

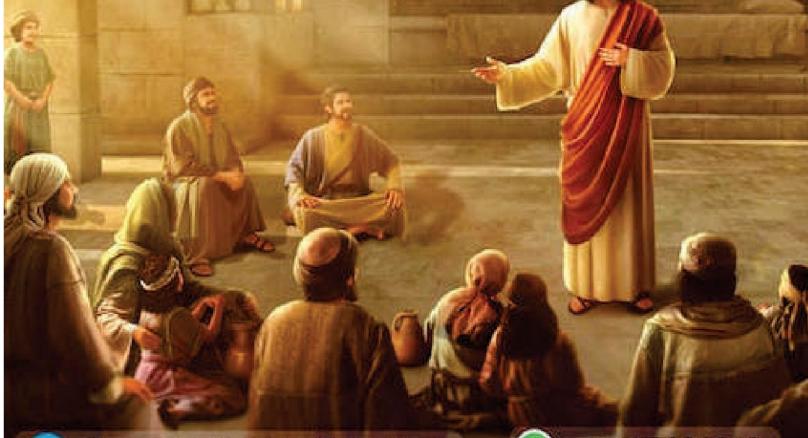
Sunday, January 25, 2026

St John of the Cross Parish

Served by the Carmelites

FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO
PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

MATTHEW 4:17



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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.
AddME	MARRIAGE
To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.	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.
Live Stream	Click here for Live Stream
	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.

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LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Convention Centre. Early birds tickets are now available at \$39. After February 1st, tickets will go up to \$49.

Bussing Information: A bus is organized for a \$16 return trip on March 14th. The bus will leave from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School at 7:15 am and will return upon completion of the rally. Sign up for the bus seat after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend. For more info, please contact Karl Chaves, 647-227-2207. For rally tickets & information: <https://ljr.ca/tickets/>

Sinulog

The Sinulog Festival is among the most vibrant and celebrated festivals in the Philippines, rich in cultural and historical significance. The term "Sinulog" originates from the Cebuano word sulong, meaning "water current," aptly describing the fluid and rhythmic movements of the festival's iconic dance.

Historical accounts say that before Portuguese navigator came to Cebu on April 7, 1521 to plant the cross on its shore and claim the country for the King of Spain, Sinulog was already danced by the natives in honor of their wooden idols and anitos.

Then Magellan came and introduced Christianity. He gave the Santo Niño (image of the Child Jesus) as baptismal gift to Hara Amihan, wife of Cebu's Rajah Humabon who was later named Queen Juana. At that time, not only the rulers were baptized but also about 800 of their subjects.

However, shortly after the conversion, Magellan died in an encounter with the reigning ruler of Mactan, Rajah Lapu-lapu, on April 27, 1521. What remained of Magellan's men returned to Spain to report the incident. It took 44 years before a new group came and started formal Christianization of the islands. Miguel Lopez de Legaspi arrived in Cebu on April 28, 1565. His ships bombarded the village and in one of the burning huts, one of his soldiers named Juan Camus found inside a wooden box the image of the Santo Niño.

Historians say that during the 44 years between the coming of Magellan and Legaspi, the natives continued to dance the Sinulog. This time, however, they danced not for their native idols but as a sign of reverence to the Santo Niño, which is now enshrined at the San Agustin Church (renamed Basilica Minore del Santo Niño).



OLMC STATUE HOME VISITS



Brought to your home by the Companions of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, volunteer members of the Parish Family Ministry, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) Pilgrim Statues are available to visit homes of parishioners starting next month.

Pray the rosary with your family and friends during our Lady's stay with you. Let our patroness fill your home with her presence. Signup this weekend, January 24-25, after all Sunday Masses, for those who want the Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue in their homes for 8 days.

The family that prays together, stays together.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

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.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.—Romans 12:12

PARISH FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Let's boowl!

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). Prizes to be won.



Register after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend. Registration fee of \$38 per person for individuals or \$33 per person for a group of 3 or more covers 90 minutes of bowling and food. 100% of the proceeds goes towards the baptismal font for our church.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 26, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Chito & Vilma De Leon

Tuesday, January 27, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for 47th Wedding Anniversary of Alex & Cecile, requested by the Borromeo Family

Wednesday, January 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Matteo Di Folco, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Edgardo, Cenon, Consolacion & Remedios Morales, requested by the De Leon Family
3. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family

Thursday, January 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Adeline & Lynette Carvalho, requested by Ossie, Deseree & Jules
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Favours Received, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
3. For the Repose of Alice Aguiar, requested by the Family

Friday, January 30, 9am

1. For the Repose of Apolonia & Arsenio Manabat, requested by the De Leon Family

Saturday, January 31, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for the Jurado-Tiglao Family, requested by the Family

Saturday, January 31, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Austen Freitas, requested by Robert & Hedy Castelino & Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Treffy & Fr. Bosco, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Aidan, requested by the Lee Family
4. For the Repose of Catherine Turpin, requested by Renee Young & Family
5. For the Repose of Antonio Labriola, requested by the Family
6. For the Repose of Alvaro Silveira, requested by the Varela Family

Sunday, February 1, 8am

1. For the Repose of Ray Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas

Sunday, February 1, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Yolanda Villaruz, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Romeo Largado, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Mario David, requested by Angie Jarabe

CWL Coffee Sunday & Membership Drive this weekend, January 24-25, after all Sunday Masses.



Valentines Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office for \$3.



CWL Presents
Mary Matthews
Public Speaking
Contest for Grades 7-8

Contact Alicia
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416.918.9400 or

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PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

From 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Hall

TICKETS \$7.00 each or 5 for \$30.00

Tickets will be sold after Sunday Mass on:

Jan 31/Feb 1, Feb 7/8, and Feb 14/15

A ShareLife fundraiser.

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. 24-25, and 31-Feb. 1.

See flyers posted on parish notice board for more info.



CHURCH

Mon	Jan 26	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 28	Musical Practice 8:30pm
Thurs	Jan 29	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 31	Confirmation Session 9:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Jan 28	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Jan 29	Knights of Columbus Meeting 8:00pm
Fri	Jan 30	Confirmation Preparation NCS 6:00-7:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan 26	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Jan 27	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Jan 27	Parish Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm
Wed	Jan 28	CIC 6:00-6:45pm
Sat	Jan 31	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sun	Feb 1	Alpha Marriage 6:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Jan 26	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 28	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Fri	Jan 30	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Feb 1	LifeTeen 5:15-7:15pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Jan 28	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Jan 29	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Jan 30	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Jan 31	Children's Choir 10:00am

Blessing of Santo Niño statues at the Sinulog Festival Celebration

Saturday, February 7th, 9am Mass

Bring your Santo Niño (Infant Jesus of Prague) statue for procession & blessings.

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