

# 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. 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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**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflections**

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 — Faith like a Mustard Seed

*The Gift of Faith*

How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today’s Gospel echo the words of Christians through the centuries, “increase our faith!” Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teaching of the Church. In a culture that demand the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.



This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that “faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him.”(CCC153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God.

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, “I believe, help my unbelief.” Let us them move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling.

**We cannot be part-time Christians!  
 We should seek to live our faith in  
 every moment of every day.  
 Pope Francis**

**RESERVATIONS**

**CHURCH**

Tue	Oct 8	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 9	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct 10	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Oct 11	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
Sun	Oct 13	Baptism

**SEMINAR ROOM**

Mon	Oct 7	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Oct 8	Bereavement Ministry 6:00-8:30pm
Wed	Oct 9	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Thurs	Oct 10	Rosary Apostolate Orientation 6:00-7:00pm
Fri	Oct 11	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm
Sat	Oct 12	3rd Order Carmelite Formation 9:00am-12:00pm

**NESSINGER HALL**

Mon	Oct 7	EDGE Night 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Oct 8	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 9	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Oct 10	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm
Fri	Oct 11	Life in the Spirit Seminar 7:00-9:15pm

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	Oct 7	Jonah 1:1-2:1,10; Luke 10:25-37
Tue	Oct 8	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
Wed	Oct 9	Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
Thurs	Oct 10	Malachi 3:13-4.2; Luke 11:5-13
Fri	Oct 11	Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
Sat	Oct 12	Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
Sun	Oct 13	2Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue	Oct 7 9am	1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews 2. For thanksgiving intentions of Loyola & Irene Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes Family
Thurs	Oct 10 9am	1. For the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Leena & Franklin Vaz, requested by Theresa Moraes
Fri	Oct 11 7pm	1. For the soul of Carmen Sunga, requested by Dennis Sunga
Sat	Oct 12 9am	1. For the soul of Hazel Vieira, requested by the Vieira Family 2. For the soul of Jefferson Guy, requested by Nicole Guy

*Pray for the sick, especially those from our parish community.*

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a promise of marriage between

**CHRISTIAN DANIEL TEIXEIRA  
& ALEXANDRA ELIZABETH  
MAISONNEUVE**

**on October 12, 2019**

Let us pray for this couple  
for a happy marriage.



ROSARY RALLY

**Saturday, October 12, 12:00Noon**

All parishioners are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12, at 12:00 noon outside the church by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Statue. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of over 600 rallies that will take place all across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Join us and other Catholics on this very important day.

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

Next Parish Movie Night:  
Saturday, October 26, after the 5pm Mass  
Nessinger Hall

***Miracle and Message of Fatima***

*Everyone is invited!*

Our Lady of the Holy  
Rosary, pray for us who  
have recourse to thee.

Feast Day: October 7



**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.  
Refreshments will follow at the Nessinger Hall.**

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

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

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

**Toronto Argos Faith and Family Night, Oct 26th.  
More info @ [www.jcym.ca/argos](http://www.jcym.ca/argos)**

EDUCATE, REFLECT, ACT!

**Be an Informed Voter!**

With a federal election scheduled for Monday, October 21, the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of resources to help us reflect on important issues throughout the campaign. These short video vignettes and one page reflections provide background through a Catholic lens on issues like poverty, religious persecution, life issues, environment, etc. As a charity, the church cannot tell people who to vote for but we do hope that all Catholics will read the party platforms from our faith perspective. To access these resources, please visit:

**[www.archtoronto.org/election](http://www.archtoronto.org/election)**

Let's learn about the issues as we prepare to cast a ballot on October 21.

Always remember that the best Rosary is the one with the most merit, and there is more merit in praying when it is hard than when it is easy. - Saint Louis de Montfort



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