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BAPTISM

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.

AddME

To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click **AddMe** to be added to the Parish Email List.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

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.

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.

MARRIAGE

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

All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.



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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

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A Blessed Thanksgiving to you all!

Heavenly Father, we bow our hearts before you. We give thanks for all you have done, especially for your self-emptying love in the gift of Jesus' sacrifice.

We give thanks for the gift of peace that enables us to flourish, we give thanks for the gift of faith that creates new possibilities, for the gift of hope that uplifts us when all seems lost, for the gift of love that soars our spirits high.

We give thanks for the beauty we see in nature, for the gift of our life, our livelihood, for the gift of our family and friends, for the gift of health and joy, for the gift of forgiveness, to begin anew, for the grace and glory abounding around.

For all you have given ... we give thanks.

We also remember and pray for the ones who have not the abundance of gifts, of safety and security, of a warm home, of loved ones nearby, or the joy of knowing you.

Bless them all generously as generous is your love for each of your children, that they may feel your tender care and know your holy name, through Christ, our Saviour, we pray. Amen.



**With humble and contrite hearts,
we give thanks for our family &
friends, for our parish, and
for our world.**

The Parish Office is closed on Monday,
October 12th for Thanksgiving Holiday.
There will be a 9am Holy Mass.

Confirmation Parent Make-up Meeting Thursday, October 15th, 7:00pm

For parents of confirmation candidates who were not able to attend any of the confirmation meetings, please attend this make-up meeting for 2026-2027 Confirmations.

Registration packages were sent to the schools.

For more info: [https://](https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-group/confirmation/)

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this
Friday, October 16th, between



**Neetish Bijayananda and
Kristen Lobo**

Let us pray for this couple as they
prepare for their wedding.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

If you're a secondary
school student (Grades
9-12), this is for YOU!



Build lasting friendships, get involved in volunteer opportunities within the Church, and take part in engaging activities and discussions that deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. For those interested in volunteering in Youth Ministry initiatives, such as Operation Christmas Child, Edge, or Cross Camp, active participation in Life Teen is required. Life Teen begins on **Sunday, October 25**, and meets bi-weekly on Sunday afternoons following the 12:00 noon Mass. For more information or to register, please visit the parish office. We look forward to seeing you soon!

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY

Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 12:00 noon

Join Catholics across Canada as we come together on the same day and at the same time to pray the Holy Rosary for our nation. We invite all parishioners to bring your family & friends & join us in prayer for Canada and place our nation under the loving mantle of Our Lady by her outdoor statue.

SVDP THANKSGIVING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their annual Thanksgiving food drive from Sept. 19 - Oct. 18th. There will be collection bins set up at each end of the church throughout the week. The food collected will serve families in need within our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Fernandes Family
2. For the Repose of George Varghese, requested by Mary Varghese & Family
3. For the Repose of Jefferson Guy, requested by Bryan & Nicole
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Tien & Kim Vu
5. For the Repose of Giuse Hung, requested by Tien Vu

Tuesday, October 13, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fr. Kenneth Mendes, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Isaac McSheffrey, requested by the Benjamin Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Pamela Seegulam, requested by a Friend
4. For the Repose of Francisco Villanueva Sr., requested by the Villanueva Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Vijay Bansod, requested by Marilyn Bansod
6. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Nieves Hardy, requested by the Cerio-Hardy Family
7. For the Repose of Peter Francis D'Souza, requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 14, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for David Rithaler, requested by Connie Rithaler
2. For the Repose of Rosa Trigiani, requested by the Trigiani Family
3. For the Repose of Desmond D'Souza, requested by Elroy, Allison & Family

Thursday, October 15, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Nina Romeo, requested by the Romeo Family
2. For the Repose of Clarence Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Paul Alan Sciberras, requested by the Family
4. For the Spiritual Healing of Cleve, requested by the Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Rudolfo Villarin, requested by the Family

Friday, October 16, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nicodemus Exclamador, requested by Ma Lee Exclamador
2. For the Repose of Franklyn D'souza, requested by the D'Souza Family

Saturday, October 17, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Diana Ashwin, requested by the Robson Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Raphael Barrett, requested by the Family

Saturday, October 17, 5pm

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Mary Nazareth, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
2. For the Repose of Yvonne & Allwyn Almeida, requested by the Ross Family
3. For the Repose of Florine & Joseph Rasquinha, requested by Louisa Rasquinha & Family
4. For the Repose of Santiago, Antonnia & Magdalena Opena, requested by the Tuiza Family

Sunday, October 18, 10am

1. For the Repose of Simon D'Cruz, requested by the Family
2. For the Repose of Diana Lizardo-Cheng, requested by Maritess Rivera
3. For the Repose of Sr. Adelinda Racelis, requested by Johnny & Angie

Sunday, October 18, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Nora Cotturo, requested by the Ouellette Family
2. For the Repose of Ingrid Barrie & Joe Pereira, requested by Bridget & Bismark Abreu & Family
3. For the Repose of Teresa, Maurice & Barbara Christopher, requested by the Family

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

In person Bereavement sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive Tuesdays starting Oct. 20th - Nov. 24th at St John of the Cross Parish, 6pm-8pm.

Many people have commented about how beneficial these confidential groups have been to their healing. If you have lost a piece of your heart because of the passing of a loved one, even if not recent, contact Muriel at muriel76mph@gmail.com

Please include your phone number and the name and date the person has passed away.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The St. John of the Cross community is excited to host our 4th **International Festival of Foods**, celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our parish. This special event will take place in Nessinger Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, Oct. 24th, 2026**.

The Festival aims to highlight the foods, entertainment, customs, and traditions of our various cultures. To make this event a success, we are seeking donations of food items representing your country—this can be an appetizer, main course, or dessert. These dishes will be available at the Festival in exchange for a ticket donation, with all proceeds supporting St. John of the Cross Church.

We are also inviting parishioners to share other elements of their heritage —**traditional dances, cultural attire, or any unique customs** that represent your background. Your participation and support are key to the success of this event. If you're able to contribute food, perform, or help in any way, contact: **Julia D'Souza**, 416-275-5646.

CHURCH

Wed	Oct 14	JC Band 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 15	Folk Choir 7:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Tues	Oct 13	PDM Group 7:00pm
Wed	Oct 14	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tues	Oct 13	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Oct 13	Genesis Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm
Wed	Oct 14	CIC 6:00pm
Wed	Oct 14	Knights of Columbus 7:30pm
Fri	Oct 16	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Oct 17	Men's Fraternity 6:00-8:30am
Sun	Oct 18	Alpha 6:00-8:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Wed	Oct 14	Sacramental Prep 6:30pm
Sun	Oct 18	Rise & Lead 1:00-3:00pm
Sun	Oct 18	New Member Orientation 4:00-8:00pm

We thank the Alpha Group for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses next weekend, October 17th & 18th. Come and enjoy!

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday. Thank you!

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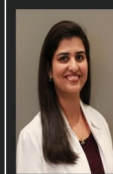
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