

St. John of the Cross Parish

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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.



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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.

PASTORAL TEAM

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First Communion & First Reconciliation 225
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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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

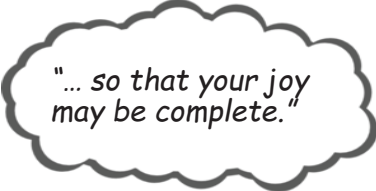
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

Rejoicing Amidst the Darkness

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.



In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing—sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death—can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday, let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

St. John of the Cross Parish Community Prayer Group

Invites you to an evening of prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration & Benediction, Praise & Worship, Talk, and Fellowship

When: First Friday, January 3rd, 6:30-9:30pm

Let us gather in Praise & Thanksgiving!

Happy Feast Day to our Patron Saint, St. John of the Cross! December 14th



“Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.”—St. John of the Cross

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Sun	Dec 15	An Evening Musical of Song 6:00pm
Mon	Dec 16	Advent Parish Reconciliation 7:00-8:30pm
Tue	Dec 17	St. Richard School Advent Mass 6:00pm
Tue	Dec 17	Adult Choir Practice 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 18	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Dec 19	St. Elizabeth Seton 6:30pm
Thurs	Dec 19	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 16	RCIA 7:00—9:00pm
Tue	Dec 17	Faith Formation 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Dec 18	Prime Time Craft 2:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 18	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Dec 19	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Dec 21	Confirmation 10:00am-12:00noon

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Dec 17	Prime Time Club Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tue	Dec 17	St. Richard School 6:00-8:00pm
Wed	Dec 18	CIC 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Dec 19	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm
Sat	Dec 21	CFCFFL 3:00-11:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 16	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tue	Dec 17	Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Wed	Dec 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-24
Thurs	Dec 19	Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Fri	Dec 20	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10d; Luke 1:26-38
Sat	Dec 21	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Sun	Dec 22	Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 16 9am	1. For the soul of Jacob Chacko, requested by Manoj Jacob 2. For the soul of Edgardo Margarejo, requested by his son, Albert Margarejo
Tues	Dec 17 9am	1. For the living intentions of Maikel Michriky, requested by Maikel 2. For thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the blessings received, requested by Ivy Cornelio
Wed	Dec 18 9am	For the healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny
Thurs	Dec 19 9am	1. For thanksgiving from Erva and Tiffany Joseph, requested by Joseph Family 2. For the living intentions of Maikel Michriky, requested by Maikel
Fri	Dec 20 9am	For the soul of Nathalia D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
Sat	Dec 21 9am	1. For thanksgiving of Marina & Zeno's 49th Wedding Anniversary, requested by Zeno Perera 2. For the living intentions of Maikel Michriky, requested by Maikel
	5pm	1. For the soul of Bernadette Avasorathnam, requested by Minusthi 2. For the soul of Santuzza and Umberto Ragogna, requested by Heidi Cairney 3. For the soul of Querobino Almeida, requested by Clara D'Souza
Sun	Dec 22 10am	For the soul of Glicerio Catalig, requested by Eufemia Catalig and family
	4pm	1. For the soul of Charles Martis, requested by Tony and Lesline Martis 2. For the soul of Muriel Martis, requested by Tony and Lesline Martis

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



Full Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca

PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019—2020

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th
7:00—8:30 PM

AN EVENING MUSICAL OF SONG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: TUESDAY, DEC 24th

4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, and 12 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: WEDNESDAY, DEC 25th

10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

(Note: There will **not be** an 8:00AM or 4:00PM Mass)

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

(NEW YEAR'S EVE)

VIGIL MASSES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st
5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

(NEW YEAR'S DAY)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st
10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Get your 2019—2020 Sunday Missal by the Parish Office, 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10

NEIGHBORING PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

St. Josephine Bakhita: Dec. 15th to Dec. 23rd, 6:00-7:00pm

Merciful Redeemer Parish: Monday, December 16th, 3:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm

St. Joseph Parish: Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00-9:00pm

St. Martin of Tours: Thursday, December 19th, 7:00-9:00pm

St. Francis Xavier: Thursday, December 19th, 9:30-11:30am, 4:00-6:00pm, 7:00-8:30pm

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