

Sunday, September 21, 2025

St John of the Cross Parish



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PASTORAL TEAM Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Ext. 228 Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org Fr. Joby Joseph, O.Carm, Associate Pastor Ext. 224 joby.joseph@archtoronto.org Deacon Mark Romeo 229 mromeo@archtoronto.org Deacon Ferdinand D'Souza fdsouza@archtoronto.org Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org 226 Violanta Nicholson, Secretary VNicholson@archtoronto.org 222 Diane Mejia, Reception 221	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
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Ryan Belluz, RBelluz@archtoronto.org 222	RECONCILIATION 6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
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.	SICK AND HOMEBOUND Please contact the office.
AddME To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	Two Steps for E-Transfer: 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 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.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS



EDGE

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tion @ <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



LIFE TEEN

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. Details & Registration: <https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/life-teen/>

We look forward to see you all soon!

NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Confirmation Preparation for candidates from Non-
Catholic Schools follows a different track than the candi-
dates from the Catholic Schools. Please inform the
Registration Confirmation Team that your son or daugh-
ter goes to a Non-Catholic School or contact the Parish
Office. The Confirmation Parent Meeting for this group
will be on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7pm, in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We invite all children from 5 to 8 years old to join
the Liturgy of the Word for Children. There will be a
Children's Liturgy at the 5pm, 10am, 12pm, and 4pm
Masses.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Book, **Foundations of Faith**, are
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Study start date: Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026

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

First Communion Registration Dates

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

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>

For questions, please call:

1st Communion/1st Reconciliation: 905-821-1331 x 225

Confirmation: 905-821-1331 x 230

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this
Saturday, September 27th, between



**Armando Villanueva and
Nazia Khan**

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

We will have a special collection this weekend
for the Carmelite Seminary. Please put your contri-
butions along with the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Parish Women's Group is inviting all parishion-
ers to its 4th Annual

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 27th

10:00am—3:00pm

Meadowvale Conservation Area

Fun day for all ages!

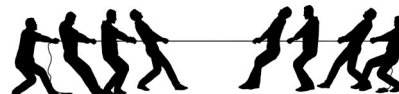
Food, Games, & Good Friendships.

*Bring your families, friends, and relatives. Let's cele-
brate our parish and each other as one big family!*

No fee. Bring food to share (Potluck).

Register after any of the Sunday Masses this week-
end for headcount. Details of the picnic will be

emailed to you upon registration.
See you all!



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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their annual Thanksgiving food drive from September 20- October 19th. There will be collection bins set up at each end of the church throughout the week and during all the weekend masses. Some suggested items include: cereal, oatmeal, soups, peanut butter, jam, pancake mix/syrup and snack foods.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

St. Michael's Presents STOPS and SONGS

Join us at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 PM as the distinguished faculty of St. Michael's Choir School present an unforgettable afternoon of music for voice and organ, featuring timeless works that echo the grandeur of our sacred space.

The recital is free; a suggested donation of \$25pp can be made online at smcs.on.ca/concerts or on the afternoon of the recital.

Click for Cardinal Leo's Homily for Stewardship Sunday

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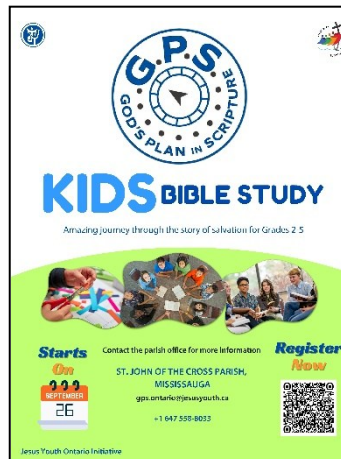
PETS BLESSINGS

Saturday, October 4th, 10:30am & 12:00pm

On the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a pets blessings at the Glen Erin side of the church parking lot at 10:30am and at 12:00pm.



You may bring your pets at this time. For the safety of everyone, please have your pet on a leash, cage, or bowl. The owner must be able to control their pet at all times.



For children in Grades 2-5

Kids Bible Study meets on alternate Fridays, starting Sept. 26th, 2025 till March 27, 2026.

If interested, please contact

gps.ontario@jesusyouth.ca or call 647.558.8033.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 22, 9am

1. For the Repose of Alzira Rodrigues, requested by the D'Souza Family
2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Irene & Family

Wednesday, September 24, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Xavier Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ashwin Vengopalan, requested by the Robson Family
3. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Keith & Andrea Pereira

Wednesday, September 24, 7pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Anne Christopher, requested by the Family

Thursday, September 25, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Roy Benjamin, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Mabel Almeida, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Maria Alicia Sifontes, requested by Friends

Friday, September 26, 9am

1. For the Repose of James D'Costa, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of John Camara, requested by Kenneth & Charmaine
3. For the Repose of Biju Paul, requested by Anna Babu

Saturday, September 27, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Anne, requested by the Barrett Family

Saturday, September 27, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Phyllis Fernandes, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Renato Jose Laportar, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Allwyn & Yvonne Almeida, requested by the Ross Family
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Sharon Blanchette, requested by the Ross Family

Sunday, September 28, 8am

1. For the Repose of Efren & Florentina Querubin, requested by the Querubin & Somera Families
2. For the Repose of Sunil Alvares, requested by Shabnam Thomas & Family

Sunday, September 28, 10am

1. For the Repose of Kenny Baptista, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jacqueline, requested by the Barrett Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Sitara Arun, requested by Arun & Family
4. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

Sunday, September 28, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the D'Cruz Family

This weekend is Stewardship Sunday!



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

Come, enjoy and socialize!

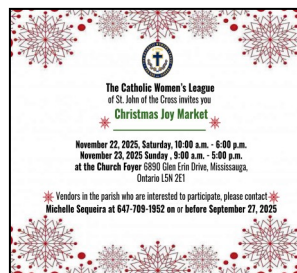
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PALLIATIVE SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Palliative Support Ministry is having a Hospice Speaker on Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm in Nessinger Hall. Kathy Ratchford will provide us with an overview of what Hospice does and learn what benefits Hospice has for you. Hospice provides compassion, support and advocacy that lessens the distress of serious illness and loss on individuals, families and the community. Hospice is not just a place for dying.

All parishioners are invited. There will be volunteers from the Palliative Support Ministry at the back of the church at each mass this weekend, September 20-21. This session will be a learning experience after the very informative speaker, Dr. Park, educated all of us on palliative care.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Vendors Wanted for CWL's Christmas Joy Market

Any vendors in the parish who are interested in participating, please contact Barbara Godfrey at 437-776-0284 by Sept. 21, 2025.

CHURCH

Mon	Sept 22	Adult Choir 6:30pm
Tue	Sept 23	1st Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm
Wed	Sept 24	Band Choir 8:00pm
Thurs	Sept 25	Folk Choir 7:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Tues	Sept 23	CWL Event Committee Mtg. 7:00pm
Wed	Sept 24	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Sept 26	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept 22	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Sept 23	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Sept 25	Palliative Ministry Speaker 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Sept 27	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sun	Sept 28	Alpha 7:00-9:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Sept 22	CWL Council Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 26	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Sept 28	Rise & Lead CWL Public Speaking 1:00-2:30pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Tue	Sept 23	Bereavement Session 5:30-8:30pm
Wed	Sept 24	CWL Crafts 7:00pm
Fri	Sept 26	Audition for Concert 7:00-10:00pm
Sat	Sept 27	Audition for Concert 12:00pm-3:00pm
Sun	Sept 28	Audition for Concert 1:00-4:00pm

Charisms are special graces given by God to all Christians. These special gifts of the Holy Spirit, whether extraordinary or wonderfully humble, are given to us for the benefit of others.



Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly and Almighty Father, God of mercy and compassion, we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings which you bestow upon us, your beloved children, and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and graciousness. As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael, whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection, in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit, guide our steps along the path of holiness of life, and guard our thoughts as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland. Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael, we now ask for this grace (*say your intention*).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness which animated your great servant and angelic messenger. May our lives give glory to you, our families bear witness to your love and our communities of faith be filled with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.
St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.
St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.
St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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A *novena*, meaning nine, is an ancient style of prayer that is carried out consistently over a nine-day period for a particular intention and is usually directed to the intercession of a specific Saint, Our Lady, an Angel or to a Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity. The nine days, or *novena*, has its Scriptural origin in the number of days in between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost, during which the Blessed Mother and the Apostles were together in constant prayer until the descent of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1: 6-14).

To pray a novena, a few things should be kept in mind. First, we approach the Lord with faith, trust and in a humble, loving manner. Second, we choose a particular intention to be mentioned throughout the novena. Three, we decide to whom we address this prayer, the intercession of Our Lady or a Saint or Angel in particular. To determine the novena's starting date, count backwards nine days from the Saint's feast day; the last day of the novena is the day *before* the Saint's feast day. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel is celebrated on 29 September, the Feast of the Archangels, which means this novena begins on 20 September 2025.

The pattern of prayer is the same for each day: the opening prayer, which includes your specific intention, followed by one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, and ending with the Prayer to Saint Michael and a short litany. If you miss a day, just keep going: the main focus of any prayer is always about deepening our relationship with God and dwelling in his loving embrace.

Novena to St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto, 20-28 September 2025

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