

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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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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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225  
 Confirmation 230

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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## SCHOOLS

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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.

## ***Palm (Passion) Sunday***

Procession Gospel: Mt 21:1-11 *Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66 *The Passion of the Lord*

### ***Through the Eyes of a Donkey***

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crown ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, by the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

A livestreamed liturgical celebrations of the paschal mysteries of Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter will be shown from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael on the following dates and times:

**Palm Sunday**, April 5 at 10:00am  
**Mass of Chrism**, Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00am  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**, Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm  
**Good Friday**, April 10, 3:00pm  
**Easter Vigil**, Saturday, April 11 at 7:00pm  
**Easter Sunday**, April 12 at 10:00am

To participate in the livestreamed liturgical celebrations, visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## ON THE SACRAMENTS OF ...

### Baptism:

At this time, communal celebrations of Baptism are not allowed. Individual Baptism is allowed with immediate family and following the regulations established by the health authorities.

### 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation:

These will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

All those who wish to receive the sacrament should contact a priest. The sacrament is to be celebrated not in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained.

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	April 6	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tue	April 7	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	April 8	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-26
Thurs	April 9	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri	April 10	Isa 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 6:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat	April 11	Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Exo 14:15-31, 15:20, 1++; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Eze 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10
Sun	April 12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-18++

## HOLY MASS RECORDINGS

The Holy Mass recordings and any parish notifications are sent to parishioners who are in our email list and to those who sign up to be in the list.

Anyone interested to receive any parish notifications can click the link below to sign up.

Sign-up to SJOC Parish Email List to receive notifications.

<http://eepurl.com/gXiHWn>

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Drop Off Days:

Wednesdays, 8:00am -4:00pm

Saturdays, 8:00am - 12:00noon

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 usual.

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 toilet-ries. All items can be left by the church door closest to Our Lady of Mount Carmel outdoor statue on Wednesdays 8:00am-4:00pm and on Saturdays, 8:00am-12:00noon. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



*“Through His passion and death,  
He brought us salvation”*

Dear Parishioners of St. John of the Cross:

We are entering into the Holy Week, the most sacred week in our faith-life as Catholic Christians. Usually our church would be overflowing with parishioners during this week. This is the week we remember and celebrate the mysteries of our faith—Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. This week we journey along with Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem and remembering His triumphant entry into the city, we remember His last supper—the institution of the Holy Eucharist. We remember His passion and death and finally, we remember His victory over sin and death—His resurrection. What a glorious week in our church life!

However, this year, things are a little different. Our church doors are closed. Our Masses are cancelled. Our celebrations are all in private. Something we’ve never experienced. This is an unusual Holy Week that none of us will ever forget.

How do we cope with this very tough situation??

Our church doors are closed, but our hearts and our homes are always open. Our Masses are cancelled, but our Lord is always present. Our celebrations are all in private, but our faith is always alive. Let’s journey along with our Lord His final week on earth in our own hearts and in our homes. Let’s celebrate our faith by being where we are. Let’s make this Holy Week an unforgettable Week in our faith life. The pain and sufferings of what the world and we are going through during this pandemic will lead to joy and salvation. There is an Easter Sunday to every Good Friday. And our God lives—*HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

Wishing you all a Blessed Holy Week!

*Fr. Joyson*



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