

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

St John of the Cross Parish

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6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1 Tel: 905.821.1331 E-mail: sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org Website: https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org	Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 4:30pm and 6:00 - 8.30pm Saturday: 9:00am–12:00pm and 3:15- 6:15pm Sunday: 8:30 am 1:30pm
PASTORAL TEAM	MASS TIMES
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 222 mromeo@archtoronto.org Deacon Ferdinand D’Souza fdsouza@archtoronto.org Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org 226 Violanta Nicholson, Secretary VNicholson@archtoronto.org 223 Diane Mejia, Reception 221	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
	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 Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org Vincent de Paul Society 305	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.
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

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Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent starting February 20th at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass. Community Rosary at 6:30pm.

“By turning inward and practicing the presence of God, the soul becomes so intimate with God that it spends practically all its life in continual acts of love, adoration, contrition, trust, thanksgiving, oblation, petition, and all the most excellent virtues. Sometimes it even becomes one continuous act, because the soul constantly practices this exercise of His divine presence.”
Saint Brother Lawrence



Confirmation Retreat for Candidates Preparing for Confirmation

Saturday, February 28th, 9:00-11:30am AND Saturday, March 7th, 9:00-11:30am

Candidates must attend one of the dates above.

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

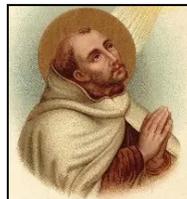
In person Bereavement Sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive weeks starting Apr 7th through May 12th at St John of the Cross Parish. Many have commented how beneficial these confidential groups have been to their healing. If you have lost a piece of your heart, even if not recently, contact Muriel at muriel76mph@gmail.com Please include your phone number.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” Lent invites us to purify our prayer. A concrete Lenten practice could be daily time with Scripture, especially the Gospels. Let the word of God shape our thoughts instead of constantly asking God to confirm our own. We might also make a sincere confession during Lent, allowing humility to replace pride. Trust grows when we stop testing God and start surrendering to him.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE



St. John of the Cross Parish Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, & France will be on September 28th-October 9th.

Pilgrimage information session will be on Tuesday, March 10th, 7pm, in Carmel Room. *Celebrating 300th Anniversary of the canonization of our patron saint.*



Red Sand Prayer Service to bring awareness to Human Trafficking

February 22nd after the 10am & 12pm Holy Mass in the Nessinger Hall

Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.



Easter Mass Cards available in the Parish Office for \$3.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend, Feb. 21 & 22. Come, enjoy the coffee and cookies and get to know another parishioner. See you!



There will be a 2nd collection for the Building Fund next weekend. *Thank you for your generosity!*

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Please email the parish office, sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org to have your 2025 tax receipt emailed to you. Tax receipts will be ready for pick up starting this weekend.

Follow SJOC Parish in:  Instagram: [sjoc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/sjoc.youth)  Facebook: [SJOCParish](https://www.facebook.com/SJOCParish)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 24, 9am

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ena Barrett, requested by Ena Barrett

Wednesday, February 25, 9am

- For the Repose of Caesar D'Silva, requested by Robert & Hedy Castelino
- For the Repose of Nelly Parra, requested by the Herrera Family

Thursday, February 26, 9am

- For the Repose of Teresa Costa, requested by the Costa Family
- For the Repose of Bertha Monteiro, requested by Earl & Indira Coutinho

Saturday, February 28, 9am

- For the Repose of Ammini George, requested by the Benjamin Famin
- For the Repose of Thome Fernandes, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Scott McRae, requested by Mafalda & Mario
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Favours Received, requested by Joyce Gulati
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Robson Family
- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family
- In Thanksgiving for the Jurado-Tiglao Family, requested by the Jurado-Tiglao Family

Saturday, February 28, 5pm

- For the Repose of Jose Romao Escorcio, requested by Zeferina Escorcio & Family
- For the Repose of Settimio & Ida Colucci, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Santo & Emilia Aiello, requested by the Family

Sunday, March 1, 8am

- For the Repose of Mathias Jabier Jr., requested by the Jabier Family

Sunday, March 1, 10am

- For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family

Sunday, March 1, 12pm

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Dorita Regio, requested by Efen & Family
- For the Repose of Gary Grahn Jr., requested by Friends & Family
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Roger Meyn, requested by the Meyn Family

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Campaign is back this year in support of the JFJ Hope Centre. "Fill a bottle, make a difference!" Because of you, a young couple can receive counselling for an unplanned pregnancy, a single mom will get practical help and parenting support, and children will benefit from the relationship counselling their parents receive. Strong families build a strong world. Thank you for strengthening families! The Campaign will kick off on Saturday, February 21st and run until Sunday, March 8th. On your way out of mass pick up a bottle and fill it with loose change, cash or a cheque. Want to donate without filling a bottle? No problem – use this link: <https://jfjhopecentre.ca/baby-bottle-campaign/> to donate through Canada Helps. Thank you!

Pray for all the sick, the homeless, & the helpless.

Spend time more with the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel during this Holy Season of Lent.

Sit before His Presence in silence.

Wait for the Lord.

Allow Him to penetrate your soul with joy, peace, and grace.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

For Eligible Individuals

Free income tax preparation for low income individuals is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Contact the parish office to check eligibility and to book a 30-minute appointment on Saturdays from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, March to April.

To qualify for the CVITP program, the income thresholds (approx.) are as follows:

- * \$35,000 for a single person who has no dependents
- * \$45,000 for a single parent and 1 child plus \$2,500 per additional dependent
- * \$45,000 for a couple plus \$2,500 per dependent

CHURCH

Sun	Feb 22	Alpha Marriage 6:00pm
Mon	Feb 23	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 25	Musical Rehearsal 8:30pm
Thurs	Feb 26	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Fri	Feb 20	Stations of the Cross & Mass 7:00pm
Sat	Feb 28	Confirmation Retreat 9:00-11:30am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Feb 25	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Feb 27	GPS Kids Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm
Sat	Feb 28	CVITP Tax Preparation 9:00am-12:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb 23	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Feb 24	PTC Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Feb 24	Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Feb 25	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Sat	Feb 28	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sat	Feb 28	Confirmation Retreat 9:00-11:30am
Sun	March 1	Alpha Marriage 6:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Feb 23	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Feb 24	Confirmation Makeup Session 6:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 25	Sacramental Preparation 6:30pm
Thurs	Feb 26	Confirmation Makeup Session 6:00-9:00pm
Fri	Feb 27	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	March 1	CWL Mary Mathew 1:00-4:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Feb 25	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Feb 26	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Feb 27	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Feb 28	Children's Choir 10:00am
Sun	March 1	CWL Mary Mathew 1:00-4:00pm

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