

# 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.



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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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## 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.

## EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-18++ *The Resurrection of Jesus*

### Christ is Risen

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ, we should always have the identity of an Easter people.



The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship said that stewardship “reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: “We have seen the Lord!” (Jn 20:25). Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts.” We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ.

The early disciples witnessed the risen Lord on Easter morning and from there went on to spread the good news of His resurrection to the ends of the earth. They received the gift of Easter, the same gift we receive today. As good stewards, we should not keep this gift for ourselves but seek to share it generously with our parish community. One concrete practice we can adopt is to share our Easter joy with our family, friends and fellow parishioners by spreading the news of Christ’s resurrection to those who do not yet fully believe.

*Let us share the joy of the Gospel as we strive to become better stewards.*

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person, is indeed answered."  
( Pope Benedict XVI, *Benedictus*, 128)

### Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

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**Feel free to drop off your donation envelope in the Parish Office mailbox during the weekdays by 4:00pm or on Saturdays by noon.**

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	April 13	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tue	April 14	Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed	April 15	Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24: 13-35
Thurs	April 16	Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri	April 17	Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat	April 18	Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun	April 19	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please email your mass intentions to [office@sjocross.org](mailto:office@sjocross.org) so it can be included in the private Holy Mass that the priests celebrate everyday.



*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.*

**O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to thee.**



*He is Risen!  
Alleluia!*

*Wishing you and your  
family a glorious Easter!*

### **Easter Sunday Prayer**

O Lord,

How amazing is your love,  
A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.

How astounding is your life,  
A life that sustains, heals and creates.  
How awesome is your hope,  
A hope that promises, restores and inspires.  
How absorbing is your truth,  
A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we remember the  
moment when your love conquered.  
When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose  
to release forgiveness to the world.  
And each time we encounter this resurrection  
day we are again lifted to an eternal place.  
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away  
and your light and peace flood our lives.  
How we thank you for this incredible  
celebration we call Easter.

Amen.

### **Pope Francis Prayer to Mary during the COVID-19 pandemic**

O Mary,  
you always shine on our  
path as a sign of  
salvation and of hope.



We entrust ourselves to  
you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took  
part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,  
Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are  
in trial, but deliver us from every  
danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

So it is with the resurrection of  
the dead. What is sown is  
perishable, what is raised is  
imperishable. It is sown in  
dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is  
sown in weakness, it is raised in  
power. It is sown a physical body, it  
is raised a spiritual body.  
(1Corinthians 15:42-44)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL

April 6, 2020

Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Each year, in this most holy week, we follow Jesus from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the institution of the great gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, and His suffering and death on Good Friday, to His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As disciples of Jesus, we see in the drama of those days long ago the model of our life today, for our life is a way of the cross leading through suffering to glory, in the footsteps of Jesus.

Christians have always prepared for the glory of Easter with the austere penitential discipline of Lent, but this Lent has been like no other in recent memory. The global Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the fragility of our human condition in this valley of tears, through which we journey home to the heavenly Father. It has shattered the illusion that our human will is in control of the world in which we briefly live.

Our society has even conditioned us to deny or to mask the reality of death, but that reality cannot be evaded in a pandemic. In addition, the measures needed to protect others have forced so many of us to put aside distractions of our busy-ness, and to enter a solitude that can either drive us to frustration, or lead us to more profound insight and greater compassion.

In the midst of this storm Jesus is, as always, the way, the truth, and the life, and He offers us the grace to use this crisis to discover a deeper wisdom about the human condition, and to move from that insight into greater love of God and neighbour, especially when so many of our neighbours are suffering. A faith that is purified in the fire of tribulation impels us to reach out in loving prayer and responsible action, instead of collapsing into selfishness and anger. The

choice is ours.

In the pandemic emergency, love of neighbour has required that we take the extreme, and ultimately unsustainable, step of temporarily suspending the communal dimension of our sacramental life. But the Word became flesh, and Jesus died for us on a real, not a virtual, cross. That is what Good Friday is all about. Even apart from the sublime experience of ultimate reality which we are granted through supernatural faith, and through our sacramental life, the ordinary, natural, life-enhancing human relationships of love cannot be replaced by the dry abstractions of modern technology.

Meanwhile, however, as we seek to protect our neighbours by staying home, and so hasten the day when we can once more relate fully as humans again, we are thankful for the technological tools that can creatively be used to do the best we can to reach out in love for neighbour, and to help us to grow in love of God.

Even though it is not possible for the faithful to be present physically, every day every priest celebrates the Holy Eucharist for them, and every day I offer the Holy Eucharist in the cathedral. Livestreaming of many of these sacramental celebrations allows the most participation that is possible in our current situation. Until you can participate in person, I invite you to connect in that way.

Our priests are also finding many innovative ways to continue to serve their parishioners and many parishioners are reaching out to those most affected in this crisis. I know you'll be inspired by these [Parish Initiatives](#).

Ultimately, our parishes rely on the support of the faithful and I am grateful to all those who have been so generous. If you are unable to do so given the current reality, please pray for all those who continue the important outreach and ministry in your parish community.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL, con't.

### Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter

The most sacred time of the year is upon us. Even though our churches are closed, our priests will preside at the sacred liturgies of Holy Week and Easter in every parish, adapted to the restrictions required at this time. I invite you to learn more about our Holy Week celebrations in the archdiocese here: [Holy Week](#).

Holy Week liturgies will also be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael. The schedule and livestream for the celebrations are found here: [Cathedral Liturgies](#). For those without access to the internet, you can also find information about televised services here.

While we are unable to gather together in person, we can be united in prayer. I encourage you to deepen your life of prayer in preparation for Easter. To assist you during these sacred days, we have numerous prayers and resources available here, at [Spiritual Resources](#).

Easter is not just the celebration of the memory of an event long ago. It is the celebration of our present relationship with our Risen Lord, in whom we find our hope, and the motive for our acts of loving kindness, and the courage to face earthly tribulation with joyful boldness.

I will keep you in my prayers each day, and ask you to keep me in yours. May God bless you always.

In Christ,

*† Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto

"The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: "Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?" The Resurrection answered: "That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen  
*Lent and Easter Wisdom*, 110

## 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 toiletries. 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.



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