

Sunday, August 9, 2026

St. John of the Cross Church

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PASTORAL TEAM		MASS TIMES	
Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm, Pastor Fr.JGeorge@archtoronto.org	Ext. 228	Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm	
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Deacon Mark Romeo mromeo@archtoronto.org	229	RECONCILIATION	
Deacon Ferdinand D’Souza fdsouza@archtoronto.org		6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.	
Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org	226	SICK AND HOMEBOUND	
Violanta Nicholson, Secretary VNicholson@archtoronto.org	222	Please contact the office.	
Diane Mejia, Reception	221		
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION		Two Steps for E-Transfer:	
1st Communion/Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org	225	1) Send donations to: admin@sjocross.org	
Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org	230	2) A separate email message to admin@sjocross.org	
Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org	223	with your answer, your, Tel. number, & purpose of this fund.	
St.Vincent de Paul Society	305		
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 AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.		All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.	
		 Click here for Live Stream	

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

PARISH RCIA PROGRAM

A Journey of Faith to Encounter God

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.



Along the Mystical Carmelite way ...

Holy Orders for Lay People

Following in the Footsteps of St. Elijah the Prophet - THIRD ORDER CARMELITES- The Carmelite Order is unique in tracing its origins back to an Old Testament prophet. By tradition, their founder is the Prophet Elijah and their spiritual home is on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land.

The lay members of the Carmelite Order can doubly claim this heritage for their own, citing this passage from 2 Kings 2:9: "Elijah said to Elisha: Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you". Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit". The Secular Carmelites have described this double spirit as the blending the contemplative life with the active life. the Carmelite Order dates to around 1154 when by tradition, Saint Berthold formed a hermit community by the well of Elijah. Jacques de Vitry (d. 1240), Bishop of Acre, wrote that men, "In imitation



of the holy anchorite the prophet Elijah, led solitary lives on Mount Carmel... where in little comb-like cells, those bees of the Lord laid up sweet spiritual honey". Around 1210, St. Albert Avogadro, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, presented them with a "formula for life," the Rule of St. Albert, which enjoined them to live a life of prayer, purification, abstinence and poverty. During the collapse of the Latin Kingdom of the Crusaders in Palestine and continued harassment by the Moslem Saracens, the monks began an exodus to Europe. "The inroads of the pagans," wrote Pope Innocent IV, "have driven our beloved sons, the hermits of Mount Carmel, to betake themselves, not without great affliction of spirit, to parts across the sea". In 1291, the last of the Mount Carmel monks, who were known for their deep devotion to Our Lady, were killed as they sang the Salve Regina. The mission of every lay Carmelite is rooted in Baptism, whereby they are called to contribute to the sanctification of the world. Prior General Joseph Chalmers, O.Carm., wrote: "I believe strongly that lay Carmelites in the sense of members of the Third Order have a true vocation and are bearers of the Carmelite charism just as much as the friars, nuns and sisters". The vocation of a secular Carmelite is to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ, under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The primary obligations include daily contemplative prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours (Morning and Evening prayer, and Night prayer recommended), Mass if possible, daily examination of conscience and regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Retreats and days of recollection are encouraged. Studying the writings of the great Carmelite saints give them holy lives to imitate.

(Excerpt from <https://stlocds.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/holy-orders-for-lay-people-1.pdf>)

Welcome Bishop Joshy!

Bishop Joshy, newly ordained bishop and brother of our dear pastor, Fr. Joyson, will be here to celebrate the 5pm Holy Mass on Saturday, August 15th. There will be a reception in the rotunda after the Mass to welcome and congratulate Bishop Joshy.



CANADIAN MISSIONS

There will be a second collection next weekend for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

CEMETERY ANNUAL MASS

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invites families and our faith communities to join us for the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Assumption Cemetery & Funeral Home
Mississauga

Celebrant: Most Reverend John Corriveau



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 10, 9am

1. For Unborn Babies, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Anthony D'Souza, requested by the Vieira Family
3. For Safe Travel of Tiffany & Children, requested by Erva Joseph
4. For the Repose of Gerard Houle, requested by Diane & Family
5. For the Repose of John Remedios, requested by Tim & Rhonda Remedios

Tuesday, August 11, 9am

1. For the Repose of Annie & Polson Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Yorrick Sr. Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
3. In Thanksgiving & 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Ravi & Angelina, requested by Angelina Fernandes
4. For the Repose of Dominic S. Viegas, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Flora Pilapil, requested by Elisa Manrique
6. For the Spiritual Healing of Cleve, requested by the Family

Wednesday, August 12, 9am

1. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Jerome Fernandez, requested by Doris Goveas
3. For the Repose of Paul Rebello, requested by Anita D'Souza
4. For the Repose of Janelle Montano, requested by the Montano Family
5. For the Repose of Francis Xavier Rodrigues, requested by Hazel Tavares

Wednesday, August 12, 7pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Sean D'Netto, requested by Charmaine & Terry

Thursday, August 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fr. Herculan Silveira, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
3. For the Repose of Harshita Chaudhari, requested by Bhavisha Fernandes
4. For the Repose of Adelmo Gloria, requested by Angelita, Lester, Randell & Family

Friday, August 14, 9am

1. For the Repose of Roman Pinto, requested by Seth, Oliver & Gwyn D'Mello

Saturday, August 15, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Jordan & Jana Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Repose of Anthony Pinto & Rose Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas
3. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Healing, requested by Nina Tobias & Family
5. For the Healing of the Jurado-Tiglao Family, requested by the Jurado-Tiglao Family

Saturday, August 15, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Maureen & Anthony Valladares, requested by Karen Moniz
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Nilo & Irene Ayson
3. For the Repose of Sebastian Jose Arasan, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Rosario Pasia, requested by Joes. Maricheen & Jakob

Sunday, August 16, 8am

1. In Thanksgiving for Neela & Sherard, requested by Heather Desouza
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jeff Parker, requested by the Desouza Family
3. For the Repose of Nilawaty Poerba, requested by the Poerba Family
4. For the Healing of Baby Louie, requested by the Poerba Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Lisa Lynn Vas, requested by the De Souza Family
6. For the Repose of Stanislav Bobnic, requested by the Jensen,

St. John & Bobnic Families

7. For the Repose of Sylvester & Elisa D'Cunha, requested by the D'Cunha Family
8. For the Birthday Blessings of Fr. Joby, requested by the Usher Ministry
9. For the Repose of Sebastian Jose Arasan, requested by the Family

Sunday, August 16, 10am

1. For the Repose of Sebastian Jose Arasan, requested by the Family

Sunday, August 16, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Sebastian Jose Arasan, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Henry & Eppy Pinto, requested by the D'Cruz Family
3. For the Repose of Zandro Santos Cristobal, requested by the Filio Family

Sunday, August 16, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Sebastian Jose Arasan, requested by the Family

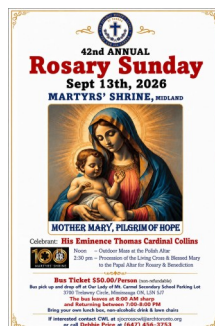
BOTTLE DRIVE & BBQ

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Bottle Drive on Aug 8th and Aug 9th before and after all the Sunday masses. Profits will go toward Share Life and Food for Kids. You may drop off your empty beer, wine and liquor bottles to the Knights, in the parking lot. Please also consider dropping off your empties at the Beer Store and donate proceeds by e—transfer:

eventskoc@gmail.com

There will also be a BBQ in the parking lot that weekend following the Saturday 5pm Mass, Sunday 10am Mass and the Sunday noon Mass. Burgers and sausages will be available for purchase.

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.

CHURCH

Tues	Aug 11	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Aug 12	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Aug 10	Neophyte Catechism Study 7:00pm
Tues	Aug 11	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Aug 13	Men's Fraternity Retreat 5:00-9:00pm
Sat	Aug 15	Men's Fraternity 7:00-8:30am

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Fri	Aug 14	Prayer Group 6:00pm
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