

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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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

Fr. Joyson George, O Carm., **Pastor** pastor@sjocross.org Ext 228  
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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225  
 Confirmation 230

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

305

## SCHOOLS

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 St. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277  
 St. John of the Cross 905-824-3058  
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 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.

**3rd Sunday of Easter—  
The Road to Emmaus**

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22b-28

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35—*The Road to Emmaus*

*Sharing our Burning Hearts*

In today’s Gospel, we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming “were not our hearts burning within us?” So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?



The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem “that same hour” and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass, we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ, we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God’s gifts. St. Peter in his first letter says “as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 26, 2020

***Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada***

The Dia Desso family were forced to flee the Cote d’Ivoire due to the civil war. They sought safety in neighboring Ghana, where they met a team from the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). ORAT, a ShareLife-funded agency, facilitated the family’s private refugee sponsorship by Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill. They are now thriving! The father loves his work driving a forklift, the mother cares for their one-year old son at home, and the daughters are succeeding at school. Thanks to your support, the Dia Desso family is proud to be living in Canada.

**Next Sunday, May 3 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**



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

READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	April 27	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tue	April 28	Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wed	April 29	Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thurs	April 30	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri	May 1	Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat	May 2	Acts 9:31-42; John 6:53, 60-69++
Sun	May 3	Acts 2:14a, 36b-41; 1Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

If you want us to light a candle for you for your intentions before the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, please let us know.

[office@sjocross.org](mailto:office@sjocross.org)

We will post the lighted candle picture in the parish' Facebook page so you can see it.



# YOUNG ADULTS, LET'S ....



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7 Online Sessions, every Thursday  
6:30-7:30pm, May 7 – June 18

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Or call 905.821.1331 to register

Coordinated by the SJOC Parish Faith Formation Ministry

Dear Parishioners of St. John of the Cross,

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.

We would like to express our gratitude to you all who generously support the parish over the last few weeks by dropping off your envelopes into the parish mailbox or mailing them out to us or signing up for PAG and credit card payments. May God bless your generous heart.

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.

We would like to enlist again the many ways that you can continue to donate to our home parish.

**1. Using your offertory envelopes, drop off** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish mailbox outside the church door closest to the outdoor statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel or **mail** to the parish office (St. John of the Cross Parish, 6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5N 2E1).

**2. Contribute to your parish offertory through Pre-Authorized Giving.** You can obtain a form from the parish website or print from <https://bit.ly/SJOCPAG>. You can email the completed PAG form and a scanned copy of your voided check to [office@sjocross.org](mailto: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 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](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org).

In the body of your email to the Archdiocese, 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.

Sincerely,  
*Fr. Joyson*

## 1st COMMUNION NOTIFICATION

An email was sent out on Tuesday, April 21st to parents of 1st Communicants about the scheduling of 1st Communion in September.

If you are a parent whose child is going for 1st communion and did not receive the email, please email the parish office, [office@sjocross.org](mailto:office@sjocross.org).

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