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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

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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.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 *Various Teachings of Jesus*

Going the Extra Mile

In today's Gospel, we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says, "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you ..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity & to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase. The key word in the Cardinals' exhortation is "increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

**GO THE
EXTRA MILE >>>>**

**OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 17 FOR FAMILY DAY**

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Feb 18	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb 19	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb 20	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Tue	Feb 18	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Feb 18	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 19	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Feb 20	Confirmation Session 6:30-8:00pm
Sat	Feb 22	Confirmation Session 10:00am-12:00noon

SEMINAR ROOM

Tue	Feb 18	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:30-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 19	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Feb 19	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Feb 20	Adult Sacramental Preparation 7:00-8:45pm
Fri	Feb 21	Praise & Worship Workshop 7:00-9:00pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Feb 17	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tue	Feb 18	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wed	Feb 19	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
Thurs	Feb 20	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
Fri	Feb 21	James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-38, 9:1
Sat	Feb 22	1Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Sun	Feb 23	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48

Pancake Supper Ticket Sales



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 17 9am	1. For the birthday intention of Senater Kange, requested by the family 2. For the soul of Gilberta Varella, requested by Indira Coutinho
Wed	Feb 19 9am	1. For the souls of Ratnam and Swampillai, requested by Mercy and Patrick
Sat	Feb 22 5pm	1. For the soul of Maria Basilia Nunes (1-year death anniversary), requested by Abel and Joanna Nunes and family 2. For the soul of William Laracy, requested by Ghaney and Laracy Family
Sun	Feb 23 10am	1. For the soul of Marcelina Gama, requested by June and Family
	12pm	1. For the soul of Marie Kilfeather, requested by the Kilfeather Family 2. For the soul of Eugene Pereira, requested by the Pereira Family 3. For the soul of Oscar Fuentes, requested by Liliana Fuentes
	4pm	1. For the soul of Neil Dissanaiké, requested by Anthony Dissanaiké 2. For the soul of Gricilda, Raymond, and Hyginus Pereira, requested by the Pereira Family

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RETREAT

March 6—8, 2020
 Theme: Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives
 By Fr. Ron Rolheiser
 To register or for more info, call 905.278.5229

BULLETIN POSTING

Parish Ministry Coordinators: If you have any announcement that you want to put in the bulletin, please submit it at least ten days before the issue date. *Thank you.*

VOCATION SEEDS

“No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” If you feel that you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997.**



Take a look on the school board next to the library cabinet. This month’s art work is done by the students of St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School. *Way to go, STOA students!*

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father,
 I offer You the most precious blood
 of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
 in union with the Masses said
 throughout the world today,
 for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
 for sinners everywhere,
 for sinners in the universal Church,
 for those in my own home,
 and in my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great, 13th Century nun & mystic

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



**JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
 COVENANT COMMUNITY**

Invites you to a Lenten Prayer Vigil
 Friday, February 28th, 10:00pm to 3:15am
 at St. John of the Cross Church
 For more info, call Edward and Michelle Clarence,
 905.785.2419



**Happy
 FAMILY Day!**

COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND!

Come, enjoy a cup of coffee, cookies and juice next weekend hosted by the Music Ministry. Mingle around and get to know another member of our community.



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