

St. John of the Cross Parish

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Thursday (Evg.) 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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.

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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor	Tel/Voice Mail Ext 228
Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	224
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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*.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - MONDAY NOON

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	Dec 18	Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24
Tues	Dec 19	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25; Luke 1.5-25
Wed	Dec 20	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10; Luke 1.26-28
Thurs	Dec 21	Zephaniah 3.14-18; Luke 1.39-45
Fri	Dec 22	1 Samuel 1.24-28; Luke 1.46-56
Sat	Dec 23	Malachi 3.1-4;4.5-6; Luke 1.57-66
Sun	Dec 24	2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom16.25-27; Lk.26-38

CHURCH		
Tues	Dec 19	St. Richard Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 20	Band practice 8 -10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 21	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

SEMINAR ROOM		
Sun	Dec 17	Youth Group 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Mon	Dec 18	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 20	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4:00 p.m. PS Sacramental Prep 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

BOARDROOM		
Wed	Dec 20	Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

NESSINGER HALL		
Sun	Dec 17	Candlelight Carol Service 6 – 9:00 p.m.
Mon	Dec 18	K of C K of Hearts 7- 9:30 p.m.
Tues	Dec 19	St. Richard Reception 6– 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 20	C.I.C. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 21	Prime Time Line Dancing 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Perhaps you've been wondering... How you can bring your family more into the spiritual meaning of Christmas. One way may be to bring them to our Candlelight Carol Service on December 17th at 6:30 pm. This is an hour of readings and singing in which we anticipate Christmas. We build the crèche, telling the story of Christmas through scripture and music. It is a lovely evening of quiet amongst the business of Christmas. It is followed by a short reception. Please join us for a very special evening and remember who we care celebrating this Christmas.



Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Schedule

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th - 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: SUNDAY, DEC 24th
At the Church: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:30 PM,
And 12:00 MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: MONDAY, DEC 25th
At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon
(Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD
VIGIL MASS, SUNDAY, DEC. 31st at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, MONDAY, JAN. 1st
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon

Schedule is also posted on our website:
www.saintjohnofthecross.com

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE FOR
SATURDAY, DEC. 23RD, 2017 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, DEC.24TH, 2017 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

This Weekend is Coffee Sunday!



CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

December 17th at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Church.
A lovely family evening that helps us put Jesus into our Christmas preparations.



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2018 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

GROWING IN FAITH

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

3rd Sunday of Advent

Bringing joy through justice.

“My soul shall exult in my God.”

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?



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KNIGHT OF HEARTS VALENTINE DINNER /DANCE
“details to follow”

ADULT FAITH: PIVOTAL PLAYERS

You are invited to a series of learning and discussion on Tuesday evenings about the different pivotal players who contributed to the Catholic church through the centuries.

Mark your calendars!

We'll start on Tuesday **January 9th**, 6 pm

Register for free.

Call Liane, 905-821-1331 ext 226

Ministry to the Bereaved

The ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting. Our ministers journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion as wounded healers. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

We ask that the person who wishes to begin this program, contact Muriel Haney directly. Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone. **For information:**

muriel1066@bell.nett Muriel Haney 905 507-1581

PERSON WITH SKETCHING TALENTS NEEDED

Our Gardening Committee is leading an effort to convert the non-repairable fountain garden in the front lawn into an accessible outdoor meditation area with an appropriate statue and benches. A horseshoe shaped area is envisaged with the opening facing the church and this be accomplished by re-using the existing rockery and shrubberies. A small fund-raising effort is envisaged to accomplish this and the information poster could benefit from a sketch (hand drawn or computer generated) depicting what it would look like. If you have such skills, please contact Al at 416-970-9242.

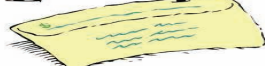


POINSETTIAS NEEDED

The Altar Society would appreciate donations of Poinsettias to be used to decorate the Altar during Christmas. If you would like to donate, please bring the Poinsettias to the church and place them by the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the rotunda.

Thank-you!

**Offering
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2018 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1st, 2018 please use your 2018 Envelopes.

DO NOT USE any previous year's envelopes. Envelopes not picked-up will be re-instated in the computer and given out to new parishioners, assuming that you have moved out of the area. Year will be finalized on the computer the last week of January, 2018 and the 2017 Tax Receipts will be available for pick-up shortly thereafter.



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January 10, 2018

MISSISSAUGA CONVENTION CENTRE

75 Derry Road West, Mississauga, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Register by January 4, 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCSCJan10>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT December 17th, 2017.

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416- 968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

CHURCH YEAR END

Thank you to all those who donated this year. If you would like to make a donation to be included on your 2017 tax receipt, please do so on or before Thursday, December 28th. This will allow us to record the amount on the computer and deposit the money by, December 29th, 2017.

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