

# 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  
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 St. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277  
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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.

# EASTER SUNDAY



## LIFE Messages of Easter Sunday

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	April 22	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tues	April 23	Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed	April 24	Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thurs	April 25	Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri	April 26	Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat	April 27	Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun	April 28	Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

### CHURCH

Tue	April 23	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	April 24	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	April 25	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

### SEMINAR ROOM

Tue	April 23	Marriage Preparation 7:00pm
Wed	April 24	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	April 24	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	April 25	Marriage Preparation 7:00pm
Sat	April 27	Children's Choir Practice 10:00-12:00noon

### NESSINGER HALL

Tue	April 23	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	April 24	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	April 24	New Beginnings 7:30-9:30pm
Fri	April 26	LifeTeen 6:30-8:30pm
Sat	April 27	RCIC Retreat 10:00am-2:00pm

**1) We are to be a Resurrection people:** Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death.

**2) We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus:** The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. "Peace be with you!" was His salutation to His disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

**3) We are to be transparent Christians:** We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.

**4) We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus:** Our awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us *control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior.*

**5) We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays:** Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations - but keep on trying to overcome them - we share in the Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us - not pain, sin, rejection or death - because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in Him.

**6) We are to be bearers of the Good News of Resurrection power.** Resurrection is Good News, but at the same time, it's sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we're called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives.

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.*



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic school. Message will be returned by Sacramental Team.

905.821.1331 x 225 1<sup>st</sup> Communion / Reconciliation

905.821.1331 x 230 Confirmation

Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team.

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

**Bereavement Group Sessions  
May 2, 2019 through June 6, 2019**

This ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all those who mourn a loss through death.

This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to begin this program.

Please contact Muriel Haney, [muriel1066@bell.net](mailto:muriel1066@bell.net) to register or the parish office at 905.821.1331.



Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary Magdalene did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in the world. That's the power of the Resurrection.

**7) We need to be Easter people** (Fr. V. Kizhakevely): We are in truth called to be an "Easter people", because there are many Easter moments in our lives. It may be in prayer, when for a moment we really experience the love of God, especially having felt his absence, as we often do, like the disciples who experienced the emptiness of the tomb. Or it may be a moment during the sacrament of reconciliation, after we have acknowledged honestly our weakness and selfishness, our sinfulness and come to experience His forgiveness. Indeed, there are times in our lives when we know, through faith, that the times of calm after the storm, of joy after sorrow, of restored vitality after weary days on our journey of faith, are truly times when we share in his paschal mystery.

(Excerpts from Easter Sunday Reflections by Fr. Antony Kadavil, [www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-04/gospel-commentary0.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-04/gospel-commentary0.html))



*A Blessed Easter to you  
and to your family!*

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION

April 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the Free Income Tax Preparation for low income individuals/families, newcomers and seniors. Contact the parish office to book an appointment.

## 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.

**The Parish Office is closed on  
Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



**EDGE:** Mon Apr 29, 2019  
6:30-8:30pm  
*Body Language:  
Theology of the Body*

**LIFE TEEN:** Fri Apr 26, 2019 - 6:30-8:30pm  
*Hypocrisy, Judgement & Tolerance*  
**CROSS Camp (Summer Day Camp, August 2019)**

More Info & Registration at  
[www.sjocym.com/crosscamp](http://www.sjocym.com/crosscamp)

## 2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (Blessing of the Palms)

April 13	Saturday	5:00pm
April 14	Sunday	8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
April 15	Monday	Mass at 9:00am
April 16	Tuesday	Mass at 9:00am Chrism Mass at 11am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael in Toronto
April 17	Wednesday	Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm
April 18	<b><u>HOLY THURSDAY</u></b>  No Morning Mass. No Confessions. <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00-11:30pm</b>	
April 19	<b><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></b>  No Confessions <b>10:00am</b> Stations of the Cross by our youth Veneration and Holy Communion <b>3:00pm</b> Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion <b>7:00pm</b> Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
April 20	<b><u>HOLY SATURDAY</u></b>  No Confessions. No Masses during the day. Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM	
April 21	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b>  8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM	
April 22	Easter Monday:	Mass at 9:00 AM
	Easter Monday:	Parish Office is closed

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