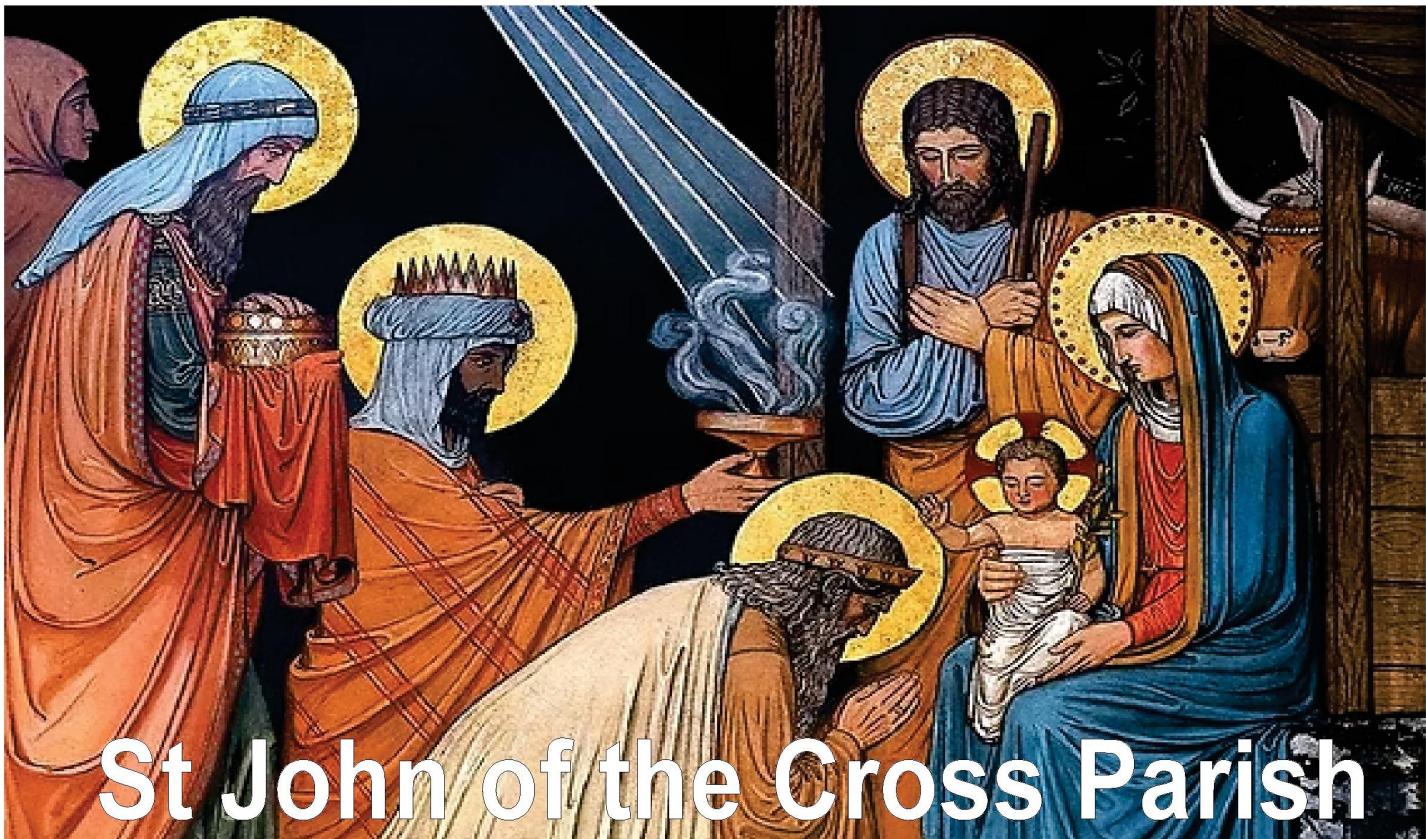


Sunday, January 4, 2026



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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 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org Vincent de Paul Society	225 230 305
	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.	 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

Happy New Year!
Wishing all parishioners and
friends a grace-filled
and healthy 2026!

We keep you all in prayers.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way

St. John of the Cross on FAITH

St. John of the Cross does not approach faith as we would perhaps do today, in reference to the problem of atheism. What interests him is to penetrate as deeply as possible into the depths of God. This explains the point of view that we find in his work: faith as the means of union of the soul with God. *"The greater one's faith, the closer is one's union with God,"* he writes in *Ascent*, Book 2, Ch. 9.



How is this possible?

Because Revelation, John of the Cross says, is Jesus in person. He is the Word of the Father to men (cf. *Ascent*, Book 2, Ch. 22).

This is the particular line of the mystical doctrine of the saint. Revealed truths are indeed given to the intellect, but it is Christ himself who is given [in faith], he, the life of Christians. God's manifestation to men is enclosed in him, as a model to be always imitated, always to be reproduced through love."

Karol Wojtyla, *Faith according to St. John of the Cross*, 1980

It is by welcoming the person of Christ in faith and by reproducing Him through love that union with God becomes possible.

*St. John of the Cross, our patron Saint,
pray for us.*



[Jubilee Year of St. John of the Cross, 2025 Dec.-2026 Dec.]



Happy Feast of
the Epiphany of
the Lord!

As we joyfully celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, is revealed to all of us. The word Epiphany, meaning 'manifestation' or 'showing forth,' is a call to conversion. Epiphany celebrates God's manifestations in our lives. We are Christians under construction. Our life experiences have shaped how we see God and others. Jesus comes into our lives to show us what being human means. He comes to show us what it means to be loved by God. All of us together must see the saving power of God.

The reality is that God saves us from ourselves. God's plan for our lives is always better than our plans. Do we stand in the way of God's plan at work in our lives?

As we enter into this new year, let us reflect on how Jesus' presence in our lives transformed us. Jesus is the source of our strength and our peace. Jesus brings hope to a world that continues to seek meaning. Like the Magi who followed the star and found Christ, may we also find the Lord who continues to seek us.

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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). All 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 5, 9am

- For the Repose of Thelma Rodrigues, requested by Gregory Rodrigues & Family
- For the Repose of Annie & Polson Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
- For the 46th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of John & Anna Lewis, requested by the Lewis, Bentes & Lemus Families

Tuesday, January 6, 9am

- For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
- For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Nicholson Family
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Beatrice Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Wednesday, January 7, 9am

- For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews
- For Unborn Babies, requested by the Nicholson Family
- In Thanksgiving to St. Jude for prayers answered, requested by Lorraine

Thursday, January 8, 9am

- In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Lionel Fernandes
- For the Repose of Lawrence Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
- In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Darryn & Alma Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Friday, January 9, 9am

- For the Repose of Albert Nazareth, requested by Daniel & Inisha Saldanha

Saturday, January 10, 5pm

- For the Repose of Jim Gordon, requested by the Family

Sunday, January 11, 8am

- For the Repose of Luisa Cabral, requested by the Poerba Family
- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ella Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Sunday, January 11, 10am

- For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
- For the Birthday Blessings of Elva Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family

Sunday, January 11, 12pm

- For the Repose of Babu Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family

Sunday, January 11, 4pm

- In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Clarissa Mae De Leon, requested by the Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Sat., Feb. 7, 6:00pm 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.



Make your visit in the Adoration Chapel a Gift of Prayer for someone and let them know that you are praying for them. Gift of Prayer card available in the Parish Office, \$2.

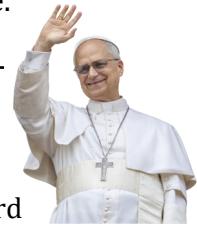


Act of Hope Prayer

O Lord God,

I hope by your grace, for the pardon of all my sins and after life here on earth, to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful.

In this hope, I intend to live and die.
Amen.



We pray for Pope Leo's intention for January:

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be



There will be a 2nd collection for the Building Fund this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!

Prime Time Club Crafts will resume on Wednesday, January 14th, 1-3pm, St. John of the Cross Room.

CHURCH

Mon	Jan 5	Adult Choir 6:30-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 7	Musical Show Practice 8:30pm
Thurs	Jan 8	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 10	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Fri	Jan 9	GPS Kid's Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan 5	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Jan 6	Parish Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 7	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Jan 8	EDGE 6:45-8:45pm
Fri	Jan 9	Confirmation Prep NCS 6:00pm
Sat	Jan 10	Men's Fraternity 6:00-9:00am
Sat	Jan 10	Men's Fraternity Christmas Party 6:30pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Wed	Jan 7	Sacramental Prep 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Jan 8	SVDP Conference Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Jan 9	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Jan 11	LIFE TEEN 5:15-7:15pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Jan 5	CWL Executive Meeting 7:00pm
Tues	Jan 6	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 7	Musical Rehearsal 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Jan 8	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm

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