

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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## OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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.

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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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225

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## SCHOOLS

St. Albert of Jerusalem 905-785-9298

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	Aug 26	1 Th 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22
Tue	Aug 27	1 Th 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed	Aug 28	1 Th 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs	Aug 29	Jer 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29
Fri	Aug 30	1 Th 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13
Sat	Aug 31	1 Th 4:9-11; Matthew 25:1-13
Sun	Sept 1	1 Th 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**CHURCH**

Tue	Aug 27	Adult Choir Practice 7:30-10:00pm
Wed	Aug 28	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Aug 29	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Aug 30	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Aug 31	Family Choir Practice 6:15-7:30pm

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Wed	Aug 28	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Fri	Aug 30	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Wed	Aug 28	New Beginnings 7:30-9:30pm
Thurs	Aug 29	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Fri	Aug 30	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**



There is a promise of marriage between  
**MEHJOOB KHAN** and  
**AYESHA HUSSAINBHOY**

*Let us pray for this couple for a happy marriage.*

**RCIA—RCIC PROGRAMS**



If you know any unbaptized adult who is interested to know more about God, the Catholic Faith and her teachings, and who wants to journey into a deeper encounter with the Lord, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program is for them.

For parents who want their children, 7-16 years old, baptized in the faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) Program welcomes these families.

The weekly sessions of Catechesis, retreats, and other activities will start end of September for both RCIA and RCIC. For more info, please call the parish office.



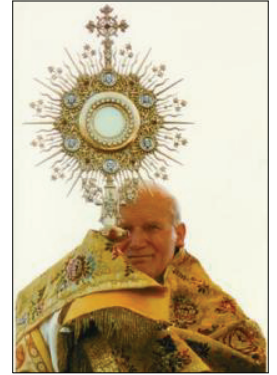
**ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II ON  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

Every commitment to holiness, every activity aimed at carrying out the Church's mission, every work of pastoral planning, must draw the strength it needs from the Eucharistic mystery and in turn be directed to that mystery as its culmination. In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father.

Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?

The mystery of the Eucharist – sacrifice, presence, banquet – *does not allow for reduction or exploitation*; it must be experienced and lived in its integrity, both in its celebration and in the intimate converse with Jesus which takes place after receiving communion or in a prayerful moment of Eucharistic adoration apart from Mass. These are times when the Church is firmly built up and it becomes clear what she truly is: one, holy, catholic and apostolic; the people, temple and family of God; the body and bride of Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit; the universal sacrament of salvation and a hierarchically structured communion.

Let us take our place, dear brothers and sisters, *at the school of the saints*, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. In them the theology of the Eucharist takes on all the splendour of a lived reality; it becomes “contagious” and, in a manner of speaking, it “warms our hearts”. Above all, let us *listen to Mary Most Holy*, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a *mystery of light*. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know *the transforming power present in the Eucharist*. In her we see the world renewed in love. Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, we see opening up before us those “new heavens” and that “new earth” which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge, and in a certain way, their anticipation: “*Veni, Domine Iesu!*” (Rev 22:20). In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love. (Excerpts from St. Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical Letter on the Eucharist, [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/special\\_features/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_20030417\\_ecclesia\\_eucharistia\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/special_features/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_20030417_ecclesia_eucharistia_en.html))





Wednesday Evening, 7:00pm  
Eucharistic Celebration is followed  
by the Novena to our Lady of  
Perpetual Help.  
Community Rosary starts at 6:30pm.  
***Come, let us gather!***

## MARTYRS' SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Come and join us on a holy journey to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland on Saturday, September 7. Our day includes the Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as an outdoor celebration of the Stations of the Cross by Bishop John Boissonneau.



We depart our church parking lot at 7:30am and depart the Shrine at 3:15pm. Registration: \$35. Bring your own lunch.

**Register at the Parish Office.**  
Limited space available.

## DAILY READINGS ONLINE

You can now find the Canadian daily readings on our parish website. This includes the First Reading, Second Reading (when appropriate), Psalm, and Gospel Reading. To access, go to [www.sjocross.org](http://www.sjocross.org)

The **Daily Readings** tab is under the **Our Catholic Faith** drop-down menu.

## FAMILY ROSARY VISIT

Contact the Family Program of the Rosary Apostolate if you want a Family Rosary visit in your home. The Apostolate will pray the Holy Rosary and the Family Consecration Prayer with you and bring the pilgrim statue of our Lady which you can keep for a week. For more information, please call Isabela at 647.574.3660.

## CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 Catechist Formation Program. New courses and seminars have been added to allow for more specialization. Contact Connie Price, 416.934.3400 x 513 or email at [cprice@archtoronto.org](mailto:cprice@archtoronto.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



Registration for  
CONFIRMATION Preparation,  
EDGE (Grades 5-8) & LIFE  
TEEN (Grades 9-12) now open  
@ [www.sjocym.com](http://www.sjocym.com)



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## 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 & Craft Group on Wednesdays at

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

2pm. **Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.**

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.

**Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.—Psalm 37:4**

*"I adore You, Lord and Creator, hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I adore You for all the works of Your hands, that reveal to me so much wisdom, goodness and mercy, O Lord. You have spread so much beauty over the earth and it tells me about Your beauty, even though these beautiful things are but a faint reflection of You, incomprehensible Beauty. And although You have hidden Yourself and concealed your beauty, my eye, enlightened by faith, reaches You and my soul recognizes its Creator, its Highest Good, and my heart is completely immersed in prayer of adoration." - St. Faustina*

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