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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
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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.

**2nd Sunday of Easter—
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31—

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love

In 2000, when Pope John Paul II was canonizing St. Faustina, he declared that the Second Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday for the entire Church. This Sunday, let us reflect on Jesus who longs to forgive us and to shower His love and mercy on us. We should never tire of running to Him for healing. St. Therese of Lisieux says “even though I had on my conscience all the sins that can be committed, I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into Jesus’ arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him.”



As good stewards of Christ, we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to “instruct the ignorant” and “counsel the doubtful” by helping with parish catechesis ministries. We can also “forgive offenses” and “pray for the living and the dead” through personal prayer as well as by joining various prayer groups within the parish. Some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to “feed the hungry” and “clothe the naked” by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society. We can also “visit the sick” and “visit the imprisoned” by seeking ministries that care for the sick and elderly.

This Divine Mercy Sunday, let us seek to be filled with God’s mercy. Let us then let His mercy overflow into our deeds within the parish so that we may become stewards of God’s merciful love.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 19, 2020

Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That’s why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients’ needs without requiring longer term sessions. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. Thanks to your support, no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.



**May 3 is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

Feel free to drop off your donation envelope in the Parish Office mailbox.

READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	April 20	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tue	April 21	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wed	April 22	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thurs	April 23	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Fri	April 24	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Sat	April 25	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Sun	April 26	Acts 2:14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with our priests, Fr. Joyson and Fr. Felix.
<https://youtu.be/ZeNO6-8GhJM>

Pray and ponder the *Scripture from the Mass of the day.*

<https://bit.ly/SJOCReadings>

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.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



SIGN UP TO BE IN THE PARISH LIST

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 custom link below to sign up.

<http://bit.ly/SJOCAddme>



If you missed Pope Francis' special Urbi et Orbi blessings, here is the link <https://bit.ly/2VsPnBL>

Quite a profound experience.

IN FACEBOOK?



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PLANNING AHEAD ...

GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

This is a follow-up from the Life in the Spirit Seminar. Praise and Worship, talks and small group discussions every Friday, 7:00-9:00pm, starting September 11 to October 9.

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

This ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm, starting July 3 to August 7 for six sessions.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00pm

Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00pm

Celebrant: Bishop Boissonneau

The Confirmation team will be in touch with the parents whose children is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year when the church will be open again.

1st COMMUNION

Sunday, September 13th, 2:00pm

Sunday, September 20th, 2:00pm

Sunday, September 27th, 2:00pm

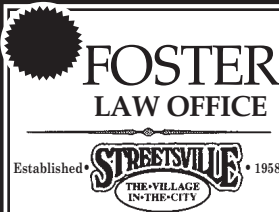
Sunday, October 4th, 2:00pm

The Communion Team will notify all the parents with children going for 1st Communion on the new dates.

NO NEW DATES YET

- ⇒ Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children
- ⇒ Rite of Acceptance into the Catholic Church for Adults
- ⇒ Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

We will post the new dates when the church will be open again.



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