

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

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Liane Harris, Pastoral Associate LHarris@archtoronto.org	226	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.	
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Diane Mejia, Reception	221	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.	
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION		Live Stream	
1st Communion/Reconciliation Sjoc-firstcommunion@archtoronto.org	225	All 9am masses, Monday to Saturday, & the Saturday 5pm (Sunday Mass) Holy Mass are live streamed.	
Confirmation, Sjoc-confirmation@archtoronto.org	230		
Youth Group, Sjoc-youthministry@archtoronto.org	223	 Click here for Live Stream	
St.Vincent de Paul Society	305		
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			
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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Sunday, September 27th, 2026



**Join us on October 2nd, 9am & 7pm for the
1st FRIDAY HOLY MASS**

Followed by:

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

*Come, let us worship our Perfectly Wonderful God,
fully present in the Blessed Sacrament.
Bring your families!*

Sacramental Preparation 2026-2027

First Communion and Confirmation meetings are scheduled at the church for all parents with baptized children preparing for these sacraments on the following dates:

First Communion Parent Make-up Meeting

Thursday, October 1st, 6:30-8:00pm

**Confirmation Registration
& Parent Meeting Dates at the church**

Sunday, September 27th, 6:00 p.m. OR

Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Registration packages were given to the schools.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/4P3Ep4h8wCvw1HSPA>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Liturgy of the Word with children will be starting the weekend of October 3rd & 4th! The goal of this ministry at St John of the Cross Parish is to help children from age 4 to 8 understand the liturgical readings at their own level and connect them to their lives.

NEW volunteers are needed and welcome! The commitment would be once or twice a month. Come celebrate the Good News and message of God's unconditional love for us with the children of our parish! Anyone, 18 years of age or older, can join and if you are in grade 11 or 12, this could also be a great way to get community service hours and grow in your faith by sharing our faith with our young ones!

Contact Rosemarie De Bartolo
children_liturgy@yahoo.com

Pray for all migrants & refugees.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



EDGE

Calling all grade 5 to 8 students! Make new friends, learn about Catholic teachings through interactive 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!

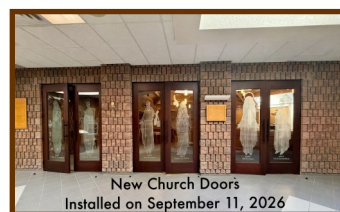
If you're a secondary school student

(Grades 9-12), this is

for YOU! Build lasting friendships, get involved in volunteer 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!



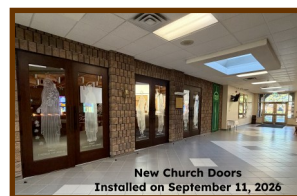
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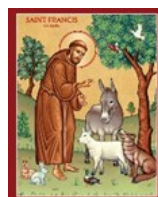
After a long wait, the new doors finally arrived and were installed on September 11, 2026.

It was worth the wait! As we enter through these doors into the

Our new church doors!



church, the Carmelite saints remind us that we are all called to be saints.



PETS BLESSINGS

Sat., 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Lawrence Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Kenny Baptista, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Repose of Rodolfo Palana Boquila, requested by Joseriza Millington
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Jacqueline Cooper, requested by the Family
5. For the Repose of Unnihar Antony, requested by Anna Babu
6. For the Repose of Deepak Kumar, requested by the Robson Family
7. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, requested by the Castelino Family

Tuesday, September 29, 9am

1. For the Repose of Fr. Thomas Kuruvilla, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. In Thanksgiving to St. Michael, requested by the Nicholson Family
3. For the Repose of Frank Marion, requested by Beryl Wu
4. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Diana & Ashwin, requested by the Robson Family
5. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Loy & Jeanette Antao, requested by Connie Rithaler
6. For the Repose of Ernesto Pilapil Jr., requested by Elisa Manrique

Wednesday, September 30, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Gavin Antao, requested by Connie Rithaler

Thursday, October 1, 9am

1. For the Repose of Lawrence Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For All Deceased Members of the Roberts Family, requested by the Romeo Family
3. For the Repose of Winston Pereira, requested by the Chaves Family
4. For the Repose of Christopher Gomes, requested by the Gomes Family

Friday, October 2, 9am

1. For the Repose of Ida Maria Antao-Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Emily Skilling, requested by the D'Souza Family
3. For Wedding Anniversary Blessings on Vanora & Peter Chmura, requested by the Family
4. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Vinita Haroun, requested by Marilyn Bansod

Saturday, October 3, 9am

1. For the Repose of Evelyn D'Souza, requested by Doris Goveas
2. For the Repose of John Rodgers, requested by the Rodgers Family
3. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Dr. Zal Kutar, requested by the Robinson Family

Sunday, October 5, 10am

1. For the Repose of Donna Fasulo, requested by Angela Orfei

Sunday, October 5, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Maria Vieira, requested by the Vieira Family

There will be a Building Fund Collection next weekend for the ongoing projects in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*



We thank the MFC Group for hosting the Coffee Sunday this weekend. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY

The Parish Family Ministry will be visiting families in our parish bringing the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel starting October, the month of the Rosary to promote and enhance the prayer life in the families through the Holy Rosary. Two members of the ministry will bring the statue to homes. A family can be a person of 1 (i.e., a widow with adult children living somewhere) or Mom, Dad, children, and extended families.

If you want the Parish Family Ministry bring the Our Lady of Mount Carmel statue in your home for a few days, please complete the Parish Family Ministry form in the Parish Office.



BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

In person Bereavement sessions are scheduled for 6 consecutive Tuesdays starting October 20th - November 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.

CHURCH

Mon	Sept 28	Senior Choir 6:45-8:45pm
Tues	Sept 29	Confirmation Registration 7:00pm-8:00pm
Wed	Sept 30	JC Band 8:00pm
Thurs	Oct 1	Folk Choir 7:00pm

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Sept 30	PTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Oct 1	Digital Faith Connecting 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept. 28	RCIA 7:00pm
Tues	Sept. 29	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Sat	Oct 3	Men's Fraternity 6:00-8:30am
Sat	Oct 3	Lay Carmelites 8:30-3:00pm
Sun	Oct 3	Alpha Course 6:00-8:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Fri	Oct 2	Prayer Group 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Oct 4	Rise & Lead 1:00-4:00pm

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Carmelite Seminary throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity!



SEMINARIAN: JONATHAN HARPER

We would like to welcome Mr. Jonathan Harper, a seminarian from St. Augustine's seminary, as part of the Archdiocesan program to introduce seminarians to parish life during their formation. Jonathan will be with us on Sundays for 3 Masses: 8am, 10am, & 12pm.

Jonathan was born and raised in Barrie, where he lived for most of his life outside of his university years in Toronto. St. Mary's is his home parish. His family includes his mother, his identical twin brothers and his maternal grandparents. He is 49 years old.

Jonathan has now entered his third year of formation. Some of his recent pastoral experiences at the seminary includes serving at St. Justin Martyr Parish, worked at Martyr's Shrine the previous summer, and this past summer, he participated in a mission trip to northern Alberta alongside three fellow seminarians.

Jonathan said, *"As I prepare to join your parish community this year, I also feel a special personal connection: St. John of the Cross is a Carmelite parish, and I hold a deep devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux. She has always been one of my favourite saints. I am deeply inspired by her "little way" of childlike trust in God and her spirituality, which I strive to imitate in my own life.*

I look forward to meeting the parishioners this coming weekend, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve at St. John of the Cross. "

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, October 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, please contact: **Julia D'Souza**, 416-275-5646.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 3/4, 2026 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated \$4.5 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey.

For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 and during all the weekend masses. The food collected will serve families in need within our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRNG.

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on Thursdays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion on behalf of the parish to the sick elderly, and homebound. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. Register [here](#).

LIFE CHAIN 2026

Sunday, October 4th, after the 12pm Mass

Get your Life Chain placards in the Hallway after the noon Mass next 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 and join! Let's support life!**



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