

Sunday, October 18, 2026



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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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RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

There is a Rite of Enrollment for all 2026-2027 Candidates for Confirmation in all Masses in the next two weekends. Candidates are required to participate in this Rite by coming to any of the Masses listed below:

Saturday, October 17th: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass, October 18th: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm

Saturday, October 24th: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass, October 25th: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm

DIGITAL FAITH CONNECTING

Connecting the past ... in the present ... to the future!

This ministry provides a digital platform to evangelize and reach the ends of the earth through sharing of real life stories: brokenness that were made whole, darkness enlightened, struggles overcome, life miracles, etc. Through social media networks, your witness of how God has accompanied you and worked in your life will be shared, in the hope that it will inspire those who will be watching, and that they too, may realize that they are deeply loved by God.

Be a Digital Faith Witness!

Sign-up after any of the Sunday Masses this weekend!

NIGHT OF LIGHT



Join us for an evening of prayer, joy, and community as we celebrate the Eve of All Saints' Day!

When: Sat, Oct 31, 2026
6:30-8:45 pm

Where: Nessinger Hall (after the 5pm Mass)

Highlights:

- Games, songs & prizes
- Kids: dress as saints or wear white
- Treats & loot bags

Free! Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

Come celebrate a night of light, laughter & faith!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #12706

We pray for all the sick,
especially for our Pope Leo.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage this
Friday, October 23rd, between



**Austin Athaide and
Ashley Adams**

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

BOOK OF LIFE

On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, the Book of Life containing the names of deceased loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. The souls will be prayed on that day and in all Holy Masses throughout the month.

There are **2 ways** to have the names of your loved ones be included in the Book of Life:

1. By picking up a purple sheet in the hallway of the church and bringing the sheet back once completed **OR**
2. By clicking the link below or using the QR code, you can write the names of your loved ones on the form. We will print the pages and add them to the Book of Life.

<https://bit.ly/4jZe6RP>



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

World Mission Sunday Special Collection

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally.



Thank you for your support!



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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19, 9am

1. For the Repose of Thomas & Annie Paul, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Abraham A.T., requested by Tennyson Abraham & Family
3. For the Repose of Frans Sjah, requested by Celine Sjah & Family

Tuesday, October 20, 9am

1. For the Repose of Pius & Effie Goveas, requested by Doris Goveas
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Milu Gomez, requested by Connie Rithaler

Wednesday, October 21, 9am

1. For the Repose of Patsy Jacob, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. For the Repose of Faustino I. Vilchez, requested by Josie & Family
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Laurel D'Cruze, requested by Sandra Mercer
4. For the Repose of Lucian Rodrigues, requested by Xavier Rodrigues & Family

Wednesday, October 21, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Jockim Sequeira, requested by Regina Sequeira & Family
2. For the Repose of Edwin Dsilva, requested by the Family

Thursday, October 22, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ira & Sonny Mascarenhas, requested by the Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kerrie Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Cordell Robson, requested by the Robson Family
4. For Special Blessings on Nadine & Adrian, requested by the Family

Friday, October 23, 9am

1. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Ainsley & Nicole Robson, requested by the Robson Family

Saturday, October 24, 9am

1. For the Repose of Nick Demello, requested by the Demello Family

Saturday, October 25, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Cyril & Maisie Roberts, requested by the Romeo Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Olivia Pais
3. For the Repose of Noemi Zarasate Obedoza, requested by the Obedoza Family

Sunday, October 25, 10am

1. For the Repose of Paolo Biondi, requested by the Biondi Family
2. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Mar & Norie Martinez, requested by Mar & Norie Martinez & Family
3. For the Healing of Jared Luna, requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Gavino Franco, requested Mar & Norie Martinez & Family

Sunday, October 25, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Faustina Rodrigues, requested by Iris Fernandez
2. For the Repose of Wanda Antao, requested by Augusto & Family
3. For the Repose of Laura & Patrick Barrie, requested by Bridget & Bismark Abreu
4. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Margaret & Leonard Kange, requested by the Family

Sunday, October 25, 4pm

1. For the intentions of all parishioners.

Lord, hear our prayers.

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

Mon	Oct 19	Senior Choir 6:45-8:45pm
Tues	Oct 20	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Oct 21	JC Band 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 22	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Fri	Oct 23	Prayer Group 7:00pm
Sat	Oct 24	Children's Choir 10:00-11:30am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Oct 21	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
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NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Oct 19	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Oct 20	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Oct 20	Genesis Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm
Wed	Oct 21	CIC 6:00pm
Thurs	Oct 22	EDGE Program 6:45-8:45pm
Sat	Oct 17	Men's Fraternity 6:00-8:30am
Sun	Oct 18	Alpha 6:00-8:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Mon	Oct 19	CWL Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tues	Oct 20	Bereavement 5:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Oct 22	Rosary Apostolate 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Oct 25	Rise & Lead 1:00-3:00pm
Sun	Oct 25	Life Teen 5:15-7:15pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Wed	Oct 21	Sacramental Preparation 7:00pm
Fri	Oct 23	GPS—Kids Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm

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