

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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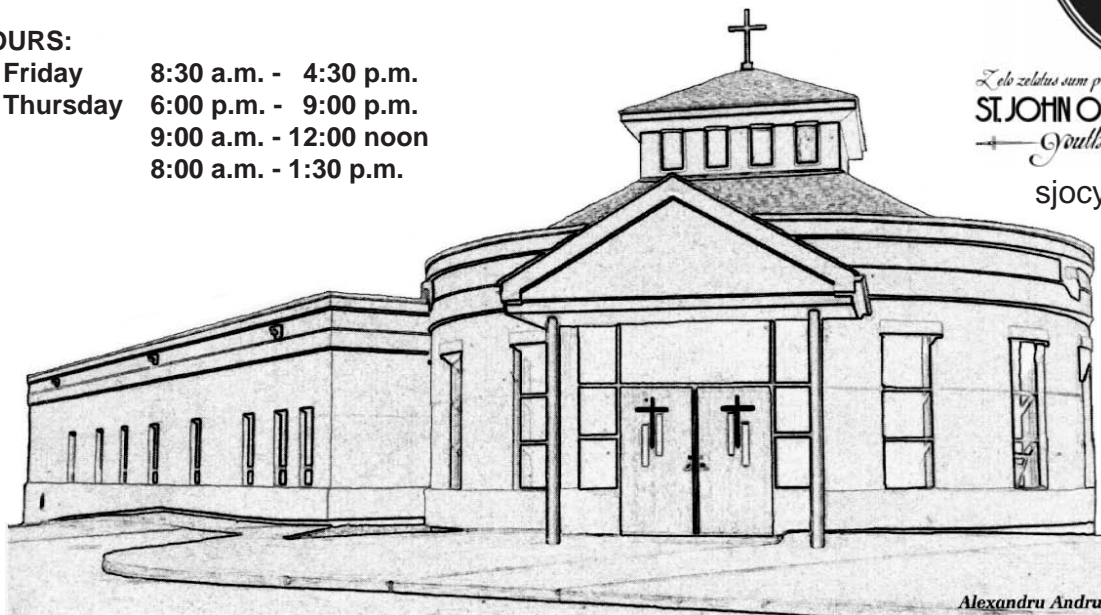
## OFFICE HOURS:

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.



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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. 25	Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tues	Feb. 26	Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wed	Feb. 27	Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
Thurs	Feb. 28	Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Fri	Mar 1	Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
Sat	Mar 2	Sirach 17:1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Mark 10:13-16
Sun	Mar 3	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

### CHURCH

Sun	Feb. 24	Baptism
Tue	Feb. 26	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb. 28	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sat	Mar 2	Children's Choir Practice 10:00-11:15am

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Feb. 25	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb. 27	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	Feb. 27	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 27	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sat	Mar 2	Lay Carmelite Meeting 9:00am - 4:00pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb. 25	CHOSEN Make-up Session 6:00-9:00pm
Tue	Feb. 26	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Feb. 27	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 27	New Beginnings 7:30-9:30pm
Fri	Mar 1	CFC 7:00-10:00pm



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**

## 1st Friday

**Benediction and Adoration  
after the 7pm mass this  
Friday, March 1st.  
Community Rosary  
starts at 6:30pm.**



## THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

The liturgy of the Church, the celebration of the sacraments, and the seasons of Lent and Easter are particular times when we pay attention to what Jesus Christ has done for us through his passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Yet these are **not** the only times when we experience the Paschal Mystery. It is a part of our everyday life; it is the undercurrent of all that we do and all that we are. What does this mean? How do I *experience* the Paschal Mystery?

First, let's look at the Paschal Mystery in general terms, without any religious lingo. The Paschal Mystery is basically the process of dying and rising, death and new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives.

For example, we experience the process of dying and rising each year as we go through the different seasons. Summer is a time of vibrancy and life, which then gives way to fall, when leaves on the trees die and fall away and many plants seem to die. Winter comes and with it the frost and chill that seem to halt all growth and life. But after winter, when it seemed as if everything had died away, spring arrives. New life surrounds us. Daffodils and crocuses begin to push through the once-frozen ground. The bare branches of trees begin to show signs of new leaves.

We are a part of nature too. Not only do we experience the seasons and see the process of dying and rising, we also have our own dyings and risings. Sometimes these are obvious—for example, a grandparent dies or a baby is born. But other dyings and risings are less obvious.

An experience of dying might be when you have an argument with a friend that leaves you feeling upset. An experience of rising might be reconciling with someone you hurt or who hurt you.

Now, when we look at the Paschal Mystery in the context of our religious beliefs and the life of Jesus Christ, we come to a deeper meaning of dying and rising. Jesus Christ's passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension are the **ultimate** event

of dying and rising, of death and new life. We learn from Jesus that new life can come from death, that we can find meaning in tough times, that there really is light in the darkness. We learn that all life has this rhythm of dying and rising and that God is with us in good times and in bad. Christ's experience of suffering, death, and new life has forever changed us and given us a different way of living. Death no longer has the last word. Plus, when we encounter tough times, we have the comfort of knowing that God has "been there, done that" and the power of hope that new life will come from death. Becoming conscious of our own dyings and risings helps us have a greater sense of compassion for others and a greater willingness to reach out. (Source: Loyola Press)

## CARMELITE MOMENTS

She was born Susana Paz-Castillo Ramirez in 1863. Since her youth she enthusiastically welcomed the call of God to holiness and practicing living and effective charity caring for, consoling and healing the sick and wounded that strife had left on the streets. Because of her ardent love for God and her generous and selfless surrender to the poor, this new Venezuelan blessed us today an example of virtues.

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

On the weekend of March 22-24, the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre team in Mississauga will preach a Lenten retreat on the theme: **Every Gift Reveals God's Love: But No Gift Reveals God's Love More Than the Gifts of the Cross.**

For more information or to register, call (905) 278.5229.

## 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 and April. Additional time slots are available in the afternoons on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Good can exist without evil, but evil cannot exist without good.*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



### CROSS Camp (Summer Day Camp 2019)

WEEK 1: Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9

WEEK 2: Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16

REGISTRATION OPEN:

[www.sjocym.com/crosscamp](http://www.sjocym.com/crosscamp)

## SHARELIFE PANCAKE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30-7:30pm at OUR LADY  
OF MOUNT CARMEL S.S.  
3700 Trelawny Circle



\$5 for 1 Ticket, or 5 for \$20

Tickets will be sold after all masses this weekend and on March 2-3.

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Will start in all the masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, and continue at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 25-27. The speaker will be Fr. Robbie McDougall.

## FAITH and REASON LECTURE

Thursday, March 7, 7pm

Newman Centre, 89 St. George Street, Toronto

Holly Ordway – writer, editor, and academic - once thought she was not “God’s Type”. She was an atheist professor hostile to Christianity, but she discovered that following the truth led her on an unexpected journey. In this talk, she shares her journey of faith: from atheism to becoming a Protestant to encountering the fullness of the truth in the Catholic Church. Her story provides encouragement and insights for those who are helping others to “come home” to the Church. Reception follows. All are welcome.

## 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.

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