

# 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.



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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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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *1st Sunday of Advent*

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44 -

*The Necessity for Watchfulness*

### *Preparing Ourselves for Christ*

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

Advent: the time to listen for footsteps -  
you can't hear footsteps when you're  
running yourself.—Bill McKibben



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## RESERVATIONS

### CHURCH

Tue	Dec 3	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 4	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Dec 5	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 2	RCIA 7:00—9:00pm
Tue	Dec 3	Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm
Wed	Dec 4	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 4	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Dec 7	Children’s Choir Practice 10:00-11:15am

### NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Dec 3	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Dec 3	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Dec 4	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Dec 5	Confirmation Session 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Dec 7	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00noon
Sat	Dec 7	3rd Order Lay Carmelite 1:00-10:00pm

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 2	Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11, 16++
Tue	Dec 3	Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed	Dec 4	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thurs	Dec 5	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Dec 6	Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Sat	Dec 7	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1,51,6-8++
Sun	Dec 8	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**Next EDGE Night: Mon Dec 9th - SOCIAL: Mario Kart LIVE**  
**Next LIFE Night: Fri Dec 13th - Pathways & Providence**  
**Schedule & Reg’n. @ [www.jcym.ca/lifeteen](http://www.jcym.ca/lifeteen)**



*December 6*

**1st Friday Mass,  
Adoration & Benediction**

**Community Family Rosary at  
6:30pm before the Holy Mass.**

*Come, let us gather in worship.*



MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon	Dec 2 9am	For the soul of Maria Pinheiro, requested by Maria Kerver
Thurs	Dec 5 9am	For the birthday intentions of Irene Fernandes, requested by a well wisher.
Fri	Dec 6 9am	For the soul of Melony Joseph, requested by the Joseph Family
	7pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the soul of John D'Souza, requested by Ivy Cornelio</li> <li>2. For all souls in purgatory, requested by Maurice and Wilma Saldanha</li> <li>3. For the souls of David &amp; Mary Mercer, and deceased sons, requested by the Mercer Family</li> </ol>
Sat	Dec 7 9am	For the soul of Nory Andrews, requested by Vincent Andrews
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the soul of Ronald D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family</li> <li>2. For Thanksgiving from the D'Souza Family, requested by the D'Souza Family</li> </ol>
Sun	Dec 8 10am	For the soul of Francis Yap, requested by Jessey
	4pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the soul of Celia Stanislaw, requested by Bernadette</li> <li>2. For the soul of Irene &amp; Virginia Mathias, requested by Daphne Mathias</li> </ol>



**1ST DAY OF ADVENT**

On the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

Revelation found its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and he, the Word made flesh, became the “Temple of the Lord”: he is both guide and goal of our pilgrimage, of the pilgrimage of the entire People of God; and in his light the other peoples may also walk toward the Kingdom of justice, toward the Kingdom of peace. The prophet Isaiah wrote at a time when violence and war were the order of the day. The people of Israel had been conquered by the Assyrians and would later be taken into exile. And yet Isaiah could speak of a hope rooted in the Lord’s call for justice and for peace. Our own world is becoming increasingly violent. We might think that Isaiah’s vision is farther away than ever before. The Internet brings violence from the far corners of the world into our homes, but we also know that there is violence in our cities, our neighborhoods, and even at times in our own homes. But we also hear of hopeful and heroic actions, often by a few individuals standing in the face of darkness and offering what light they have.

Isaiah’s words about swords and plowshares naturally bring to mind war, weapons, and global strife. We might think there’s nothing we can do about such sweeping issues. But think about the ways in which you use words as weapons every day. How might you transform them to words of tolerance, compassion, and love? If we are to be a sign of God to all peoples, how can we behave toward people of other races, religions, or lifestyles in such a way that they will be attracted to the word of life that motivates us?

*Pope Francis*

**BIBLE STUDY: BIBLE TIMELINE**

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