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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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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	Sept. 17 9am	For the soul of Annie D'Abreu, requested by Denise Totesau
Wed	Sept. 18 9am	1. For the soul of Ron Flanagan, requested by Jocelyne Flaman 2. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Hedy and Robert Castelino
	7pm	1. For the Healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett 2. For the soul of Juanita Vaz, requested by Trevor D'Souza
Thurs	Sept. 19	For the soul of Sheila Pinto, requested by Marilyn Bansod
Sat	Sept. 21 9am	For the soul of M.A. Michael, requested by Vincent & Family
	5pm	1. For the soul of Wilfred Muttukumaru, requested by Bernadette 2. For the soul of Ronald D'Souza, requested by Clara D'Souza 3. For the soul of Querabino Almeida, requested by Clara D'Souza
Sun	Sept. 22 12pm	Thanksgiving intentions to the Holy Family, requested by Masilamani & Varella Family
	4pm	For the soul of Alex Coutinho, requested by Lorain

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Sept 17	Adult Choir Practice 7:30-10:00pm
Wed	Sept 18	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Sept 19	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Sept 20	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Tue	Sept 17	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Wed	Sept 18	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Fri	Sept 20	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Sept 21	Lay Carmelite Formation 9:30am-12:00pm
Sat	Sept 21	CFCFFL 7:00-10:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Sept 16	Knights of Hearts 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Sept 17	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Sept 17	Confirmation Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Sept 20	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Sept 21	Rosary Apostolate 9:30am-12Noon
Sat	Sept 21	PARISH MOVIE NIGHT 5:00-9:00pm

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage between



**DYLAN MARK MORNINGSTAR
& RACHEL COUTINHO**
on September 20, 2019



**CRAIG PATRICK NAZARE &
CHANDRA JOLENE MILES**
on September 21, 2019

Let us pray for these couples
for a happy marriage.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Sept 16	1Tim 2:1-7++; Luke 7:1-10
Tue	Sept 17	1Tim 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wed	Sept 18	1Tim 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs	Sept 19	1Tim 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Fri	Sept 20	1Tim 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Sat	Sept 21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13
Sun	Sept 22	Amos 8:4-7; 1Tim 2:1-7++; Luke 16:1-13

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.

Being a catechist is a calling. It is important that those who are called are formed in order to help others in their faith journey.

Contact Connie Price, 416.934.3400 x 513 or email at cprice@archtoronto.org.

CARMELITE SEMINARY

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend, September 21-22, to help support the Carmelite Seminaries and sustain the financial requirements of those who are called to serve.

Thank you for your generosity!

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason.

God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.

St. John of the Cross, 1542-1591

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

By Fr. Isidore Clarke, OP

What a crazy thing to do; what a barbaric thing to do – to glorify in the brutal instrument used to execute a criminal! And yet that is what we Christians do. We have crucifixes in our homes and wear them round our necks. But Paul tells us that the folly of the cross defies the wisdom of human reason. Not that the pain of Christ's crucifixion was good in itself. It was brutal and unjust. And he was no masochist, who delighted in suffering.

The Romans crucified many people – a thousand at one time on the Appian Way, when they crushed Spartacus' slave revolt. Though they were martyrs for the cause of freedom, their execution did not have the same meaning and effect as Christ's.



Christ used His death on the cross as the means to saving the world from the power of sin and death. Far from being defeated as a tragic, misguided failure Christ was triumphantly enthroned as king of heaven and earth, on the very instrument, which was meant to humiliate and destroy him – the cross. Pilate condemned him as king; the Roman soldiers crowned him with thorns and mocked Him as king. The crowds taunted this crucified king. Even in mockery they were all so right in calling Jesus 'king,' but none of them understood the nature of His sovereignty.

That's the triumph of the goodness of love over the evil of hatred. Not force of arms, but the power of love and mercy -those were His weapons. By dying He has destroyed the power of death, and opened the way for us to share His divine life. As Jesus hung upon the cross it was as though, as man, He stretched out one hand to His heavenly Father, and as God, He stretched the other hand to us sinners. In His crucified person Jesus drew God and us sinners together in love. Paul speaks of Christ reconciling us to God through the blood of the cross.

In his Gospel, John has Jesus expressing the Exaltation of the Cross by using the phrase 'Lifted up.' This harks back to Isaiah's Suffering Servant of the Lord who would be raised up as the triumphant saviour of the world. The phrase 'Lifted up' also harks back to the brazen serpent, which Moses raised up in the desert, as

a sign of God's healing mercy for those who looked upon it and repented for their sins.

Now Christ, lifted up on the cross, is the source of God's mercy for all who believe in Him. When He is raised on high, triumphantly on the cross, He will draw us up with Him to share in His victory over evil. Then, indeed, we will know that He is the God of infinite love, mercy and power –our saviour. No one but God could show such sublime, crazy love as to become one of us, allow us to crucify Him –simply because He loves us and judges that was the best way to enable us sinners to share His divine life and happiness. To the unbeliever the crucifixion is sheer madness; to the believe the cross is the sign of the wonder of God's love, which defies human logic.

On Good Friday we sing the hymn, 'Vexilla Regis' -'Abroad the regal banner flies.' That proclaims our loyalty to the crucified, yet triumphant Christ.

Under the Sign of the Cross we join Him in His battle against evil and march triumphantly with Him to His Heavenly Kingdom. The cross gives us our identity as followers of Christ. Not that we glory in suffering, nor do we honour the cross as a means of brutal execution. To do so would be sick! But we venerate the cross as the means whereby the Son of God saved the world. That's why we raise the cross on high and humbly thank God.

On the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross let us exclaim with St. Paul, "**May I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**" (Gal. 6. 14).

RECYCLING DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus are having their Fall Recycling Drive next weekend, September 21st and 22nd, to support the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. They are collecting old pots and pans, electronics, small and big appliances, etc.

A container will be in the parking lot on September 21-22 to receive your donations.

For further details, please refer to the posters around the Church.



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