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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
 St. Teresa of Avila 905-858-3462
 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus 905-785-0066
 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.

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 *Love your Enemies*

Growing in Stewardship and Holiness

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses, “be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Similarly, in the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “be perfect, therefore, as our heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it.

Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that “all Christ’s faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives—and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will” (Lumen Gentium, 41).

Essentially, Lumen Gentium teaches us that *we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church.* This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So, we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness.

**Participate fully
in the celebration of the Holy
Mass like it is your last.
One day ... it will be.**
Fr. Larry Richards
Founder, The Reason for our Hope

RESERVATIONS

CHURCH

Tue	Feb 25	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb 26	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb 27	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Fri	Feb 28	Night Vigil & Exposition 10:00pm-4:00am

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb 24	EDGE 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Feb 25	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Tue	Feb 26	New Beginnings 7:30-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 26	Christian Initiation of Children 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs	Feb 27	Bible Study: Bible Timeline 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Feb 28	LIFETEEN 7:00-9:00pm
Sat	Feb 29	RCIA/RCIC 3:00-5:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Feb 24	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb 26	Prime Time Crafts 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Feb 26	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb 26	Adult Choir 8:00-9:30pm
Thurs	Feb 27	RCIA 7:00-8:00pm
Sat	Feb 29	CFCFFL 6:30-10:30pm

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Feb 24	James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tue	Feb 25	James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed	Feb 26	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs	Feb 27	Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri	Feb 28	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matt 9:14-15
Sat	Feb 29	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sun	March 1	Gen 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7++; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Wed	Feb 26 9am	For the soul of Doreen Doherty, requested by the Doherty Family
Thurs	Feb 27 9am	1. For the soul of Darrel Warcap, requested by Joyce Warcap and Family 2. For the healing of Emilio Moreno Andrade, requested by his daughter
Sat	Feb 29 9am 5pm	For the deceased family members and friends of Marina and Zeno Perera, requested by Zeno Perera 1. For the soul of Roque Soares, requested by Rolinda D'Almeida 2. For the soul of Thome Fernandes, requested by the Fernandes and Desouza Families 3. For the soul of Alex Sea Sequeira, requested by the Sequeira Family 4. For the soul of Pascuala Umali, requested by the family
Sun	Mar 1 10am	For the living intention of Donato Hari, requested by Jenny Salvacion

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 25



- 9:00am = Holy Mass with Ashes
- 12:15pm = Holy Mass with Ashes
- 4:00pm = Liturgy of the Word
With Ashes
- 7:00pm = Holy Mass with Ashes

*Turn away from sin
and return to the Gospel.*



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday during Lent starting on February 28, at 7:00pm.

Holy Mass is celebrated after the Stations of the Cross



REPENT. PRAISE. GIVE THANKS.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

FREE Income Tax Preparation for low income individuals / families, newcomers and seniors is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Eligibility requirements are posted on the bulletin board. Contact the parish office to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:30am beginning February 29th and during the months of March and April.

Additional times from 1:00- 3:30pm is added for April 18th and 25th.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council 12706 would like to sincerely thank the parishioners and clergy for their participation at the Knight of Hearts Dinner and Dance held on Saturday, February 8, 2020. There was a record number attending the dinner and dance this year to help celebrate our 20th Anniversary as well as Valentines Day. We thank as well, all those who donated prizes and helped to make this event a great success.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**March Break Camp for Grades 1-6:
Mon, Mar 16 - Fri, Mar 20, 9am-4pm
daily with Extended Care available.
Registration @ at parish office or @
www.jcym.ca/marchbreak**



SJOC SCHOOL PARISH REPS 2019-2020

- St. Albert of Jerusalem—Suchitra Maben
- St. Elizabeth Seton—Amanda LeBlanc
- St. John of the Cross—Josie Reece & Julia Polom
- St. Richard—Reny Katopo
- St. Teresa of Avila—Melora Lobo
- St. Therese of the Child Jesus—Sonia MacPherson
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Gayle Zadow
- Parish Reps—Adelle D'Silva, Cheryl Fernandes, and Heidi Cairney

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
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