

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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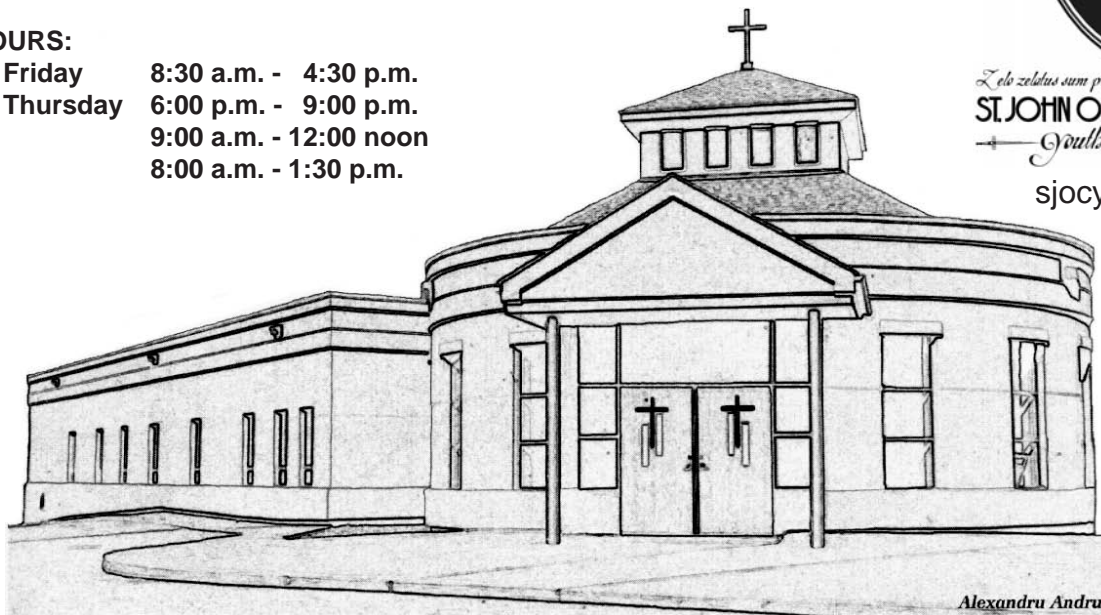
## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday to Thursday 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.



*Lebo zelatus sum pro Domino deo exercituum*  
**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**  
*Youth ministry*

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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.  
 Every Wednesday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.  
 followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 First Friday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.  
 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.

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office if confined to home or hospitalization so sacramental care may be provided.

## PASTORAL TEAM

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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225  
 Confirmation 230

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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## SCHOOLS

St. Albert of Jerusalem 905-785-9298  
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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.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	Feb. 18	Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
Tues	Feb. 19	Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
Wed	Feb. 20	Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thurs	Feb. 21	Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Fri	Feb. 22	1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Sat	Feb. 23	Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
Sun	Feb. 24	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25+; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

**CHURCH**

Tue	Feb. 19	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb. 20	Eva Nova Encounter Worship Night 7:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb. 21	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Wed	Feb. 20	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	Feb. 20	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 20	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Tue	Feb. 19	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm
Wed	Feb. 20	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Feb. 21	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Feb. 22	LIFE TEEN 6:30-8:30pm



Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from our parish visit you while you are in the hospital? *Please let us know by calling the parish office, 905.821.1331.*



**MARCH 6**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**With Mass: 9:00am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm**

**Liturgy of the Word with Ashes: 4:00pm**

**SHARELIFE PANCAKE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30-7:30pm at OUR LADY  
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**\$5 for 1 Ticket, or 5 for \$20**

**Tickets will be sold after all masses next weekend, February 23/24 & on March 2/3**

*8 Beatitudes*

*Instructions in Life*

**1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

They who, though rich, do not love wealth, nor set their hearts upon it, but use their riches to aid the poor; and especially they who are humble, that is, who have no exalted opinion of themselves, but are convinced of their weakness and inward poverty, have a proper estimate of themselves and therefore feel always their need, and like poor mendicants, continually implore God's grace and assistance.

**2. Blessed are the Meek, for they shall Inherit the Earth.**

He is meek who represses every rising impulse of anger, impatience, and desire of revenge, and willingly puts up with everything that God, to prove him, decrees or permits to happen to him, or that men inflict upon him. He who thus controls himself is like a calm and tranquil sea, in which the image of the Divine Sun is ever reflected.

**3. Blessed are they who Mourn, for they shall be Comforted.**

The mourners mentioned here are not those who weep and lament over the death of relatives and friends, or over misfortune or loss of temporal riches, but those who mourn that God is so often offended, so little loved and honored by men, that so many souls, redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ, are lost.

**4. Blessed are they who Hunger and thirst after Justice, for they shall have their Fill.**

Hunger and thirst denote the ardent longing for those virtues which constitute Christian perfection. He who seeks such perfection with ardent desire and earnest striving will be filled, that is, will be adorned by God with the most beautiful virtues, and will be abundantly rewarded in Heaven.

**5. Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.**

They are merciful who assist the poor according to their means, who practice every possible spiritual and corporal work of mercy, who as far as they can, patiently endure the faults of others, strive always to excuse them, and willingly forgive the injuries they have received. They especially are truly merciful who are merciful to their enemies and do good to them, as it is written: Love your enemies, and do good to them that hate you.

*Growth is the only evidence of life.*

*Blessed John Henry Newman*

6. Blessed are the Clean of Heart, for they shall see God.

They are clean of heart who carefully preserve the innocence which they received in Baptism, and keep their heart and conscience free not only from all sinful words and deeds, but also from all sinful thoughts and desires, and in all their omissions and commissions think only and desire only good.

7. Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God.

They are peacemakers who guard their improper desires, who are careful to have peace in their consciences and regulated tranquillity in all their actions, who do not quarrel with their neighbors, and are submissive to the Will of God.

8. Blessed are they who suffer Persecution for Justice's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

They suffer persecution for justice's sake who by their words, writings, or by their lives defend the truth, the Faith, and Christian virtues; who cling firmly to God, and permit nothing to turn them from the duties of the Christian religion, but on its account suffer hatred, contempt, disgrace, injury, and injustice with joy. Then they will become like the saints and like them receive the heavenly crown.

(Excerpts from Fr. Robert Skeris, Seton Magazine)

### THE CHRIST OF THE APOCALYPSE

The Christ of the Apocalypse: Contemplating the Faces of Jesus in the Book of Revelation with Msgr. S. Robert Nusca

All Saints' Catholic Church Parish Hall  
1415 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

Part 1 - Saturday, March 2 - 9:30am to 12:00noon

Part 2 - Saturday, March 9 - 9:30am to 12:00noon

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**MARCH 25 – 27 PARISH MISSION BY  
FR. ROBY MCDUGAL  
6:30 - 8:00PM, HERE IN OUR PARISH**

The Parish Office is closed on  
Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Happy **FAMILY** Day!



### YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



### ENCOUNTER

A Night of Adoration & Praise with Nova Eva  
Wed., February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Beginning with Mass at 7pm

We had Nova Eva at the parish last summer and Fr. Joseph has invited them back.

We invite **ALL** our parishioners to attend & bring friends! More info at [sjocym.com/encounter](http://sjocym.com/encounter)

### PRIME TIME CLUB

A social group for those over 50 - Membership - \$10 per year. Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger Hall and luncheons in local restaurants. Held weekly are Line Dancing on Tuesdays at 1pm and Craft Group on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.

### IMPORTANT OFFICE MESSAGES

1. Please **write your full name** on the Offertory envelopes when making donations.

2. 2018 Parish Tax Receipts will be ready for pick-up starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix. Come by the parish office when you get a chance and register as a new parishioner.

### INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Free Income Tax Preparation for low income individuals/families, newcomers and seniors is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Eligibility requirements are posted on the bulletin board. Contact the parish office to book an appointment on Saturdays, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, during the months of March & April. Additional time slots are available in the afternoons on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.



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