

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**  
*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.



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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  
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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	April 29	Acts 4.23-31; John 3.1-8
Tues	April 30	Acts 4.32-37; John 3.7b-15
Wed	May 01	Acts 5.17-26; John 3.16-21
Thurs	May 02	Acts 5.27-33; John 3.31-36
Fri	May 03	1 Corinthians 15.1-8; John 14.6-14
Sat	May 04	Acts 6.1-7; John 6.16-21
Sun	May 05	Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

**CHURCH**

Tue	April 30	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	May 01	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	May 02	Folk Choir Practice 7:30-10:00pm

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	April 29	RCIA 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Tue	April 30	Marriage Preparation 7:00pm
Wed	May 01	Prime Time Crafts 1:30–4:30 pm Sacramental Prep Group 1 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Thurs	May 02	Bereavement 7:00pm
Sat	May 4	Children’s Choir Practice 10:00-12:00noon

**NESSINGER HALL**

Mon	April 29	Edge Night Youth 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Tue	April 30	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	May 01	CIC Group 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	May 04	Knight of Columbus – Spring Fling 7:00 – 10 pm
Sun	May 05	Handmaids of the Lord 1:00 – 4 :00 pm

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



Pope John Paul the Great gave us Divine Mercy Sunday.

On April 30, 2000, the first Sunday after Easter, John Paul canonized Sister Faustina—now Saint Faustina. In his homily of canonization, John Paul joyfully announced that the first Sunday after Easter “from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’”

In the legal form, mercy is the opposite of justice. Justice is what a person deserves. Mercy is what a guilty person needs.

In His mercy, God reveals that love always trumps justice. Indeed, in his encyclical Rich in Mercy, Pope John Paul II declared that mercy is “love’s second name.”

To bring the meaning of mercy into ultimate focus, we must say that Jesus Christ incarnates mercy; indeed, Jesus Christ is mercy .

Our salvation hinges on trusting in God’s mercy. But remember: Mercy means pardon for guilt. Pardon for our guilt can come, by God’s mercy, only if (a) we face and acknowledge our guilt under God, and (b) we are truly sorry for having offended God.

God will not, God cannot, fill with His mercy the life of one who is not truly penitent. Jesus made this clear with His parable of the prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Recall that the Pharisee congratulated God and himself on his own good character. In sharp contrast, the tax collector simply groaned, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” Jesus said that only the tax collector was reconciled to God.

When we think about God’s mercy, therefore, we have to ask ourselves about our own sense of sin. Start with the fact that our culture has lost any real sense of sin. In all of human history, there apparently has never been a society that so widely ignored—or even widely denied—the reality of sin as our culture.

The Sacrament of Penance was given by our Lord Jesus Christ not only for mortal sins, but also for venial sins. Let me remind you further of our Catechism’s listing of the very harmful effects of venial sin.

As a rupture with God, sin is an act of disobedience by a creature who rejects, at least implicitly, the very one from whom he came and who sustains him in life. It is therefore a suicidal act” (emphasis added).



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.

**Additional Masses on Sundays**  
**at 2 pm**

For First Communion everyone is welcome to join April 28, May 5, 12, 19

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Divine Mercy Sunday tells us about spiritual CPR which Our Lord entrusted to His Church. He gave to His bishops and priests the Sacrament of Penance, the authority to act in His name and forgive sins. This sacrament is spiritually life-giving.

Jesus gave us this sacrament not as a simple option, but as something He wants us to use.

When we ignore this sacrament, we ignore Jesus’ command given for our spiritual welfare. And when we ignore His command, we ignore Him.

God forbid that any of us should ever do that!

(Excerpts from Fr. Ray Ryland, PhD,  
www.stpaulcenter.com/the-love-that-covers-a-multitude-of-sins-a-reflection-on-divine-mercy/

**“Jesus, Son of the Living God, have  
mercy on me, a sinner.”**

## 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.



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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.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



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

**LIFE TEEN:** Fri May 10, 2019 - 6:30-8:30pm  
*Playing House: Cohabitation*

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

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



## RECYCLING DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus will be running a Spring Recycling Drive from May 11th and 12th, 2019. The Knights will be collecting: electronic devices, metal, wires, appliances, computers, pipes, pots and pans, BBQs, batteries, tire rims, and more. Please refer to the flyers posted around the parish for a full list of items.

A collection area will be set up at the back of the church parking lot. Items will be collected from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday and before and after each mass on Sunday.

The Spring Recycling drive is in support of the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and the Olympics Association of Ontario.

## SPRING FLING

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Spring Fling on May 4th at 6.30 PM in Nessinger hall. It is a fun filled family event with lots of prizes, games, dinner and dancing. For further details and tickets please see the knights at the back of the church or the posters placed around the

## Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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