

# 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.



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.

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.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	July 15	Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tues	July 16	Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
Wed	July 17	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thurs	July 18	Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Fri	July 19	Exodus 11:10-12, 14; Matthew 12:1-8
Sat	July 20	Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sun	July 21	Genesis 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

**CHURCH**

Tue	July 16	Adult Choir Practice 7:30-10:00pm
Wed	July 17	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	July 18	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sat	July 20	Family Choir Practice 6:15-7:30pm

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Tue	July 16	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	July 17	Prime Time Crafts 2:00-4:00pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Tue	July 18	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Sat	July 20	Knights of Columbus 4:00 – 10:00pm

# HUMILITY & HEALING

Christians must learn the "wisdom of God's caresses" and have the humility "to open their heart to be healed by the Lord", Pope Francis said in his homily. Moreover, Christians should exercise this same humility and meekness when caring for our needy brothers and sisters.

The Holy Father referred to the day's Gospel narrative which recounts the moment when Jesus sent his disciples out to heal, as he did when he came into the world to "heal the root of sin within us". This healing, the Pope explained, "recreated us from the roots and made us go forth with his teaching, his doctrine which is a doctrine that heals". The "*first healing is conversion*": opening our heart, "so that the Word of God may enter" because "a closed heart cannot be healed" ...

But above all, Jesus commissioned the disciples to "proclaim so that the people would convert". And this required the authority to do so, which, Jesus said, the disciples were to earn by taking "nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts". Thus, their sole authority came from following in Jesus' footsteps, devoid of any attitudes of superiority. Rather, they were to be poor, with that "poverty that brings meekness and humility". It is with this "attitude of poverty, humility, meekness" that we can have the "authority to say: 'Convert', to open hearts". Through the "meekness and the authority of their example", the Apostles were able to cast out demons, "not with the authority of one who speaks from above but is not interested in people.

Like the Apostles who had to learn the wisdom of the "caresses of God", we too can heal people. "Each of us has the power to heal if we take this path": with a kind word, patience, advice or a humble glance. Pope Francis concluded by invoking the Lord to "give us this grace to heal as he healed: with meekness, humility, with fortitude against sin, against the devil, and to go forth in this beautiful mission of healing".

(Excerpts from Pope Francis' Morning Meditation [w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2019/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie\\_20190207\\_humility-and-healing.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2019/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20190207_humility-and-healing.html))

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

There is a promise of marriage between



**FLOYD GONSALVES and  
HAZEL PEREIRA**

Let us pray for this couple for a happy marriage.



If you know anyone who is interested to know more about God, the Catholic Faith and her teachings, please ask them to call Liane at the parish office. The next sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will start in October 2019.

There is also a program for unbaptized children 7 – 16 years old.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows after the 7pm Eucharistic Celebration on Wednesdays.

We will have a Community Rosary at 6:30pm before the Mass.



## CARMELITE MOMENTS

July 20 – St. Elijah, Prophet & Father of Carmel

Elijah is the mystic who, after a long and tiresome road, learns and reads the new signs of the presence of God. He is the solitary prophet who is involved in the life of the people and, fighting against the false idols, he brings them back to the fidelity of the Covenant with the only God. He is the prophet in solidarity with the poor and those far away and he defends those who suffer violence and injustice.

### 3 O'Clock Divine Mercy Prayer

*You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.*

*O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.*

*O Blood and Water,*

*which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.*

## YOU ARE INVITED!

### To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Every Friday, 7:00-9:30pm  
August 23 – October 18, 2019



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Register for this seminar at the parish office. There is a form for Adults, Youths, and Couples. Complete the Couples form if you and your spouse will be attending together.

*LSS is open to anyone from 13 years old and above.*

*“In my deepest wound I saw your glory and it dazzled me.” - St. Augustine*



## SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL

**Feast Day: July 16**

As we solemnly commemorate Our Lady of Mount Carmel, may she enfold us in the mantle of her maternal protection and guidance.

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Sat July 27th, 2019,  
6:30-8:30pm *Movie: Courageous*

### PLAY HARD PRAY HARD Adult T-Shirts (Cross Camp Theme)

If you would like a T to support our camp, please bring an envelope to the parish office with your name, email/cell, \$20 and your size. Note: The Adult T will NOT have the Cross Camp logo on it.



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.*

## PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

If you had your photo taken with your family or individually, please pick up your copy of the directory.

If you only had your photo taken with the ministry that you served in, let the office know that you want a copy and you will be put on a waiting list when extra copies are available.

## HOLY NAME OF MARY RELOCATION

The Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School, the only All Girls Catholic Secondary School in Dufferin-Peel is relocating right beside St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, call (905)458.5541 or visit [www.dpcdsb.org/HNM](http://www.dpcdsb.org/HNM).

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are glad to have you join our family. Feel free to introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Joyson or to our Associate Pastor, Fr. Felix, and when you get a chance, come by the Parish Office to register as a new parishioner.



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