

# 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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*Youth ministry*

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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. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are also expected to attend this class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at 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

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

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel 905-824-1025

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflections**  
**Feast of St. Michael the Archangel**

1st Reading: Revelation 12:7-12a

2nd Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Gospel: John 1:47-51—Jesus *calls Nathaniel*

All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelations, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society.

This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer “always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God” (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**FIRST COMMUNION CATCH-UP MEETING**

Registration for all sacraments is the responsibility of the parish. Children do not receive sacraments automatically because they are in a particular grade. First Communion Make-up Meeting is scheduled at the church for all parents of baptized children in Grade 2 and above on Thursday, October 3, from 7-8pm. Children do not need to attend.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a promise of marriage between

**JONATHAN EMANUEL PONTE**  
**& SANDRA ANN DI LORIO**

**on October 5, 2019**



Let us pray for this couple  
 for a happy marriage.

**RESERVATIONS**

**CHURCH**

Tue	Oct 1	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 2	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	Sept 30	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Oct 1	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Wed	Oct 2	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	RCIC Parents' Meeting
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 5	3rd Order Carmelite Meeting 9:00am-1:00pm
Sat	Oct 5	CFCFFL 7:00-10:30pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Tue	Oct 1	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Oct 2	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:00pm
Thurs	Oct 3	1st Communion Make-Up Mtg. 7:00-8:30pm
Fri	Oct 4	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 5	CFCFFL 6:30-10:00pm

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	Sept 30	Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50
Tue	Oct 1	Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
Wed	Oct 2	Exodus 23:20-23a; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Thurs	Oct 3	Nehemiah 8:1-41,5-6,7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
Fri	Oct 4	Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
Sat	Oct 5	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
Sun	Oct 6	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8,3-14; Luke 17:5-10

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant,  
 count as nothing.” - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

MASS INTENTIONS		
Tue	Oct 1 9am	For the 36th Birthday Intention of Joanna Kurnat
Thurs	Oct 3 9am	1. For the soul of Sebastian Gomes, requested by Fermina 2. For the soul of Rita Perera, requested by Tressel Perera
Fri	Oct 4 7pm	1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Cernelio 2. For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by Ena Barrett
Sat	Oct 5 5pm	1. For the soul of Henry Menezes, requested by the family
Sun	Oct 6 10am	1. For the soul of Rita Perera, requested by Manel 2. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Cernelio
	4pm	1. For the soul of Maria DeJesus Ventura, requested by Antonio Ventura




**INSTALLATION OF  
FR. JOYSON GEORGE, O.CARM.  
AS PASTOR OF ST. JOHN OF THE  
CROSS PARISH**

**October 12, 2019—5pm Mass  
Celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau  
Concelebrated by Fr. William Harry, O.Carm.,  
Provincial of PCM Province**

**Come and witness one of the  
memorable events in our parish's history.**

**FEAST DAY MASS**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 7:00pm**



Saint Therese of Lisieux, born Marie Fran-  
coise-Therese Martin, also known as Saint  
Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D.,  
was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who is  
widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly  
known as “The Little flower of Jesus” or simply “The  
Little Flower.”

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the feast day of  
Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite Saint.  
Refreshments will follow after the mass.

**YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS**

**Registration for EDGE (Grades 5-8), LIFE TEEN  
(Grades 9-12) & Confirmation Prep. now open  
@ [www.jcym.ca](http://www.jcym.ca)**

**Next EDGE Night: Mon., Oct.7 - Rome Sweet Home**



**EDUCATE, REFLECT, ACT!**

**Federal Election Debate  
From a Catholic Perspective  
Thursday, October 3, 2019—7:30pm**

As we discern the path forward for our country  
through the October 21 federal election, you are  
invited to a special debate being held on Thursday,  
October 3 at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro  
Toronto Convention Centre. 1,000 Catholics from  
across the archdiocese will gather to hear candidates  
from the four major political parties debate issues of  
importance to the Catholic community. Moderated by  
veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this is a free  
ticketed event. The evening will also include reflec-  
tions and prayer offered by Cardinal Thomas Collins.  
For more information, elections resources and to order  
tickets, visit [www.archtoronto.org/election](http://www.archtoronto.org/election)

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Parish contacts for questions regarding sacramental  
preparation for baptized children attending Catholic  
schools are listed below. Message will be returned by  
one of the members of the Sacramental Team.

1st Communion/Reconciliation 905.821.1331 x 225  
Confirmation [confirmation@sjocross.org](mailto:confirmation@sjocross.org)

**LIFE CHAIN**

**Sunday, October 6 - After the 12noon Mass  
Glen Erin and Derry**

For the protection of life, end to abortion, support for  
moms, and conversion of hearts. Come and join.  
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**ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY REGISTERED  
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**Sunday, October 6th, 5:00pm at Nessinger Hall  
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