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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.

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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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17 - The Baptism of Jesus

Baptized into Stewardship

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From reflecting on Jesus' baptism, we can learn more about the mystery of our own baptism which the Catechism describes as "God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (CCC, 1216). Firstly, we realize that being God, Jesus did not need to be baptized yet chose to do so as a model for us and to reveal Himself more fully.



Firstly, the Father reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son." So too, in our baptism we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God. St. Paul also describes baptism as clothing ourselves with Christ (Gal 3:27). It is during this most special sacrament that our entire lives are changed for we fully recognize who we are in the eyes of God.

Secondly, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove reveals Jesus as the Anointed One, or the Christ. Following His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to prepare for His mission. Similarly, during our baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism which "signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1241). Like Jesus, we too will be led by the Spirit into mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* calls all the baptized to accept their baptismal responsibility "to place their gifts, their resources, their selves at God's service in and through the Church." Essentially, to live out our baptism is to live as an authentic steward. Let us ask ourselves, are we truly living out the call of stewardship we received during our baptism?

How can I cultivate an attitude of gratitude towards God and others?

RESERVATIONS**CHURCH**

Tue	Jan 14	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Jan 15	Holy Family Rosary, 6:30pm
Wed	Jan 15	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Jan 16	Holy Family Rosary, 7:00pm
Thurs	Jan 16	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Jan 17	Holy Family Rosary, 7:00pm
Sat	Jan 18	Holy Family Rosary, 6:10pm
Sun	Jan 19	Holy Family Rosary, 5:10pm
Sun	Jan 19	Baptism 2:00pm
Sun	Jan 19	First Communion Registration 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Jan 14	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Jan 14	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 15	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Jan 18	CFCFFL 6:30-10:30pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Jan 13	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Jan 14	Baptism Class 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Jan 14	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Jan 18	Rosary Apostolate 9:30-11:30am

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Jan 13	1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
Tue	Jan 14	1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wed	Jan 15	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thurs	Jan 16	1 Samuel 4:1c-11; Mark 1:40-45
Fri	Jan 17	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
Sat	Jan 18	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10.1a; Mark 2:13-17
Sun	Jan 19	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

COFFEE SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND!

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice next weekend hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mingle around and get to know another family member in our community.



MASS INTENTIONS

Wed	Jan 15 9am	For the living intention of Michael Harrison, requested by Michael Harrison
Thurs	Jan 16 9am	1. For the souls of the deceased members of the Castelino Family, requested by Robert and Hedy Castelino 2. For the healing of Nadine and Adrian Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny
Sat	Jan 18 5pm	For the soul of Rudolf Roche, requested by Nelly Roche

PARENTS! Mark your calendars!

First Communion meetings will be held at St. John of the Cross Church in January 2020 for parents of children who received First Reconciliation in November. Please attend one of these meetings:

Sunday, January 19, 2020, 7:00pm

or

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7:00pm

Invitations and registrations will be delivered to the schools on the first week of January 2020. You will be required to submit your child's Baptismal certificate upon registration.

Call 905.821.1331 x 225 if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Knights of Columbus
20th Knight of Hearts
Valentine Dinner/Dance
Saturday, February 8
Apollo Convention Centre

Tickets will be sold after the weekend masses starting January 11th.



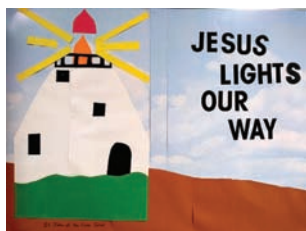
Or you may call:

Trevor — 905.785.2973

Mike — 905.819.1414



Take a look at the art work on the School Board next to the library cabinet. This month's art work is done by the students of St. John of the Cross Elementary School.



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

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Next EDGE Night: Mon Jan 27th
- THE WAY WE ARE MADE

Next LIFE Night: Fri Jan 24th
- BLACK & BLEACHED

March Break Camp for Gr1-6:
Mon Mar 16-Fri Mar 20

Full Schedule & Registration @ www.jcym.ca



EDGE



LIFE TEEN

Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis"*, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

The Bible is for all

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity".



The Role of the Holy Spirit

"The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial", writes Pope Francis. "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone". It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people".

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.**

"Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand." -Mark Twain

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