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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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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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.

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45 *The Raising of Lazarus*

Raising from Death to Life

In today's Gospel, we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain for Jesus says it occurred so "that the Son of God may be glorified through it." After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to "unbind him, and let him go."

This "unbinding" signifies that Jesus doesn't just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God's great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that "the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God" (CCC 1468).



Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God's forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God's gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent, let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	March 30	Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-64++; John 8:1-11
Tue	March 31	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed	April 1	Daniel 3:13-20,24,49-50,91-95++; John 8:31-42
Thurs	April 2	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri	April 3	Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++; John 10:31-42
Sat	April 4	Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57
Sun	April 5	Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matt 27:11-54

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent de Paul Society requests food items for our church pantry so we can continue to serve our neighbors in need during these challenging times. We have been experiencing more calls for assistance than normal.

Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. We are particularly in need of pasta sauce, kraft dinner, peanut butter, rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and toilettries. All items can be left in the wooden box at the top of the stairs at the back of the church.



The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.—Pope Pius X
Pray the Holy Rosary at home with the family.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you are staying healthy—both physically and spiritually. Please let me know if the parish can help you during these difficult times.

No doubt you are aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate—parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) - are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It will be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection.

In response to many requests that I have received from parishioners, here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- 1. Drop off or mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- 2. Contribute to your parish offertory through Pre-Authorized Giving.** You can obtain a form from the parish office or print from <https://bit.ly/SJOCPAG>. You can bring the completed PAG form to the office along with your voided cheque or email at office@sjocross.org. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the dates you specified.
- 3. Contribute to your parish offertory by credit card.** Visit <https://bit.ly/SJOCCard>. Select the region your parish is from the map (Peel Region). Then select St. John of the Cross Parish in the drop down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to your parish's offertory or other special funds.

- 4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking.** To do this, the Archdiocese of Toronto will need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of your email, write (1). *Your name*, (2). *Your address*, (3). *Parish Name*, and (4). *Municipality*. You will be emailed your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community. I miss seeing all of you at the Mass and I pray daily that we will be able to gather together again soon.

Fr. Joyson



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

Continue your private prayers, Holy Rosary and Stations of the Cross at home with your family.

REPENT. PRAISE. GIVE THANKS.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 4	PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
April 5	Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm
April 9	HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00-11:30pm
April 10	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross by our Youth 10:00am Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm, 7:00pm
April 11	HOLY SATURDAY No Holy Mass during the day Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
April 12	EASTER SUNDAY 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm
April 19	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY By SJOC Parish Prayer Group

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