

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**  
*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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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.

***The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord***

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

*The Commissioning of the Disciples*

***Being the Hands and Feet of Christ***

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord’s ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them “why do you stand looking up toward heaven?” The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to “make disciples of all nations.” Jesus’ ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**May 24, 2020**

***Living the Gospel by supporting  
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**June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
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READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	May 25	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tue	May 26	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed	May 27	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thurs	May 28	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri	May 29	Acts 24:27, 25:13b-21++; John 21:15-19
Sat	May 30	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sun	May 31	Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 3:37-39

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The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God.

Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God.

If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate.

## LIFE MESSAGES FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

1) We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives."



2) We need to live a life of Christian joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. According to Luke, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Apparently Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, Jesus is still present, present even in the pain and sorrow we undergo. That is why St. Augustine assures us, "Christ is now exalted above the Heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his Body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?'"

3) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption and Love. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, Jesus is present in his words., and we must make these words real in our lives as well as in the lives of others.

4) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the

journey of Faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which Jesus arose from the tomb, the same glory to which Jesus ascended, and the same glory in which Jesus currently abides.

*Excerpt from Vatican News*

### PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the **Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the **Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the **Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the **Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the **Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the **Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

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