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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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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.

**4th Sunday of Easter—  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36b-41  
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
 Gospel: John 10:1-10 Jesus the Good Shepherd

*Imitating the Good Shepherd*

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherd that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.



As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations.” Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 3, 2020

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**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	May 4	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
Tue	May 5	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed	May 6	2 Timothy 4:1-5; John 10:11-16
Thurs	May 7	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Fri	May 8	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat	May 9	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sun	May 10	Acts 6:1-7; John 14:1-12

**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.



**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 Fr. Joyson and Fr. Felix celebrate everyday.

## **LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and [it is easy also on the internet](#) to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020  
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

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### ***First Prayer***

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus’ suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,*

*O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

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## **Second Prayer**

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



19-29 years old

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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.

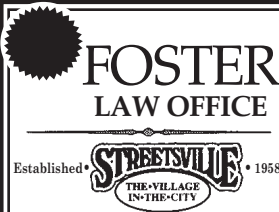
Sincerely,  
*Fr. Joyson*



## STAY TUNED ....

1. The Parish will be offering online *Basic Catechesis for Children*, Grades 2-4, on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, starting May 13-June 24. Email the parish office to register your child.

2. **DAS** will be starting on May 7-June 18, every Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm. This is a place where young adults, 19-29 years old, can gather and talk about topics of interest relating to their faith. See the flyer in this bulletin for more info and to register.



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