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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
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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.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrew 2:10-11, 13b-18++

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 *The Presentation of the Lord*

Labouring for the Steward's Great Reward

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We reflect on Joseph and Mary taking the child Jesus up to the temple and the prophet Simeon taking the child into his arms. Simeon was an elderly prophet in Jerusalem to whom it had been revealed that "he would not see death before he had seen the Christ (Luke 2:26). After laboring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes.

The reward of Simeon is the rewards awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. The reward of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven. The USCCB write in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, "What is the reward to which good stewards can look forward? The answer is perfect fulfillment in God's Kingdom." It is in God's Kingdom that we will enjoy the beatific vision for all eternity.

So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we're tempted to despair, let us remember the reward of Simeon that awaits the faithful steward. This remembrance should help us increase our labours of love for God and the Church for we know that we are not doing it or any other purpose than unity with God for all eternity. This is the goal of our Christian lives.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**March Break Camp for Grades 1-6:
Mon, Mar 16 - Fri, Mar 20, 9am-4pm
daily with Extended Care available.
Registration @**

www.jcym.ca/marchbreak
or at parish office



MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2020

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020.

If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration.

The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday, February 9th at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering).

A reception will follow after the Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage
or by calling (416).934.3400 x 523

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Feb 4	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb 5	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb 6	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb 3	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:30pm
Tue	Feb 4	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Feb 4	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 5	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb 5	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:30-9:00pm
Thurs	Feb 6	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:00pm
Sat	Feb 8	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00noon
Sat	Feb 8	Movie Night: FIREPROOF 6:00-9:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Feb 3	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Feb 4	Knights of Columbus 7:30-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 5	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Feb 5	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Sat	Feb 8	Lay Carmelites Formation 9:30am-12:00noon

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 3 9am	For the soul of Sylvia Dagama, requested by Phyllis DaCosta
Tue	Feb 4 9am	For the soul of Rita Keltie, requested by Pat and Al Cormier
Wed	Feb 5 9am	For thanksgiving for St. Agatha's intercession, requested by Erva and Family
	7pm	1. For the soul of Mary Fernandes, requested by Stephen Fernandes and Family 2. For the healing of Nadine and Adrian Kenny, requested by Anne Kenny
Thurs	Feb 6 9am	For the soul of Vincent D'Souza, requested by the D'Souza Family
Fri	Feb 7 9am	For the soul of Nury Andrews, requested by the Andrews Family
	7pm	For all the souls in Purgatory, requested by Maurice and Wilma Saldanha
Sat	Feb 8 9am	1. For the soul of Salvatore Ariganello, requested by Rob Ariganello 2. For the deceased members of Lewis and Antao Family, requested by the Nicholson Family
	5pm	For the soul of Rudolf Roche, requested by Wilma and Preema
Sun	Feb 9 12pm	For the souls of Anthony and Philomena Pereira, requested by the Family
	4pm	For the souls of Raymond and Hyginus Perera, requested by the Perera Family

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Feb 3	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13a, Mark 5:1-20
Tue	Feb 4	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b,24-26a,30-19:3+++; Mk 5:21-43
Wed	Feb 5	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
Thurs	Feb 6	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Fri	Feb 7	Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
Sat	Feb 8	1 Kings 3:4-13. Mark 6:30-34
Sun	Feb 9	Isaiah 58:6-10+++; 1Cor 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

VOCATION SEEDS

“Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham.” If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997.**

Valentine Mass Cards, Bibles, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Rosaries, Mass Cards, and Scapulars are available in the Parish Office. You can purchase them during office hours.

**World Day for Consecrated Life
February 2**

Let Us Pray:

Heavenly Father, You called forth women and men to consecrate their lives to You.



Cognizant of the privilege of this call and its accompanying graces, we praise and thank You for the consecrated lives of priests, sisters and brothers throughout the world and in particular those living and serving within our own Diocese and parish, Fr. Joyson, Fr. Felix and Deacon John. Your call to holiness extends to every man, woman and child.

May the goodness and holiness of those for whom we pray serve as beacons lighting the path for all who seek a closer walk with You.

We ask this of You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, with the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

"Man achieves the fullness of prayer not when he expresses himself, but when he lets God be most fully present in prayer".

*St. Pope John Paul II
Crossing the Threshold of Hope*

Steubenville Toronto

Registration is now open for Steubenville Toronto, Canada's largest conference for Catholic youth in grades 9-12. Hosted by the Office of Catholic Youth of the



Archdiocese of Toronto, the mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples.

If interested, call Ante Skoko, Youth Ministry Coordinator, in the parish office.

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