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# St John of the Cross

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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.	
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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this Saturday, September 13th, between



**Avinash Ramlal and  
Samantha Beltran**

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

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

#### Hope in Everyday Life: Brother Lawrence



Carmelite spirituality is often a very simple one. Such was Br Lawrence's faith, to: **"practice the presence of God"** in his everyday life.

Nicholas Herman was born in 1605 in France, into a Christian family. At the age of 26, Herman entered the Carmelite Order in Paris. He took the name "Brother Lawrence,"

and remained a lay brother in that community until his death in 1691.

Brother Lawrence was given the humblest tasks, spending most of his working life in the monastery kitchen. He never complained. He focused his attention on doing everyday things, to the best of his ability, for God. In this way he sought to keep his soul in the presence of God throughout all hours of the day and night. *"God does not ask much of you. But remembering Him, praising Him, asking for His grace, offering Him your troubles, or thanking Him for what He has given you will console you all the time."*

As Carmelites today, we, like Br Lawrence, strive to 'live between 2 worlds.' In our 'inner world,' we walk the path of faith and hope towards eternity with God. Simultaneously, in the 'outside world,' we must carry out our daily tasks and responsibilities. *"It isn't necessary that we stay in church in order to remain in God's presence. We can make our hearts personal chapels where we can enter anytime to talk to God privately."*

***It is the heart whose attention we must carefully focus on God. Remember to keep the mind from wandering and returning to the world. In the beginning it would not be wrong to offer short phrases that are inspired by love, such as 'God of love, I love you with all my heart.' Or 'Lord use me according to your will. Br Lawrence also tells us the benefits to be gained from learning to remain in the presence of God: "Our faith is livelier and more active everywhere in our lives. The soul can actually see and feel God by simply entering his presence. It invokes him easily and obtains what it needs. Our hope increases as our faith penetrates God's secrets through practice of our holy exercise. The soul discovers the beauty of God. The will rejoices at being set apart from the world... the soul is always with God...whom the soul loves so dearly."***

Excerpt from Nikki Sheader

<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/hope-in-everyday-life-brother-lawrence/>



Monday, September 8th:

**Happy Birthday,  
Mother Mary, our Lady!**

To honour our Lady on her birthday, there will be a 9am and a 7pm Holy Mass on Monday, September 8th.



### 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 Registration Dates

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

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

Tuesday, September 30th, at 7:00 pm

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For questions, please call:

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

Confirmation: 905-821-1331 x 230

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- **Wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom** "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you."
- **Experience the transformation of God** through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- **Embrace the God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.**
- **Discover Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart** and claim your royal inheritance.
- **Live with an eternal perspective.**
- **Become the man we need** to rebuild the kingdom!

Scan QR Code to register. Admission is free. Love offering is welcome. No need to register if you have registered in the past. Just show up.



We meet every Saturday, starting September 13th, 6:50am-8:30am for breakfast & the program.





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 8, 9am

1. For the Repose of Kaitlyn Morales, requested by the Morales Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Nico Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

### Tuesday, September 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Lucas Andrew Serrao, requested by Michael Serrao
2. For the Repose of Cecelia Villanueva, requested by Tony Villanueva

### Wednesday, September 10, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jennifer Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Rose Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas

### Thursday, September 11, 9am

1. For the Healing of Elisa Lee, requested by the Lee Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Liane Harris, requested by a Parishioner
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Herman Katopo, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Dominic Salvador Viegas, requested by the Viegas Family

### Friday, September 12, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Myron Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Clyde Monisse, requested by John, Sabrina, Kimberley & Family
3. For the Repose of Iona D'Souza, requested by Her Children
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Gabriel Barreca, requested by Carolyn Rhodes & Barreca Children

### Saturday, September 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ernest & Vallerie Ambrose, requested by the Robson Family

### Saturday, September 13, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Reuben D'Souza, requested by Ferdie & Anita
2. For the Repose of Santuzza Ragogna, requested by the Family

### Sunday, September 14, 8am

1. For the Repose of Anton Reginald Francis, requested by Neeta Francis

### Sunday, September 14, 10am

1. For the Repose of Theresa Lobo, requested by Pereira & Lobo Families

### Sunday, September 14, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Collin D'Cruz, requested by Sherene D'Cruz & Family
2. For the Repose of Melwin, Ligoury, Anjeline D'Cruz, requested by the D'Cruz Family
3. For the Repose of Jose A. Paharo Jr. requested by the Family

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Liturgy of the Word with children will be starting the weekend of September 13th and 14th!

The goal of this ministry at St John of the Cross Parish is to help children from the ages of 4 to 8 understand the liturgical readings at their own level and connect them to their lives.

**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)

**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 @ <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 activities 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. Check out <https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/life-teen/>

We look forward to see you all soon!



We thank the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend, Sept. 6 & 7. Come, enjoy and socialize!

There will be a Building Fund Collection this weekend for the ongoing projects in the church. Thank you for your generosity!



### CHURCH

Tue	Sept 9	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00-8:30pm
Thurs	Sept 11	Folk Choir 7:00pm-8:30pm
Fri	Sept 12	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm
Sat	Jan 13	Children's Choir 10:00am

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Tue	Sept 9	CWL Events Committee 7:00pm
Wed	Sept 10	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Sept 11	Parish Women's Group Planning 6:00pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Sept 9	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Thurs	Sept 11	SVDP Conf. Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Sept 13	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00pm
Sun	Sept 14	Alpha 7:00-9:00pm

### BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Wed	Sept 10	Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 12	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm

### BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Sept 8	CWL Palliative Support Ministry 7:00pm
Tues	Sept 9	Bereavement Ministry 5:30-8:30pm



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