 5pm, 10am, 12pm, and 4pm Holy Mass.

**NEW** volunteers are needed and welcome! The commitment would be once or twice a month. Come celebrate the Good News and message of God's unconditional love for us with the children of our parish!

Anyone, 18 years of age or older, can join and if you are in grade 11 or 12, this could also be a great way to get community service hours and grow in your faith by sharing our faith with our young ones!

Contact: Rosemarie De Bartolo, Coordinator  
[children\\_liturgy@yahoo.com](mailto:children_liturgy@yahoo.com)

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



## A Renewed Hope

Hope always and only ever looks to the future – our future in the life of God

Hope has God as its source and has God as its ultimate fulfilment – it is good.

Hope is not easy – it asks much of us. But never too much that it is impossible.

Hope, poured into our hearts by God, calls us from within drawing us towards God.

Three years ago, around this time (3<sup>rd</sup> September) I took a step out in hope into religious life as a friar in the Order. I remember distinctly the Gospel for that day as it was the feast of St. Gregory the Great. It was a passage from Matthew's Gospel (Matt 16:13-19), where Jesus asks his disciples who the Son of Man is? He then turns to Peter directly and asks, 'but who do you say I am?' It is quite a piercing question, but at the same time a comforting one. Jesus asks Peter directly; he desires the individual. Through the person of Christ, each of us is asked individually in prayer and through others "who do you say I am?". Because of this, I believe we can do nothing but flourish. But that does not mean it is always easy! A plant for example which is planted in the perfect conditions still has to weather a harsh winter every now and again! But we do not hope in what is impossible, only in what God makes possible in our lives.

Jesus' question to Peter becomes a daily question which we must all consider, in whatever way we live of Christian lives. But I am confident that if St. Peter's answer is our own, then we will live in hope. Or as Elijah would exclaim before the God of his hope – *With zeal, we are zealous for the Lord God of Hosts*' (1 Kings 19:10)

Excerpt from Fr. Matthew Janvier O.Carm.  
<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/a-renewed-hope/>

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026

First Communion and Confirmation Meetings are scheduled at the Church for all parents with baptized children preparing for these sacraments on the following dates:

### First Communion Registration Dates

**Registration packages will be delivered to the schools.**

Sunday, September 21st, 7:00-8:00 pm **OR**

Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00- 8:00 pm

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### Confirmation Parent Meeting Dates

**Meeting in the church**

Sunday, September 28th, 6:00 pm **OR**

Tuesday, September 30th, at 7:00 pm

**Click to register to the Parent Meeting before coming:** <https://forms.gle/RgTDGigtZc1EB8B29>

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For questions, please call:

First Communion/First Reconciliation  
905-821-1331 x 225

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Confirmation: 905-821-1331 x 230

## PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all parishioners to its annual

## PARISH FAMILY PICNIC



**Saturday, September 27th**

**10:00am—3:00pm**

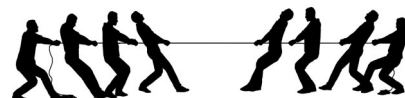
**Meadowvale Conservation Area**

Fun day for all ages!

Food, Games, & Good Friendships.

*Bring your families, friends, and relatives. Let's celebrate our parish and each other as one big family! Bring food to share (Potluck).*

Register after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend. No fee. Details of the picnic will be emailed to you upon registration. See you all!



***All people are born as originals  
but many die as photocopies.  
St. Carlo Acutis, Millennial Saint***



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 15, 9am

1. For the Repose of Maria Braganza, requested by the Antao Family
2. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Angelo DSilva, requested by the Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Hazel Pereira, requested by Nina Tobias & Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Rose Lobo

### Tuesday, September 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ashby & Joyce Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family
2. In Thanksgiving & 75th Birthday Blessings of Editha Lim, requested by Janet Lim
3. For the Repose of Edith & Edwin Fernandes, requested by Denise Rodgers
4. In Thanksgiving for Neela & Sherard, requested by Heather Desouza

### Wednesday, September 17, 9am

1. For the Repose of Purification Lobo, requested by the Casteli-no Family
2. For the Repose of Carmelita Bautista-Alejandro & Deceased Family Members, requested by the Alejandro Family

### Wednesday, September 17, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Sofio & Natividad De Leon, requested by Albert & Vicky De Leon & Family
2. For Unborn Babies & Souls in Purgatory, requested by the D'Souza Family

### Thursday, September 18, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Sharyon Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Rita Lobo, requested by Desmond Lobo
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Geraldine Robson, requested by the Robson Family
4. For the Repose of Emilio Coelho, requested by Kenneth & Charmaine
5. For Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
6. For the Repose of Fatima Mendes, requested by the D'Souza Family

### Friday, September 19, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Daliah Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family

### Saturday, September 20, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Good Health & Blessings Received, requested by Michael Fernandes & Family

### Saturday, September 20, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Joy & Barbara Christopher, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Annie D'Abreu, requested by Denise, Stephen & Family

### Sunday, September 21, 10am

1. For the Repose of Phil Fonseca, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Benedicta Fernandez, requested by the Fernandes Family
3. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

### Sunday, September 21, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Henry & Effie Pinto, requested by the D'Cruz Family

### Sunday, September 21, 4pm

1. For the Healing of Rosalina Dulay, requested by Janet Fabros



## YOUTH PROGRAMS



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

Dive into engaging activities and discussions



about our Catholic faith. Navigate the challenges of peer

pressure, academic stress, and family issues while build-

ing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His

Church. We meet every other Sunday evening after the

4pm Holy Mass. Check out [https://](https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/life-teen/)

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We look forward to see you all soon!

Registrations for EDGE and LIFE TEEN Programs are now open. Please click on the corresponding link above for details and to register.



We thank the Parish Family Ministry for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses next weekend, Sept. 20th & 21st.

Come, enjoy and socialize!

### CHURCH

Mon	Sept 15	Adult Choir 6:30pm
Tue	Sept 16	Altar Server Training 6:00pm
Wed	Sept 17	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Sept 18	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Sept 20	Children's Choir 10:00am
Sat	Sept 20	Altar Server Training 11:15am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Sept 17	Prime Time club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept 15	Rosary Apostolate 6:00-9:00pm
Tue	Sept 16	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Sat	Sept 20	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00pm
Sun	Sept 21	Alpha 7:00-9:00pm

### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Wed	Sept 17	Rosary Apostolate 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 19	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Sept 21	Rise & Lead CWL Public Speaking 1:00-2:30pm

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tue	Sept 16	Bereavement Session 5:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Sept 18	PTC Book Club 1:00-3:00pm



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