

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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*Youth ministry*

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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.



Alexandru Andrus

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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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	March 11	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tues	March 12	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed	March 13	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thurs	March 14	Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri	March 15	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat	March 16	Deut. 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun	March 17	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

**CHURCH**

Sun	March 10	Baptism
Tue	March 12	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	March 13	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	March 13	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	March 15	Lenten Prayer Vigil 9:00pm-4:00am

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	March 11	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	March 12	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	March 13	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	March 13	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm
Fri	March 15	CFC 7:00-9:00pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Tue	March 12	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	March 13	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	March 13	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Thurs	March 14	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	March 15	Altar Servers 6:30-8:30pm
Sat	March 16	Prime Time 3:00-11:00pm

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

**Speaker: Fr. Robbie McDougall**

*God of Compassion and Love. The Presence of God With Us on the Journey. Rise Up, Come Celebrate New Life.*

Our Parish Lenten 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.

*Bring your family and friends!*



**Come and join the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm followed by the Eucharistic Celebration.**

**POPE FRANCIS LENTEN MESSAGE**

*“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Rm 8: 19)*

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. *Rom 8:29*) is a priceless gift of God’s mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom 8:14*) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God’s law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, *we also benefit creation* by cooperating in its redemption.

When we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself.

The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**Fasting**, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. **Prayer**, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. **Almsgiving**, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

The “lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the *desert* of creation had the goal of making it once more that *garden* of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. *Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3*).

May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain

the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain!

Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation. (Excerpts from Pope Francis message for Lent 2019 [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco\\_20181004\\_messaggio-quaresima2019.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20181004_messaggio-quaresima2019.html))

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

### Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Let us pray for the Pope's intention this month.

*Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...*

## JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD COVENANT COMMUNITY

Jesus the Good Shepherd Covenant Community invites you to a Lenten Prayer Vigil on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

All are welcome!

## 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>.



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.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**EDGE:** Mon Mar 18, 2019 - 6:30-8:30pm

*Mysterious Love: The Trinity*

**LIFE TEEN:** Fri Mar 22, 2019 - 6:30-8:30pm

*Running Blind*



**CROSS Camp (Summer Day Camp, August 2019)**

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## 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.

## PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

All the necessary photos and materials have been sent to IPC. The directories should arrive in the church in late April or early May. As soon as we receive them, we will let you know so that arrangements can be made for pick up. - Mike Muldoon

## 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.



Next weekend is Coffee Sunday, hosted by the Eucharistic Ministry. **COME & MINGLE!**

*In order to move forward, we need to look to the past. Devotions, rooted in tradition, are a good vehicle for encountering a vibrant present.*

Gary Jansen, Author



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