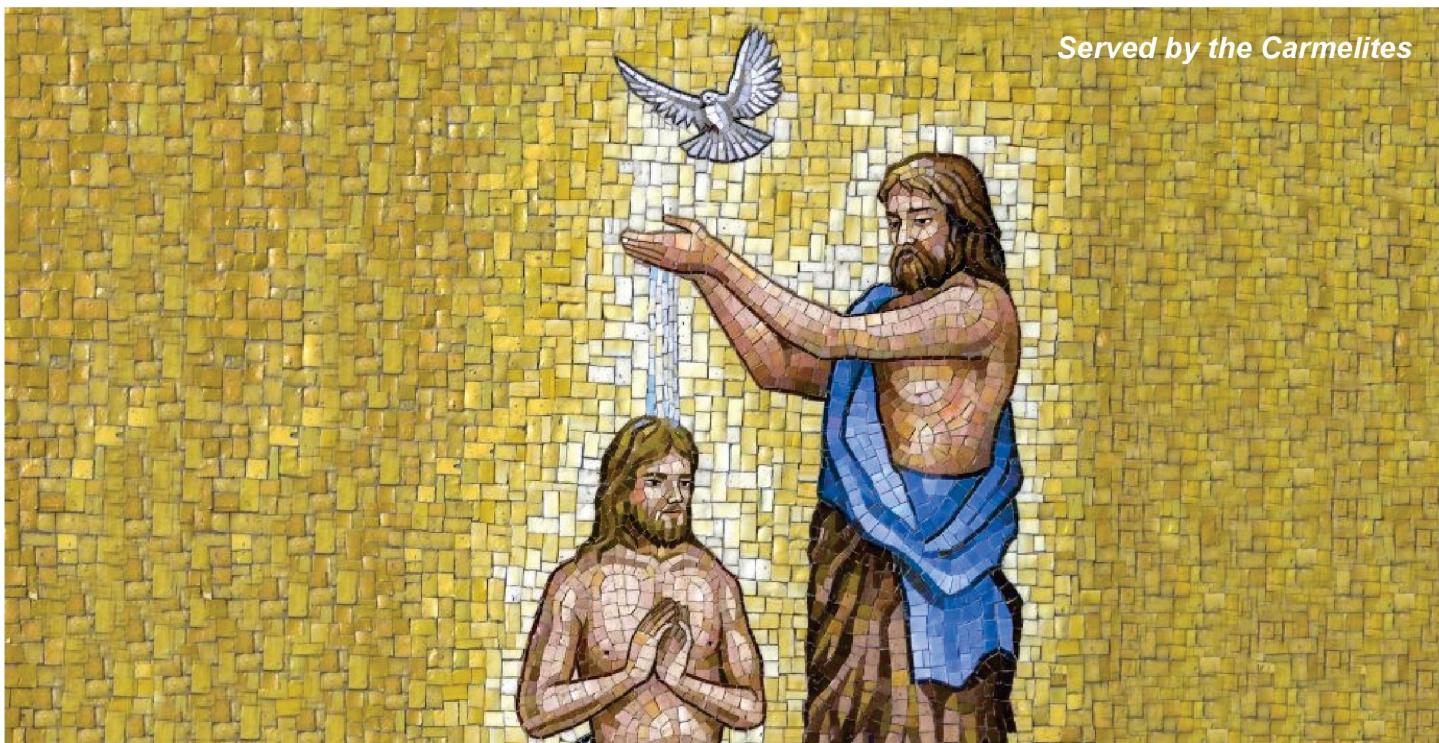


Sunday, January 11, 2026

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION	RECONCILIATION
1st Communion/1st Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org Youth Group, Ryan Belluz, RBelluz@archtoronto.org	6:00-6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.
BAPTISM	SICK AND HOMEBOUND
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.	Please contact the office.
Marriage	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.
AddME	Live Stream
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	 Click here for Live Stream All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.

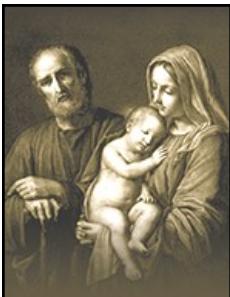
BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

ROSARY TO THE HOLY FAMILY



The Knights of Columbus invites you to a
Week of Rosary to the Holy Family

Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30pm
Thursday, January 15, at 6:30pm
Friday, January 16, at 6:30pm
Saturday, January 17, at 6:00pm
Sunday, January 18, at 5:00pm
Monday, January 19, at 6:00pm
Tuesday, January 20, at 6:30pm



These will be held in the church except the Tuesday, Jan. 20th, will be in Carmel Room at 6:30pm.

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way

St. John of the Cross on LOVE

LOVE, THE "LIVING FLAME"

It is the means par excellence of our union with God - Love, which is called "charity" in the Christian vocabulary, in the sense specified by Benedict XVI in the first part of his encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*.

It is love which impels one to get out of oneself at the point of departure; it is love which makes us progress, and it is love which finally brings about the plenitude that John of the Cross describes:

*There you will show me
What my soul has been seeking,
And then you will give me,
You, my life, will give there
What you gave me on that other day.*

"What the soul had always been seeking is to love God as purely and perfectly as he loves her in order to repay him by such love... Since she sees through her transformation in God in this life that she cannot, even though her love is immense, equal the perfection of God's love for her, she desires the clear transformation of glory in which she will reach that equality." - Spiritual Canticle, 38

*The breathing of the air
The song of the sweet nightingale
The grove and its living beauty
In the serene night,
With a flame that is consuming and painless.*



"The breathing of the air is an ability that the soul states God will give her there in the communication of the Holy Spirit. By his divine breath-like spiration, the Holy Spirit elevates the soul sublimely and informs her and makes her capable of breathing in God the same spiration of love that the Father breathes in the Son and the Son in the Father. This spiration of love is the Holy Spirit himself. ... God created her in his image and likeness that she might attain such resemblance."

1ST COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2

First Communion Registration meetings will be held at St John of the Cross Church in January 2026 for parents of children who received their First Reconciliation in November 2025. Parents need to attend only one of the dates below:

**Sunday, January 18, 2026 @ 7pm Or
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 7 pm**

Students need not attend.

Invitations and Registration letters have been delivered to the schools. Parents, you will also have received an email copy. Check your inbox. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the meeting, if you have not yet submitted it.

WANTED: ADORERS WHO CAN COMMIT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

If you are not currently a registered Adorer and you can devote an hour a week to sit, meditate, or pray before the Blessed Sacrament, we need you. Please email the Adoration Chapel Team. sjocchapel@archtoronto.org, your availability.

Thank you for spending time with the Lord.



ShareLife Goal: \$101,000

Contribution received at the Parish:

\$65,635.50

Contribution directly online to ShareLife: 35,931.00

Total ShareLife Contribution for 2025: \$101,566.50

Percentage of Goal Achieved: 100.56%

Thank you for your generosity!

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026.

The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St, Toronto). Married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 12, 9am

- For the Repose of Phyllis Fernandes, requested by the Family

Tuesday, January 13, 9am

- For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad
- For the Repose of Cenon, Consolacion, Edgardo & Remedios Morales, requested by the De Leon Family

Wednesday, January 14, 9am

- For the Repose of Olga & John Coutinho, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Flori Dias, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Elvira Ferrer, requested by Carlos Ferrer
- For the Repose of Philomena D'Mello, requested by John, Sabrina, Treffy & Fr. Bosco

Wednesday, January 14, 7pm

- For the Repose of Ralph, Stella & Mary DiBari, requested by the Costa Family

Thursday, January 15, 9am

- For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
- For the Repose of Helen & Alban Toscano, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Joe Saldanha, requested by the Family
- For the Safe Travels of Josslyn & Daryl Brito, requested by Romaine D'Souza
- For the Birthday Blessings of Aaron Romeo, requested by the Family
- For the Repose of Emilia Coelho, requested by Charmaine & Kenneth Coelho

Friday, January 16, 9am

- In Thanksgiving for Neela & Sherard, requested by Heather Desouza
- For the Repose of Anna Severina & Affonso Family, requested by the Family

Saturday, January 17, 9am

- For Wedding Day Blessings on Marushka & Wren Fernandes, requested by Gloria & Victor Fernandes
- For the Repose of Thome Fernandes, requested by the Family
- For the Healing of Cleve, requested by the Family
- In Thanksgiving for the Jurado-Tiglao Family, requested by the Jurado-Tiglao Family

Saturday, January 17, 5pm

- For the Deceased Members of the Cabral & D'Costa Families, requested by Vishal D'Costa
- For the Deceased Members of the D'Souza & Moraes Families, requested by Roshan D'Souza
- For the Deceased Members of the Vaz & Henriques Families, requested by the Henriques Family

Sunday, January 18, 8am

- For the Repose of Maria Ventura, requested by the Poerba Family

Sunday, January 18, 10am

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

Sunday, January 18, 12pm

- For the Repose of Martin Joseph Mongan, requested by Annie Mongan

Sunday, January 18, 4pm

- For the Repose of Louis Farrugia, requested by Diane & Amanda Farrugia

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend, January 10th-11th.

Come, enjoy the coffee and cookies and get to know another parishioner. See you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on **Sat., Feb. 7, 6:00p.m** at the **Apollo Convention Centre** in Mississauga. Tickets are \$85 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. Tickets will be available after all Masses on Jan. 17-18, 24-25, and 31-Feb. 1.

See flyers posted on parish notice board for more info.



CHURCH

Mon	Jan 12	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Musical Show Practice 8:30pm
Thurs	Jan 15	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 17	Confirmation Session 9:00am-12:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Jan 14	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Fri	Jan 16	Confirmation Preparation NCS 6:00-7:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan 12	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Jan 13	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	CIC 6:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Jan 15	Baptism Preparation 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 17	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Jan 12	Palliative Support Ministry 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Sacramental Prep 6:30-8:00pm
Thurs	Jan 15	Men's Fraternity 5:00-10:00pm
Fri	Jan 16	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Jan 14	Prime Time Club Book club 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Jan 15	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sat	Jan 17	Children's Choir 10:00am

PARISH FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Strike! Spare! Or gutter?

The **Parish Women's Group** is inviting all parishioners and friends for an evening of bowling, pizza, and fun on the last Friday of this month, January 30th, 7:00pm-8:30pm at Planet Bowl (5555 Eglinton Avenue West, Etobicoke).

Registration table will be outside the church after all Masses next weekend, January 17-18. Registration fee of \$38 per person for individual registration or \$33 per person for a group of 3 or more covers 90 minutes of bowling and food. 100% of the proceeds will go towards the special project for our church.



Come! Bring your families and friends and let's bowl

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