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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. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277

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St. Teresa of Avila 905-858-3462

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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.

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2nd Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 *Jesus and Zacchaeus*

Giving our First Fruits

The image of Zacchaeus, a man short in stature climbing a tree to see Jesus, is probably one that is very familiar to us. However, despite this familiarity, there is a deep message that can often be overlooked. When Zacchaeus has a conversion experience, he vows not only to correct the wrong he has done, but to give back “four times as much.” Zacchaeus teaches us that we shouldn’t give the bare minimum but seek greater generosity in our gifts, especially of our time and talents.

The USCCB’s Pastoral Letter on Stewardship proclaims that “stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in advance, from the “first fruits” instead of what is left over after other obligations have been met) about what will be given.” We should periodically ask ourselves, are we really giving God the best of our time and talents or do other obligations take priority?

For example, with respect to time, we should strive to establish and protect scheduled moments of daily prayer. Likewise, with our talents, we should try to offer our gifts first for the good of the church before our own personal interests. For example, do we rarely volunteer or only assist at the parish volunteer days when we happen to have a leftover time, or do we proactively schedule our week so as to ensure that it is a priority? Let us prayerfully review how we use our time and talents and seek ways to better serve the Kingdom of God within our parishes.

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

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Nov 5	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Sun	Nov 10	Baptism 2:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Nov 4	RCIA 7:00—9:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Marriage Preparation 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Lay Carmelite Formation I 9:30am-12:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Nov 4	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Nov 5	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Nov 6	RCIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Nov 7	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm
Fri	Nov 8	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00pm
Sat	Nov 9	Lay Carmelite 1:00-5:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Nov 4	Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tue	Nov 5	Romans 12:5-16a; Luke 14:15-24
Wed	Nov 6	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thurs	Nov 7	Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
Fri	Nov 8	Romans 15: 14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Sat	Nov 9	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; John 2:13-22
Sun	Nov 10	2Maccabees 7:1-2, 7, 9-14++; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27, 34-38

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon Nov 11th - The Media & Conforming to Christ

Next LIFE Night: Fri Nov 8th - Freedom & Failure

Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca



Eternal rest grant unto the poor souls in purgatory, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Wed	Nov 6 7pm	1. For the soul of Hazel Vieira, requested by Janet and Leo Jeyapaul 2. For the soul of Patrick Mercer, requested by the Mercer Family
Thurs	Nov 7 9am	1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews 2. For the soul of Celine Crasto, requested by the Ross Family
Fri	Nov 8 9am	1. For the living intention of Sergio Scarabello, requested by Teresita Cruz
Sat	Nov 9 9am	1. For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews 2. For the living intention of the Harrison Family, requested by Bushra Harrison
	5pm	1. For the soul of Marina Mariathas, requested by Mihutshi 2. For the soul of George V. Gonsalves, requested by Michelle Coutinho 3. For the soul of Sean Bell, requested by Michelle Coutinho 4. For the soul of Manual Frias, requested by Isabel Frias
Sun	Nov 10 10am	1. For the soul of Sharon O'Connell Clahane, requested by Rick Clahane

Why Do We Pray for the Dead?

Catholic teaching regarding praying for the dead is connected with scripture, tradition and the doctrine of the *communion of saints*, which is part of the Creed.

As Catholics, we believe those who have died are separated from us physically, though spiritually they remain connected to us. Death does not sever the bonds of communion. Catholic tradition holds that when a person dies; if they are in a state of grace – they will enter heaven; if they reject God; they enter hell; and if throughout their lives they showed by works of charity and/or profession of belief in God; though they are not be in a state of grace; they enter *Purgatory*.

Within the Catholic tradition then, this is the purpose behind the various forms of prayer for the dead. We ask God during these prayers foremost to be merciful to the deceased; to forgive them their sins, to welcome them into paradise and to comfort those in grief. It is worthy then for us to pray for these intentions.

Catholic tradition to pray for the dead is found in Scripture and tradition where the living offer to God to graciously accept good works on behalf of the souls of the deceased to remit some part or all of the deceased's atonement. This is referred to as obtaining an indulgence for the deceased.

This tradition of over 2000 years still continues in the Eucharistic prayer. Based on Scripture and tradition, the Roman Catholic Liturgy for the Dead has prayers for the deceased; prayers for those who left behind; prayers for all those who have died and prayers asking God to forgive sins throughout the Mass and other funeral liturgies.



Baby Bottle Campaign

Fill a bottle and make a difference!

The Knights of Columbus Council 12706 at St. John of the Cross Parish will be participating in Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC) 2019 in support of JFJ Hope Centre in their 71st anniversary year. "Fill a bottle, make a difference!" Because of you, a young couple can receive counseling for an unplanned pregnancy, a single mom will get practical help and parenting supports, and children will benefit from the relationship counseling their parents' receive. Strong families build a strong world. Thank you for strengthening families! BBC 2019 will kick off on Saturday, November 9th and run until Sunday, November 24th. Want to donate without filling a bottle? No problem – use this link: <http://jfjhopecentre.ca/bbc/> to donate through Canada Helps. *Thank you!*



BUNDLE UP COLLECTION



The St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting Bundle up Sunday on November 16th and 17th.

The truck will be in the Church parking lot accepting donations before and after all the masses on this weekend. Acceptable items include: gently used clothing, coats, gently used boots, shoes, bedding, drapes, towels, new toys, and textiles (No mattresses).

Thank you for your generosity.

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice next weekend hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Mix around and get to know another family member in our community.



Lord, let me shun any joy that is without You
and never seek any joy other than you.
St. Thomas Aquinas

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