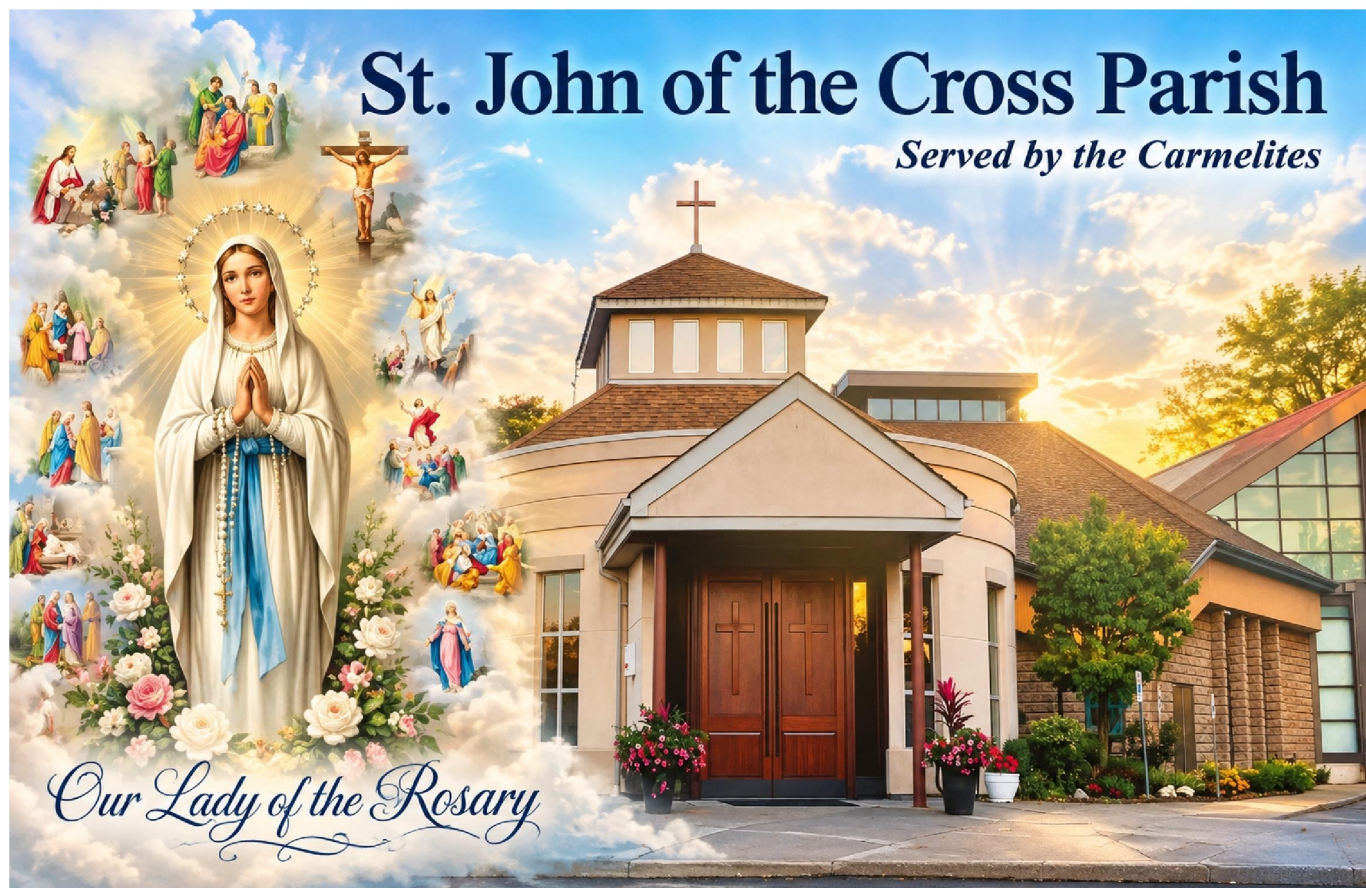


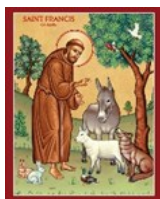
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BAPTISM Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email completed forms to the parish office.	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.
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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

PETS BLESSINGS



Sun., Oct. 4th, 2:00pm & 2:30pm

On the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a pets blessings at the Glen Erin side of the church parking lot. You may bring your pets at this time. For the safety of everyone, please have your pet on a leash, cage, or bowl. Owners must be able to control their pets at all times.

Confirmation Parent Make-up Meeting

Thursday, October 15th, 7:00pm

For parents of confirmation candidates who was 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 9th, between



**Andrew Paish and
Laura Dunne**

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

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4th, after the 12pm Mass

Get your Life Chain placards in the Hallway after the noon Mass this Sunday! We will stand outside the church along Glen Erin and join millions across Canada and the world as we stand in peaceful and prayerful respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Come & join! Let's support life!

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

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.



There will be a Building Fund Collection this weekend for the ongoing projects in the church. Please place your contribution along with the regular collection. *Thank you!*

We thank the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Coffee Sunday this weekend. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

YOUTH PROGRAMS



EDGE

Calling all grade 5 to 8 students! Make new friends, learn about Catholic teachings through inter-active games, lessons, and many

more fun activities. The program begins on Thursday, October 8 and we will meet bi-weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm in Nessinger Hall. For more information and to register, please visit the parish office. See you all soon!

If you're a secondary school student (Grades 9-12), this is for YOU! Build lasting friendships, get involved in volunteer op-

portunities 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!



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!

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

There will be a 2nd collection for the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund this weekend. Thank you for being a part of this healing journey!

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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5, 9am

1. For Unborn Babies, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Douglas Colaco, requested by the Family
3. For the Repose of Valerie Braganza, requested by Nina Tobias & Family
4. For the Repose of Teresita Ferolila D. Flores, requested by the Flores Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Lynn Whit, requested by Connie Rithaler
6. For the Repose of Christopher Brady, requested by the Di Folco Family

Tuesday, October 6, 9am

1. For the Repose of Annie & Polson Karam, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Ray Cottam, requested by Doris Goveas
3. For the Repose of Melecia Balmes Nario, requested by the Yap Family
4. For the Repose of Lionel De Cunha, requested by Blanche & Valerian Lewis
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings received, requested by Ms. Remy Lontoc

Wednesday, October 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 Florie D'Souza, requested by Doris Goveas
4. For the Repose of Mary Gonsalves, requested by the Serro Family
5. For the Repose of Aaron Racelis, requested by Johnny & Angie
6. In Thanksgiving for Keith Rebello, requested by Connie Rithaler

Wednesday, October 7, 7pm

1. For the Repose of Mary Gonsalves, requested by Kevin, Glen & Gail

Friday, October 9, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fr. Vernon D'Souza, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Trixie Trinidad, requested by Chris, Mignonette & Carissa Trinidad
3. For the 80th Birthday Blessings of Anthony & Judy Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Shawn Antao, requested by Connie Rithaler
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kimberly Ann Varias-Lemus

Saturday, October 10, 9am

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mom & Dad

Saturday, October 10, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Victor Mercieca, requested by Leli & Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kimberley Monisse, requested by John, Sabrina & Family
3. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Allan Mathews, requested by Family & Friends
4. For the Repose of Christopher Gomes, requested by the Gomes Family

Sunday, October 11, 8am

1. In Thanksgiving & Anniversary Blessings for Myron & Jennifer DeSouza, requested by the DeSouza Family

Sunday, October 11, 10am

1. For the Repose of Myrtle D'Costa, requested by the Rodgers Family
2. In Thanksgiving & 93rd Birthday Blessings for Simeon Cerio, requested by the Cerio-Hardy Family

Sunday, October 11, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Frank, Margaret, Ann & Eunice, requested by the Nolan 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

Mon	Oct 5	Senior Choir 6:45-8:45pm
Tues	Oct 6	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Oct 7	JC Band 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 8	Folk Choir 7:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Mon	Oct 5	CWL Exec. Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	Oct 7	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Oct 5	OLMC High School Retreat 9:00am-1:30pm
Mon	Oct 5	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Oct 6	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Oct 8	EDGE Program 6:45-8:45am
Sat	Oct 10	Men's Fraternity 6:00-8:30am

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Tues	Oct 6	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs	Oct 8	SVDP Meeting 7:00pm
Fri	Oct 9	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Oct 5	CWL Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00pm
Fri	Oct 9	GPS Kids Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Oct 10	Children's Choir 10:00-11:00am

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