

# 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

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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225  
 Confirmation 230

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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## SCHOOLS

St. Albert of Jerusalem 905-785-9298  
 St. Elizabeth Seton 905-821-2277  
 St. John of the Cross 905-824-3058  
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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.

**5th Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12 *Jesus the Way to the Father*

*Exercising our Priestly Call*

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says, “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king (CCC1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “In exercising this office, (disciples) most fully realize the meaning of (their) Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is

possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

**I AM THE WAY,  
AND THE TRUTH,  
AND THE LIFE.**

**NO ONE COMES TO THE  
FATHER EXCEPT  
THROUGH ME.**

**JOHN 14:6**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 10, 2020**

***Living the Gospel by Helping those  
with Addictions***

After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael’s Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, as a result of his recovery, he can not be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael’s Homes for saving his life.

**June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
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**Feel free to drop off your donation  
envelope in the Parish Office mailbox.**

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Mon	May 11	Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tue	May 12	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wed	May 13	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thurs	May 14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
Fri	May 15	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Sat	May 16	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sun	May 17	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Helping out Neighbors in Need within our parish boundary.

Last month, St. Vincent de Paul Society served 20 Families of which 32 were adults and 19 were children.

They handed out \$1,225 in grocery vouchers and also delivered food bags. No bus tickets were given as Mississauga Transit is offering free Service at this time.

They are asking for non-perishable food items such as canned goods, kraft dinner, peanut butter, rice, etc., or grocery food vouchers so they can continue to serve our neighbors in need. You can drop these off during the daytime at the church door closest to the outdoor statue of our Lady of Mount Carmel. The food vouchers can be placed inside the parish mail box.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping our neighbors in need.



## 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.

## May 12: CANADA HEALTH DAY

Canada Health Day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle.

Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.



## MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.  
There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.  
There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.  
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.

Author Unknown





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