# St. John of the Cross Parish

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PARISH OFFICE 6890 Glen Erin Drive Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1



We, God's people, members of St. John of the Cross Carmelite Parish, and disciples called through baptism to be prophetic, priestly, and holy, have been chosen to serve, help, and guide each other on our Christian pilgrimage through life, to the Kingdom of God.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES AT THE CHURCH

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. First Friday 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

(Mass followed by Adoration)

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Other times by appointment.

#### **BAPTISM**

#### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Baptism Class prior to the birth of the baby. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or by visit to our Website.

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#### **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.

JOHN OF THE CROSS was born in 1542 at Fontiveros in Spain. He entered the Carmelite Community and was ordained a priest in 1567. Renowned for his wisdom and sanctity, he died at Ubeda in 1591. His writings are not only classics of spirituality, but also of Spanish literature. His best known books are The Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love.

READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	Dec 12	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Tues	Dec 13	Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Matthew 21.28-32
Wed	Dec 14	Isaiah 45.6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7.19-23
Thurs	Dec 15	Isaiah 54.1-10; Luke 7.24-30
Fri	Dec 16	Isaiah 56.1-3,6-8; John 5.16-17,33-36
Sat	Dec 17	Genesis 49.2,8-10; Matthew 1.1-17
Sun	Dec 18	Isaiah 7.10-14; Romans1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-24

#### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 12	Parish Reconciliation 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 13	St. John of the Cross Advent 7:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 14	Band practice 8 -10 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 15	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Fri	Dec 16	St. John Family Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

#### SEMINAR ROOM

Sun	Dec 11	Youth Group Meeting 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Mon	Dec 12	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 13	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 14	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m.
		PS Sacrament Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 15	Baptism Prep 7 – 9:00 p.m.

#### **BOARDROOM**

Tues	Dec 13	Liturgy Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 14	P.S. Confirmation 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### **NESSINGER HALL**

Sun	Dec 11	Youth Group 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 13	St. John of the Cross 6 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 14	K of C 7 – 10:00 p.m.
		CIC 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 15	St. Teresa of Avila 6 – 9:00 p.m.
Fri	Dec 16	SVDP Hamper Assembly 10 am – 10 pm
Sat	Dec 17	SVDP Hamper Assembly 8 am – 2 pm

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: SATURDAY, DEC 24th**

At the Church: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM, And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: SUNDAY, DEC 25th

At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

(Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

#### FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, DEC. 31st at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, SUNDAY, JAN. 1st

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Schedule is also posted on our website:

www.saintjohnofthecross.com



### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK

Perhaps you've been wondering about the meaning of the Jesse tree that we put together each year. Many of us a familiar with the concept of a family tree- a way of showing our grandparents and great grandparents and their families. In many churches you will see the same idea used in the stained glass or a carving to show the connection between the figures of the Scriptures, and before many people could read, these were a teaching tool for showing the connection between the figures of the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus himself. Jesse trees were the storybooks of the time. From this it became clear that the birth of Jesus was not an isolated event, but the completion of the story- the flowering of the tree, planted by God so long before. The link to King David was clear and so Jesus could be seen as a real historical person. Today there are many versions of the Jesse tree, using many different symbols to represent the various figures and events of Hebrew history that led to the birth of Jesus. Let us enjoy our own Jesse tree and listen carefully to the meaning of each symbol we have chosen.

# Third Sunday of Adven & A Time To Prepare



# ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00 p.m.

(with individual Confessions)

# ADVENT CONFESSION IN NEIGBOURING PARISHES

St.Joseph's Church – Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm Merciful Redeemer – Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm St.Francis Xavier – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Feast of St. John of the Cross will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.



# CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

# December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Church.

A lovely family evening that helps us put Jesus into our Christmas preparations.

# ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY GROW†NG †N FA†TH

#### REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Actions worthy of praise. "Lord, come and save us."

Jesus, show me how to prepare myself to meet you in all those around me?

#### **SPONSOR APPEAL**

Each year we need some sponsors to accompany those who want to find out more about the Catholic Church. This is an opportunity to grow ourselves and to help others in their journey of faith. We meet Monday evenings with a wonderful group of people from now through to Easter. Please take some time to think seriously as to whether this is the year you can help. We need each of you to look and see if you can say yes to this invitation - now.

To find out more about what is involved please call Sr. Ria, ext. 226 at the parish office. Thank-you!

PRIME TIME CLUB - (a social group for those over 50)

New members always welcome – Membership is \$10 per year.

Events include monthly dinner in Nessinger Hall

and a local restaurant outing.

Craft group meets every Wednesday 2 to 4 in Seminar Room. For membership - Julienne-Anne Rodrigues 905 670-0020 For Crafts - Barb Reinhart 905 819-9099 For activities - Mary Wong 905 824-8537

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2017**

Are available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. Parishioners who do not know their envelope number can check the list on the table by the envelopes. Boxes are labelled with your name and address. Please verify your name and address on the box. Please pick-up at your earliest convenience.

If you have had a change of address in the past year please notify the Parish Office by filling out a "change of address" form as soon as possible. Thank-you

# This Weekend is Coffee Sunday!



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The St. Vincent de Paul would like all Christmas Hamper gifts placed under the Jesse Tree. There are still tags available if you would like to support a family. All gifts will go towards helping our neighbours in need this Christmas and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Gifts are due back at the church this weekend,
Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The St. Vincent de Paul thanks
you for your continued generosity and support.

#### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We have several ministers who will come to your home on a weekly basis if needed. We also distribute Holy Communion to you if you are hospitalized at Credit Valley or Trillium Hospital. Please contact Muriel Haney at 905 507-1581 if you or your loved one is sick or shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion at your home.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Information Session to Support the Transition of Children with Differing Abilities into Kindergarten 2017 There will be an information and entry planning session for families of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2017. The information session will be held at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - Catholic Education Centre, Room 301 on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Snow date, Monday, January 16, 2017, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Families are reminded to register their child at their local school. Official dates are January 24-27 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. and January 24 from 7:00 pm - 9pm. A snow date has been designated on January 25 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org



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