


Sunday, May 3, 2026



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<p>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p> <p>1st Communion/Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org 225 Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org 230 Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org 223 St.Vincent de Paul Society 305</p>	<p>Two Steps for E-Transfer:</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>BAPTISM</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>MARRIAGE</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>AddME</p> <p>To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click AddMe to be added to the Parish Email List.</p>	<p>Live Stream</p> <p>All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.</p> <p> Click here for Live Stream</p>

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

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The Parish Women's Group invites all women to a



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, May 23rd (Pentecost Weekend)

9:00am—2:45pm, Nessinger Hall

Retreat Master: Matthew Galli

Mark your calendar, ladies!

Registration starts next weekend.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS RELEVANCE TODAY

Why do I speak of St. John in the 21st century? How is he relevant? I believe first and foremost that he, like John the Baptist, is the voice that cries out in the wilderness, "make straight the way of the Lord!" His voice bears the impact of conscience. Our lives can become filled with so many imagined needs, unquenched longings, inordinate attachments, selfish ambitions and plans. We find our plates full, and yet, still go away hungry and thirsty. We find ourselves in a world of options and freedoms, and yet, find ourselves enslaved and limited. We find ourselves soaring so high in our spiritual search for meaning, and suddenly, find ourselves on a rapid descent and a fatal crash on the ground of life's reality. What does John of the Cross say to all these? "On the way to the mountain, nothing, nothing, nothing. And at the top of the mountain, still nothing." (*Ascent of Mount Carmel*). God is much greater than all the goods of this earth. Much greater than the loftiest of our spiritual experiences. Much greater than our mind can conceive. He teaches us that the ascent to union with God is accomplished in darkness and nakedness. He teaches that God is not found AFTER the darkness passes, but that God is IN the darkness, and to embrace this darkness is the surest way to find God. Faith, Hope and Love, the three things that last. In the end, these are the surest guides we can depend on. We are living in these times of faith-crisis. We look for signs and miracles. We exalt grand spiritual experiences and gravitate to what our intellect can understand and our senses can grasp. We are confronted by worldly idols and created some ourselves. We put out our hands and frantically grab whatever makes us happy, only to be disappointed, because our strongly cherished idols make us feel empty. In short, we look for God in all the wrong places. **St. John invites us to journey WITHIN.** - Excerpt from Sister Helena O. Carm.'s article

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and receive text notifications from the parish.



There will be a blessing of all mothers after all Sunday Masses next weekend for Mother's Day.



PARISH SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Our parish has been approved for two internship positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The internship will be from June 29th to August 7th, 2026 (6 weeks).

Requirements & Job Descriptions are posted in the parish website, <https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/>

If interested, please email your resume no later than noon on Friday, May 15th, to the Parish Office, sjocrossmi@archtoronto.org

Thank you for your interest. Only those chosen for interview will be contacted.

ShareLife Update:

Total ShareLife offering: \$ 48,321.20
Parish Goal: \$ 106,000

Love is repaid by love alone.
St. John of the Cross

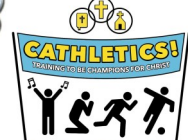
Registration Begins
Thursday, April 9

Open to all children entering Grades 1-6 in September 2026

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• Day Camp: \$175 per one week, \$100 for two weeks.
• Day Camp: \$200 per one week, \$100 for two weeks.
• Day Camp: \$200 per one week, \$100 for two weeks.



July 13 - 17



July 20 - 24

For more information about the camp and registration forms, please visit the parish office or scan the QR code.

Cross Camp registration forms and other details are in our website.

<https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/summer-cross-camp/>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4, 9am

1. For Unborn Babies, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Monica Coutinho, requested by Ven, Sidney & Crystal Coutinho
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kester Jacob, requested by Jismi, Pradish & Kieara

Tuesday, May 5, 9am

1. For the Repose of Lawrence Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family

Wednesday, May 6, 9am

1. For the Repose of Annie & Polson Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family

Wednesday, May 6, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Jude De Cunha, requested by Keith & Andrea Pereira
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Joanna Aguilar, requested by Alfred Aguilar

Thursday, May 7, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews
2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the Repose of Mavis Robson, requested by the Robson Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Eden Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family

Friday, May 8, 9am

1. For the Repose of Matteo Di Folco, requested by the Di Folco Family

Saturday, May 9, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Hannah Bustos, requested by the Family

Saturday, May 9, 5pm

1. For Blessings to All Mothers, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross

Sunday, May 10, 8am

1. For Blessings to All Mothers, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross

Sunday, May 10, 10am

1. For Blessings to All Mothers, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross
2. For the Repose of Effie Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas
3. For the Repose of Geraldine DeCruze, requested by her Family
4. For the Repose of Theresa & Leo Pereira, requested by the Godinho Family
5. For the Repose of Annette Ferrante, requested by the Family

Sunday, May 10, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Bridget Mongan, requested by Annie Mongan
2. For the Repose of Yolanda Villaruz, requested by her Family
3. For Blessings to All Mothers, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross
4. For the Repose of Hugh Fernandes, requested by Mercia Fernandes

Sunday, May 10, 4pm

1. For Blessings to All Mothers, requested by the CWL of St. John of the Cross

VITA CENTRE

This May, as we honour our mothers, Vita Centre invites you to support young pregnant women and vulnerable families through our Mothers Helping Mothers campaign. Collection boxes will be available after all Masses in the rotunda on May 10th and 11th. Thank you for helping make a difference.



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

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The Catholic Women's League invites you to an Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday, May 30th, 11am-3pm in the Hall. Tickets are \$35/person (\$25 for SJOC CWL Members) and can be purchased from a CWL member at the back of the church.

For more information, see the flyer.

CHURCH

Mon	May 4	Adult Choir Practice 6:30-9:00pm
Tue	May 5	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	May 6	Band Practice 8:00pm
Thurs	May 7	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	May 9	Children's Choir 10:00am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Mon	May 4	CWL Intercessory Group 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	May 5	Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	May 6	Prime Time Club Crafts 1:00-3:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	May 4	RCIA 7:00pm
Tue	May 5	OLMC Retreat 9:00am-1:45pm
Tue	May 5	Line Dancing 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	May 6	Horizons of Hope 6:00pm
Thurs	May 7	OLMC Retreat 9:00am-1:45pm
Thurs	May 7	Baptism Preparation Class 7:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Sun	May 3	LifeTeen Program 5:15-7:15pm
Tues	May 5	Bereavement 6:00-8:00pm
Fri	May 8	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	May 4	CWL Executive Meeting 7:00pm
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We pray for Pope Leo's intentions for May:
That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

The Word of God is a light for our path.
We must assimilate it in faith and prayer
and put it into practice.

This is how moral conscience is formed.
Catechism of the Catholic Church 1802

We thank the Ushers Ministry for hosting the Coffee Sunday this weekend after all Sunday Masses. Come, enjoy the coffee and cookies and get to know another parishioner. See you all!



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