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

Along the Mystical Carmelite way ...



What is a Lay Carmelite?

A Lay Carmelite is a man or woman called to live Carmelite spirituality in the midst of ordinary life.

Unlike friars or cloistered nuns, Lay Carmelites do not leave behind their homes, families, careers, or daily responsibilities.

Instead, they are called to seek God right where they are, bringing the Carmelite way of prayer into the heart of everyday life.

From the origins of Carmel on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, the Carmelite tradition has carried a simple but profound calling to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ through prayer, community, and service.

To be a Lay Carmelite means to embrace that same spirit as a lay person in the world.

It means learning to listen for God in silence and prayer.

It means living with a contemplative heart, even in the midst of work, family life, and the many demands of each day.

Lay Carmelites gather in community for formation, prayer, and support.

They are nourished by Scripture, the Eucharist, the teachings of the Carmelite saints, and a deep devotion to Mary, Our Mother and Sister in Carmel.

Different people, different lives, different responsibilities, but one shared calling to walk the Carmelite journey of faith and to seek the presence of God in the ordinary moments of life.

That is the spirit of a Lay Carmelite.

(Excerpt from the Order of Carmelites Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary https://carmelites.net/carmelite-review/what-is-a-lay-carmelite/?utm_source=noplin&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Welcoming%20to%20the%20Digital%20Carmelite%20Review!%20-%20August%202026)

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Do you know anyone who is curious to know about God, the Catholic Faith, and the Church teachings? Or thinking about joining the Catholic Christian Church? RCIA is a program for adults to help them in this journey. Contact Liane Harris, 905.821.1331 x 226 for details or they can leave their contact information in the office. RCIA Program starts in September.



HELP WANTED: PAID POSITION

St. John of the Cross Church is seeking individuals for cleaning of the church facilities every day of the week and for other miscellaneous duties starting Fall 2026. This paid position is ideal for a couple or for two individuals willing to share the duties.

The duties include cleaning of all church facilities following a prescribed schedule with flexibility for unplanned cleaning as required. This includes washrooms, offices, hallways, worship area, and meeting rooms. Some items need attention daily and the remainder less frequently. In addition to cleaning, the duties will include setting up chairs and tables for functions in the meeting rooms or other duties as required.

The workload and salary are ideally shared between two persons acting as Independent Service Providers willing to invoice the church on a regular basis.

If interested, please drop your resume or application to the church office or email it to stjohnofthecross-mi@archtoronto.org before September 15, 2026. The Building Committee will review your expression of interest.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 24, 9am

1. For the Repose of Edith Murphy, requested by the Murphy Family

Tuesday, August 25, 9am

1. For the Repose of Elisa Lee requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Francia C. Pillos, requested by Elsa & Edna

Wednesday, August 26, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Bhavisha Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Borgona-Pace Families
3. For the Healing of Pamela Borgona, requested by the Borgona-Pace Families
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Margaret Kange, requested by the Family

Wednesday, August 26, 7pm

1. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Herman & Reny Kato-po, requested by the Family

Thursday, August 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ray Joosab, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Consolacion Ferrer Morales, requested by the De Leon Family
3. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family

Friday, August 28, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Micah Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Justina & Ivan Perera, requested by the Perera Family
3. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by his Parents

Saturday, August 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fammy D'Costa, requested by the Vieira Family
2. For the Repose of Joyce Pinto Fernandes, requested by Family & Friends
3. For the Repose of Ronnie Joseph Rodrigues, requested by Sigrid D'Mello & family

Saturday, August 29, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Nilo & Irene Ayson
2. For the Repose of Jose Francisco & Felizardo Coutinho, requested by the Menezes Family
3. For the Repose of Frank Marion, requested by Beryl Wu
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Matthew Cairney, requested by Mom & Dad
5. For the Repose of Maria Katrina So, requested by her Block-mates
6. For the Repose of Augustine Joseph & Leo Augustine, requested by the Cherian Family

Sunday, August 30, 8am

1. For the Repose of Ricky Poerba, requested by the Poerba Family
2. For the Repose of George Bastian & Maray Pragasi, requested by the Babu Family

Sunday, August 30, 10am

1. For the Repose of Victor Rodriguez, requested by the Filio Family

Sunday, August 30, 12pm

1. In Thanksgiving for the Mathew Family, requested by Jaimo Mathew
2. For the Repose of Tina Khan, requested by Anna Santarcangelo
3. For the Repose of Nassar, Marian & Merhej Kassab, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Martha & Ibrahim Sarhan & their 2 Sons, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Felipe A. Asis, requested by the Asis Family requested by the Family

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Parish Day Trip on Saturday, September 26th!



The Parish Women's Group invites all parishioners and friends for a Parish Day Trip to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux at the Carmelite Monastery & Canadian Shrine of St. Thérèse. We will be participating in the Welcome Service, the Feast Mass, & the blessing of roses.

After the blessings, we will escape to the tranquil and secluded Dufferin Islands for lunch.

Lunch will be followed by a 1st hand experience of the raw power of the Niagara River's Class 6 whitewater rapids as we walk along the many platforms that offer incredible views at the White Water Walk.

Registration of \$65 for adults and \$55 for kids (up to 12 years old) **covers** transportation, lunch, and admission to the White Water Walk.

Sign up after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend. Bring cash or payment card. Limited seating.

*St. Thérèse is continuously true to her promise:
"I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens; I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth."*

CHURCH

Tues	Aug 25	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
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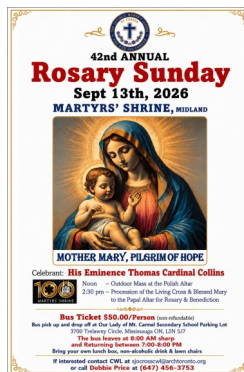
NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Aug 24	Neophyte Catechism Study 7:00pm
Tues	Aug 25	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Sat	Aug 29	Men's Fraternity 7:00-8:30am
Sun	Aug 30	Orientation for Alpha Young Adults 6:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Fri	Aug 28	Prayer Group 6:00pm
Sun	Aug 30	Pilgrimage Info Session 1:30pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The CWL invites you to join us on a Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine on Rosary Sunday, September 13th, 2026. \$50/person. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass starting August 8th until sold out. Contact Debbie Price at 647-456-3753 or see poster.

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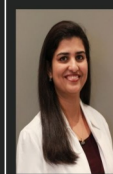
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