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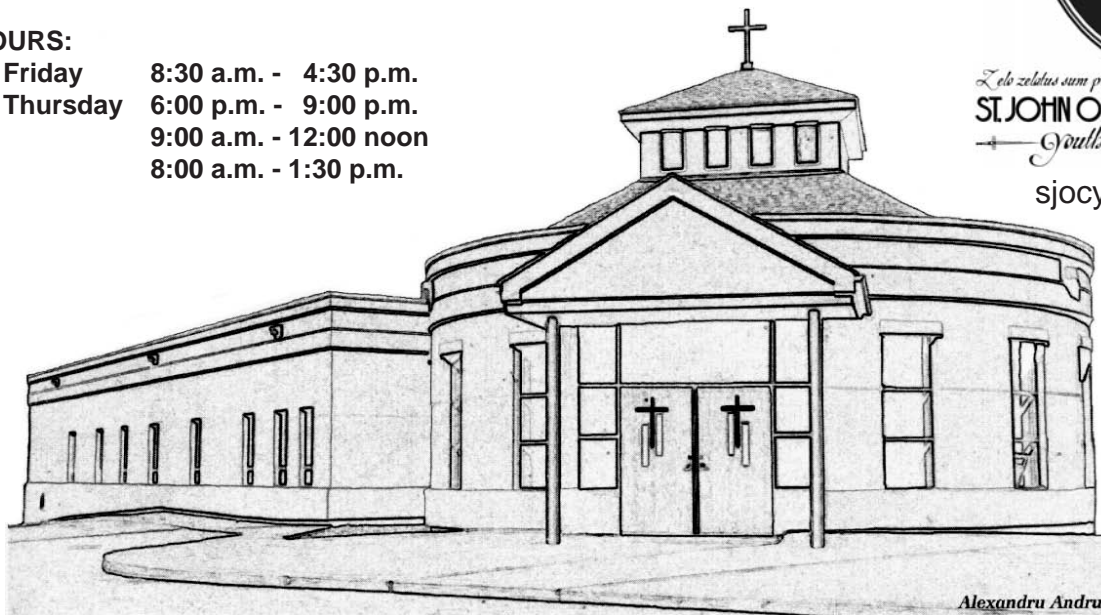
OFFICE HOURS:

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

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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

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| Mon | March 4 | Sirach 17:24-27, 29; Mark 10:17-27 |
| Tues | March 5 | Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 |
| Wed | March 6 | Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thurs | March 7 | Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 |
| Fri | March 8 | Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 |
| Sat | March 9 | Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 |
| Sun | March 10 | Deut 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 |

CHURCH

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| Tue | March 5 | Resurrection Choir Practice 10:00am-noon |
| Tue | March 5 | Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm |
| Wed | March 6 | Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm |
| Thurs | March 7 | Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm |

SEMINAR ROOM

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| Mon | March 4 | RCIA 7:00-9:00pm |
| Tue | March 5 | Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm |
| Wed | March 6 | Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm |
| Wed | March 6 | RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm |

NESSINGER HALL

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| Mon | March 4 | EDGE Night 6:00-9:00pm |
| Tue | March 5 | Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm |
| Wed | March 6 | RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm |
| Thurs | March 7 | CHOSEN 6:30-8:30pm |
| Fri | March 8 | Life Teen 6:30-8:30pm |
| Sat | March 9 | RCIA/RCIC 4:00-5:00pm |
| Sat | March 9 | CHOSEN 6:30-8:30pm |

What's with the Ashes?

Helping Children Understand and Celebrate Lent

Many of us have heard this question when we arrive at school, work, or home with the blackened cross on our forehead. The observance of Ash Wednesday is the most popular weekday celebration in the Catholic Church's liturgical year. During the celebration, children and adults process to the altar to receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is also a day when people discover how many Catholics there are in their community. This can nurture in children a greater sense of religious community. And because receiving the ashes is a sign of humility and contrition, children will also see how many people recognize the need for repentance.

The Ash Wednesday Ritual

Ash Wednesday is always the first Wednesday of the Lenten season and marks the beginning of Lent. The distribution of blessed ashes is typically done before the altar and, depending on the custom of the parish, people will hear the distributor say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return." The atmosphere in the Church is quiet and the observance solemn. People reflect on how quickly human life can pass. All are reminded of the need for repentance.

Ash Wednesday Readings

The readings for Ash Wednesday offer a number of important images that help children understand the meaning of this experience. The first reading calls us to repentance but also emphasizes that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in kindness (Joel 2:13). In the second reading, Paul reminds us that the world sees the presence of Christ in the way we act. So, be reconciled to God today! (2 Corinthians 5:20-6:1). We are called to be the love and change we wish to see in the world.



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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic school.
 905.821.1331 x 225 1st Communion / Reconciliation
 905.821.1331 x 230 Confirmation
 Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Value of Silence
Monday, March 11th, 7:00-9:00pm
Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Drive, E., Mississauga

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap – an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided. Come and bring a friend.

Contact: Office of Catholic Youth, 416.599.7676
youngadult@ocytoronto.org

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD COVENANT COMMUNITY

Jesus the Good Shepherd Covenant Community invites you to a Lenten Prayer Vigil on Friday, March 15th, 9:00pm-4:00am at our church.

Come and join us as we watch with the Lord and prepare for Lent through prayer, worship and adoration. Confessions will be available. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the end of the Vigil.

All are welcome! Coffee and refreshments will be served.

THE WOUNDED BODY OF CHRIST: LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

Thursday, March 14 – 7pm

Friday, March 15 – 9am to 4pm

University of St. Michael's College Campus
121 St. Joseph Street and 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto

Sponsored jointly by the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College and King's Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought, this two-day event features a lecture on Thursday night and presentations and panel discussions on Friday.

Email to RSVP:

events.usmctheology@utoronto.ca

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.

DAILY READINGS ONLINE

Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto can now find the Canadian daily readings on their archdiocesan and parish websites. This includes the First Reading, Second Reading (when appropriate), Psalm, and Gospel Reading.

To access, go to www.sjocross.org

The Daily Readings tab is under the Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu.

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.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN POSTING

The 2019 deadline for any bulletin posting is Friday by noon of the week **before** publication. For example, if you have an announcement for your ministry that you want to put in the bulletin for the weekend of March 30th, the office needs to receive it by noon on Friday, March 22nd.

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 13th and April 27th.

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St. Francis of Assisi

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