

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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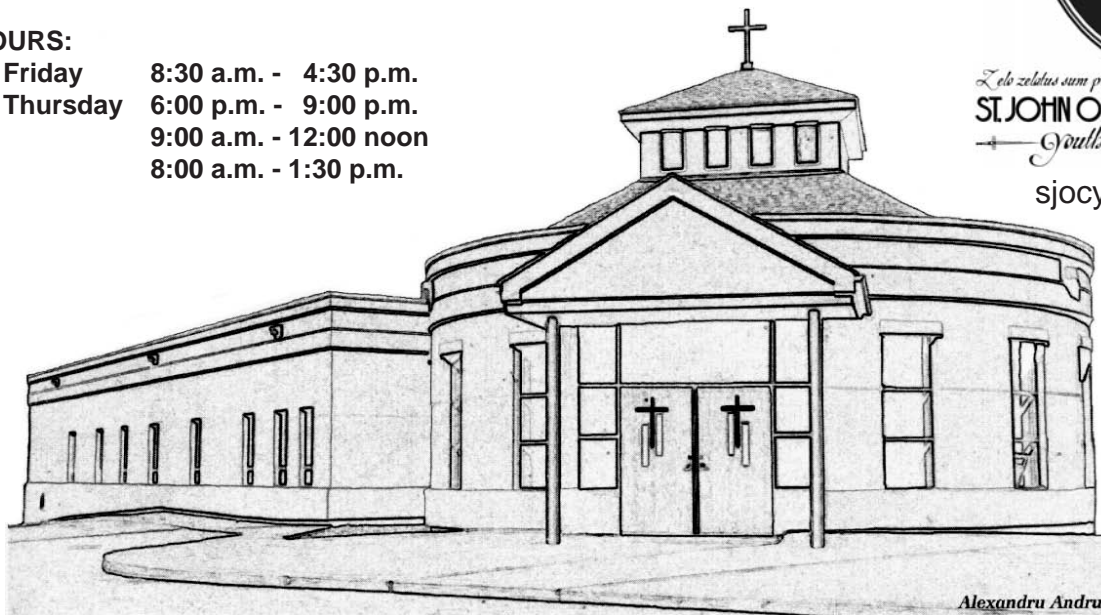
## OFFICE HOURS:

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  
 St. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277  
 St. John of the Cross 905-824-3058  
 St. Richard 905-826-5572  
 St. Teresa of Avila 905-858-3462  
 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus 905-785-0066  
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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	May 27	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16.4a
Tues	May 28	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed	May 29	Acts 17:15, 22-18.1; John 16:12-15
Thurs	May 30	Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Fri	May 31	Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
Sat	June 1	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sun	June 2	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:44-53

### CHURCH

Mon	May 27	RCIA Mass
Tue	May 28	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	May 29	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	May 30	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sat	June 1	Children's Choir Practice 10:00-11:15am

### SEMINAR ROOM

Tue	May 26	Handmaid of the Lord 1:00-4:00pm
Mon	May 27	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	May 29	Prime Time Crafts 2:00-4:00pm
Sat	June 1	CFCFFL 6:30-10:30pm

### NESSINGER HALL

Mon	May 27	EDGE Night 6:00-9:00pm
Tue	May 28	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	May 29	New Beginnings 7:30-9:30pm



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

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



There is a promise of marriage between

**Nicholas Elias Medeiros and  
Lauren Elizabeth Branco**

LET US PRAY FOR THIS COUPLE  
FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

## LUMEN FIDEI

### *The Light of Faith*

Faith's new way of seeing things is centred on Christ. Faith in Christ brings salvation because in him our lives become radically open to a love that precedes us, a love that transforms us from within, acting in us and through us.

We come to see the difference, then, which faith makes for us. Those who believe are transformed by the love to which they have opened their hearts in faith. By their openness to this offer of primordial love, their lives are enlarged and expanded. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal 2:20*). "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith" (*Eph 3:17*).

The self-awareness of the believer now expands because of the presence of another; it now lives in this other and thus, in love, life takes on a whole new breadth. Here we see the Holy Spirit at work. The Christian can see with the eyes of Jesus and share in his mind, his filial disposition, because he or she shares in his love, which is the Spirit. In the love of Jesus, we receive in a certain way his vision. Without being conformed to him in love, without the presence of the Spirit, it is impossible to confess him as Lord (*cf. 1 Cor 12:3*). Unless you believe, you will not understand (*cf. Is 7:9*). The prophet challenges the king, and us, to understand the Lord's ways, seeing in God's faithfulness the wise plan which governs the ages. Saint Augustine took up this synthesis of the ideas of "understanding" and "being established" in his *Confessions* when he spoke of the truth on which one may rely in order to stand fast: "Then I shall be cast and set firm in the mould of your truth". From the context we know that Augustine was concerned to show that this trustworthy truth of God is, as the Bible makes clear, his own faithful presence throughout history, his ability to hold together times and ages, and to gather into one the scattered strands of our lives.

Read in this light, the prophetic text leads to one conclusion: we need knowledge, we need truth, because without these we cannot stand firm, we cannot move forward. Faith without truth does not save, it does not provide a sure footing.

Today more than ever, we need to be reminded of this bond between faith and truth, given the crisis of truth in our age. In contemporary culture, we often tend to

consider the only real truth to be that of technology: truth is what we succeed in building and measuring by our scientific know-how, truth is what works and what makes life easier and more comfortable.

This being the case, can Christian faith provide a service to the common good with regard to the right way of understanding truth? To answer this question, we need to reflect on the kind of knowledge involved in faith. Here a saying of Saint Paul can help us: "*One believes with the heart*" (Rom 10:10). In the Bible, the heart is the core of the human person, where all his or her different dimensions intersect: body and spirit, interiority and openness to the world and to others, intellect, will and affectivity. If the heart is capable of holding all these dimensions together, it is because it is where we become open to truth and love, where we let them touch us and deeply transform us. Faith transforms the whole person precisely to the extent that he or she becomes open to love. Through this blending of faith and love we come to see the kind of knowledge which faith entails, its power to convince and its ability to illumine our steps. Faith knows because it is tied to love, because love itself brings enlightenment. Faith's understanding is born when we receive the immense love of God which transforms us inwardly and enables us to see reality with new eyes.

(Excerpts from Pope Francis Encyclical Letter, [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130629\\_enciclica-lumen-fidei.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20130629_enciclica-lumen-fidei.html))

## CARMELITE MOMENTS

### St. Mary Magdalen de'Pazzi

**Feast Day: May 25**

She was born in Florence in 1566 and received a good religious upbringing, and eventually became a Carmelite nun. In Carmel she led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying fervently for the reform of the Church and helping her sisters in their quest for perfection.

*St. Mary Magdalen de 'Pazzi, pray for us.*

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are glad to have you. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix and when you get a chance, come by the Parish Office and register as a new parishioner.



Our schools have crowned Mother Mary this month as Queen in their schools with the help of the Rosary Apostolate in our Parish. Let us also crown her as Queen in our hearts and in our homes.

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



The 2nd annual Summer Day Camp at our parish is for youth in Grades 1 to 8 (as of Sep 2019) and runs 9:00am-3:30pm, with extended care available and discounts for siblings. We're incorporating our Catholic faith with fun sports, games, crafts, music, and more! Registration closes on July 7th.

Registration is online @ [www.sjocym.com/crosscamp](http://www.sjocym.com/crosscamp)

Week 1: Mon Aug 5th - Fri Aug 9th, 2019

Week 2: Mon Aug 12th - Fri Aug 16th, 2019

## ST. JOSEPH VOCATION SOCIETY

The Office of Vocations invites all members of the archdiocese to join the St. Joseph Vocation Society, a voluntary daily prayer commitment for vocations. There are no dues or meetings. In gratitude for your daily prayers, Fr. Chris Lemieux, Director of Vocations, will remember you in a monthly Mass. For more info, visit

[www.vocationstoronto.ca/programs](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/programs)

## PRIME TIME CLUB

A social group for those over 50 with a membership of \$10 per year. Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger Hall and luncheon 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.**

## LIBRARY OPEN

The library will be open next weekend, before and after the Saturday 5pm mass and the Sunday 10am and noon masses. We have religious books for all ages. The library is available free to all registered parishioners and comes with a one-month loan. *Come by and take a look!*

*"To live in love is to sail forever, spreading seeds of joy and peace in hearts."*

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus*



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