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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
YOUTH MINISTRY

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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. 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

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St. Albert of Jerusalem 905-785-9298

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St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus 905-785-0066

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 905-824-1025

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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 *The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge*

Serving the Hidden Form of Poverty

In 1926, Pope Pius XI declared that the second last Sunday in October would be World Mission Sunday, a day in which the entire Church renews its missionary commitment and prays for the missions. When we think of the missions in the church, we often think about those striving to spread the Gospel in remote areas ravaged by poverty. However, on our secular society there is rampant poverty all around us, for according to St. Teresa of Calcutta, “the most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.”

How often do we aspire to do great things for the church while neglecting the loneliness experienced by those in our parish communities and homes? This is a question we should prayerfully take to heart and then seek ways to act as loving stewards towards our neighbor. One tremendous, albeit often undervalued, act we can offer someone in need is a genuine smile. St. Teresa of Calcutta exhorts us saying, “*let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.*”

From this initial act of love, we can begin to offer the gift of our time to others, journeying with them in their trials and suffering. The gift of our time take the form of visiting the sick in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes, or the imprisoned. Moreover, it can also be practiced by going out of our way to speak to parishioners who could use support, whether because of the arrival of a new child, a new job, a death in the family, or any other reason. Let us begin to realize that missionary activity is fostered close to home and begins with a smile that can lead us to generously share our time with the parish community as true stewards of Christ.

Peace begins with a smile.
 Mother Teresa

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Oct 22	Altar Server Training 7:00-8:00pm
Tue	Oct 22	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 23	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Oct 24	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sun	Oct 27	Baptism 2:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Oct 21	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Oct 22	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Oct 23	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Oct 23	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Oct 23	Knights of Columbus 7:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Oct 24	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Oct 26	Rosary Apostolate Family Program 9:30am-noon
Sat	Oct 26	CFCFFL 7:00-10:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Oct 22	Prime Time Club 1:00-3:00pm
Wed	Oct 23	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Oct 24	Confirmation Session 6:30-10:00pm
Fri	Oct 25	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Oct 26	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00noon
Sat	Oct 26	Parish Movie Night 6:00-9:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Oct 21	Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
Tue	Oct 22	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wed	Oct 23	Romans 6:12-16; Luke 12:39-48
Thurs	Oct 24	Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Fri	Oct 25	Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Sat	Oct 26	Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
Sun	Oct 27	Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

***Pray for and give generously
 to the World Mission.***



SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Oct 22 9am	1. For the soul of Deogracia Gomes, as requested by Ferminia 2. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Chris & Shirla Venderkoen, requested by the Family
Fri	Oct 25 9am	For the soul of Joe Mathias, as requested by Vincent Mathias
Sat	Oct 26 5pm	1. For the soul of John D'Souza, as requested by Ivy Cornelio 2. For the soul of Helen D'Souza, as requested by Ronald D'Souza 3. For thanksgiving of St. Anthony's intercession, as requested by Bernard Alphonso 4. For thanksgiving of our Lady of Perpetual Help's intercession, as requested by Bernard Alphonso
Sun	Oct 27 10am 4pm	1. For thanksgiving prayer to the Lord, as requested by the Catalig Family 1. For the soul of Neil Dissanaik, as requested by Anthony Dissanaik 2. For the soul of Victor Schembri, as requested by his wife, Beatrice Schembri 3. For the souls of Thomas and Annie Paul, as requested by Leena Benjamine & Family

The COME and SEE WEEKEND

November 1-3, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416.968.0997, or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Note: Registrants who are 17 years old will require parental consent.

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice this weekend hosted by the Youth & Altar Servers. Mix around and get to know another family member in our community.



For parents with children preparing for Confirmation:

A RITE OF ENROLLMENT for all Confirmation Candidates will be held in all masses this weekend and on October 26/27.

Candidates are asked to come in one of these masses and participate in the Rite.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon, Oct. 28th—Masterpiece
Next LIFE Night: Fri, Oct. 25th—Kickoff
Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca



Toronto Argos Faith and Family Night, Oct 26th. More info @ www.jcym.ca/argos

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CONTINUES

October 22 and 29

7:00-8:00pm in the church

Must be at least in Grade 5 to join.

For more info, contact Alice Pinder,
905.785.7097



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

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is continuing their Fall Food Drive this month. Bins are set up at both entrance of the church to drop off your food items. Non-perishable food items needed include: Kraft dinner, tuna, cereals, soup, peanut butter, snacks, oatmeal, etc.



JC Youth Ministry – October 2019 Update



EDGE helps Middle Schoolers (Grade 5-8) unleash who they were created to be, in Christ.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

EDGE NIGHTS | MONDAYS BIWEEKLY
7:00PM - 9:00PM @ PARISH HALL
 SIGN-IN OPENS AT 6:45PM

GRADES 5-8 | ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME
 PIVOTAL THEMES | T-SHIRT | \$50 REG FEE
 SEE CALENDAR FOR:
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Register online at www.jcym.ca/edge
 Contact Youth Minister Ante Skoko at ym@sjocross.org with inquiries

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge speaks to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. Edge has different semesters of Edge Nights every year, retreats, and has an adult Core Team, to assist in ministry and teaching in a way that young people can understand.



LIFE TEEN strengthens teens' Catholic identity, while rooting them firmly in Christ and His Church

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

LIFE NIGHTS | FRIDAYS BIWEEKLY
7:00PM - 9:00PM @ PARISH HALL

GRADES 9-12 | PIVOTAL THEMES | REFRESHMENTS | T-SHIRT | NO FEE
 SEE CALENDAR FOR:
 CONFERENCES | RETREATS | SEMI-FORMAL

Register online at www.jcym.ca/lifeteen
 Contact Youth Minister Ante Skoko at ym@sjocross.org with inquiries

We at JCYM believe a revolution is happening. And we believe that this revolution is taking place in our Church, in our homes, in our schools and in our workplaces. It is a Catholic revolution, it is a generation of teenagers, parents, young and old alike who are rising up to proudly live their lives for Jesus Christ. The LIFE TEEN ministry at St. John of the Cross is a small part of this larger movement that extends far beyond the walls of our parish. LIFE TEEN began as a ministry in 2005 in Arizona & has since spread through North America; guided by the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Mary, drawing strength through the Holy Mass & Eucharist.

Follow us 



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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday, November 9 and Saturday, November 16
9:30am to 4:00pm
St. Gabriel's Parish
670 Sheppard Avenue East, North York

This 2-day training is designed for those who are ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting.

Topics include: the Order of Christian Funerals, Overview of Grief and Mourning, Facilitating Skills and Support Groups, etc.

Contact Sally Amaral at 416.934.3400 x 518 or email samaral@archtoronto.org

CARMELITE MOMENT



Saint Albert of Jerusalem

Bishop and Lawgiver of Carmel. While he was Patriarch (1206-1214) he formed the hermit brothers of Mount Carmel into a collegium and wrote a Rule for them.

"Put on all the armor that God gives you." Ephesians

"At every opportunity pray in the

Spirit, using prayers and petitions of every sort. Pray constantly and attentively for all in the holy company."

Our Lord does hear our prayers.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Knights of Columbus
20th Anniversary Valentine
Dinner and Dance



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 2pm.
Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.

*Autumn is a second spring
where every leaf is a flower. - Albert Camus*

ROSARY APOSTOLATE FAMILY PROGRAM TRAINING

The Rosary Apostolate Family Program will be holding a training for those interested in visiting families in our parish and praying the Holy Rosary with them. Time commitment is 6 hours a month.

For more information, please see the flyer posted on the parish's bulletin board or contact Isabella, 647.574.3660.

Training Date: Saturday, October 26th,
9:30am-noon, Seminar Room

"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."

Pope St. Pius X



St. John of the Cross, our Parish Patron Saint, pray for us.

Why be somewhere else to have fun on Halloween Night when you can be in the light of Jesus in the comfort of the Church and have **more** fun?

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invites you to a



NIGHT OF LIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 6:15pm

Games, Treats, Food, and Giveaways for all ages after the Eucharistic Celebration and Adoration.

Come dress as your favourite saint or as a laity.

Register at the Parish office for free.

Spread the word!



Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Catechism of the Catholic Church

What is This Sacrament Called?

1423 It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

1424 It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

Interior Penance

1431 Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).

1432 The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!" God gives us the strength to begin

anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. The human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced:

The Acts of the Penitent

1450 "Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction."

Contrition

1451 Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."

1452 When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

1453 The contrition called "imperfect" (or "attrition") is also a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.

The confession of sins

1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."

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