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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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First Communion & First Reconciliation 225
 Confirmation 230

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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SCHOOLS

St. Albert of Jerusalem 905-785-9298
 St. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277
 St. John of the Cross 905-824-3058
 St. Richard 905-826-5572
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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.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34 – *The Lamb of God*

Playing our Part in the Church

Even in today’s short Gospel passage, we can learn a lot about authentic stewardship through the example of St. John the Baptist. John used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. He readily used his gifts for the service of Christ and His mission. We should ask ourselves, how are we using our gifts to serve Christ?

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that our time, talent and treasure “are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that ... then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship.”

As we are still in the month of January, it is never too late to commit to a deeper life of stewardship this year. Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards. For starters, it is important to gratefully acknowledge that all we have in our lives is from God. Let us begin to take time each day in prayer to thank Him for all of His blessings. Secondly, by prayerfully examining our talents, let us seek groups or ministries in the parish in which we can give our gifts back to God. We don’t need to be intimidated if we feel we cannot do great things for our parish, for all of us has a role to play. Let us conclude today’s reflection by pondering the following words of encouragement by St. Teresa of Calcutta. *“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”*

Next Sunday is:

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

A reminder for us to celebrate, study, and disseminate the Word of God.

“Come, Holy Spirit, make the Sacred Scripture the living Word of God in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives. Amen.”

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH		
Mon	Jan 20	Holy Family Rosary 7:00pm
Tue	Jan 21	St. Elizabeth Seton Feast Day Mass 1:00pm
Tue	Jan 21	First Communion Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	Jan 22	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Jan 23	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Jan 23	Baptism 2:00pm
Sun	Jan 19	First Communion Registration 7:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan 20	Knights of Columbus 6:00-10:00pm
Tue	Jan 21	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Jan 21	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Jan 22	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Jan 23	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:30pm
Fri	Jan 24	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Jan 24	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00noon

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Jan 20	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Jan 21	Holy Family Rosary 7:00-7:30pm
Tues	Jan 21	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Jan 22	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Jan 22	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Jan 23	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:30-9:00pm
Sat	Jan 25	Knights of Columbus Rosary Breakfast 8:00-10:00am

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Jan 20	1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tue	Jan 21	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
Wed	Jan 22	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
Thurs	Jan 23	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Fri	Jan 24	1 Samuel 24:2-21; Mark 3:13-19
Sat	Jan 25	Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Sun	Jan 26	Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17-18; Matt 4:12-23

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
Psalm 40:16

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	Jan 21 9am	For the soul of Ellis Joseph, requested by Joseph Family
Wed	Jan 22 7pm	1. For the conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny 2. For the birthday intention of Sean Nwabuokwu, requested by the Kombol Family
Thurs	Jan 23 9am	For the birthday intention of Iveren Kange, requested by the Kombol Family
Sat	Jan 25 5pm	1. For the soul of Rose Elizabeth Tatum, requested by Barb Smith and Family 2. For the soul of Audrey Spak, requested by Albina Devotta
Sun	Jan 26 12pm	1. For the soul of Mirella Mootooveeren, requested by the LaBonte Family 2. For the soul of Laura Kamran, requested by the family
	4pm	For the soul of Neil Dissanaike, requested by Anthony Dissanaike

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



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.

EnCourage Toronto

Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information on our meetings and events, see contact info below:

EnCourage: Spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity.
 Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues
 Phone: 416.928.5094
 Email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

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 Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave
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All inquiries are kept confidential.

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.**

VOCATION SEEDS

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?
Contact Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997.

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. They are \$55/person or \$500/table.

Or you may call:

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