

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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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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.16-17

Gospel: John 6.51-59 *The Bread from Heaven*

Sharing what we have Received

This Sunday we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. This Sunday offers us the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the importance of the Eucharist in our lives as stewards. The Catechism says that “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC 1324).



The Eucharist being the “source” means that through the reception of Jesus at Mass, we receive the grace to “do all things through Him who strengthens us” (Phil 4:13). As stewards, we should remember that all of our charitable works are made possible and fruitful because of God sustaining us in all things. The Eucharist being the “summit” teaches us that everything we do should point us back to the Mass which should remain the highlight of our entire week. The Mass is everything. It is in the Mass that Jesus’ perfect sacrifice at Calvary is made present before us and is our closest foretaste of Heaven.

This constant interplay of source and summit is what should guide us as stewards. This image is best captured in the common practice of Corpus Christi Eucharistic processions. We first receive Christ in the Eucharist and then we bring Him out into the world for all to see. That is the life of a steward. Let us strive to receive Christ as often as we can, even on weekdays if possible. Once we have received Him in Mass let us then strive to share Him with others.

READINGS OF THE WEEK		
Mon	June 15	1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
Tue	June 16	1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
Wed	June 17	2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs	June 18	Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
Fri	June 19	Deut 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30
Sat	June 20	Isaiah 61:9-11; Luke 2:41-51
Sun	June 21	Jer 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33

CORPUS CHRISTI

June 14, 2020



Living the Gospel by helping vulnerable youth

Incarcerated at a youth detention centre, 18-year old Rodrigo didn’t know what his future held. Upon his release, he was referred to Covenant House, which partnered him with a Youth in Transition worker. Together, they developed a plan that included regular counselling sessions and enrolling in an alternative school program. Now living back at home, Rodrigo’s future is open to so many possibilities.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our parish needs many volunteers before and after every weekend mass to make our celebrations safe and smooth for everyone. Tasks include welcoming, disinfecting, ushering, registrations, etc.

Please contact the office by phone, 905.821.1331 or email office@sjocross.org.



FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

Life Messages:

1. **We need to receive this message of unity and sacrificial love:** The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. John Chrysostom says: "What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ. Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ."
2. **We need to prepare properly to receive Holy Communion:** We have tarnished God's image within us through acts of impurity, injustice, disobedience and the like. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord.*"
3. **We need to become Christ-bearers and -conveyers:** By receiving Holy Communion we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

As we celebrate this great feast of faith, let us worship what St. Thomas Aquinas did not hesitate to call, "*the greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth My Body My Blood*". Before the greatness of this mystery, let us exclaim with St. Augustine, "*O Sacrament of devotion! O Sign of unity! O Bond of charity!*" Let us also repeat St. Thomas Aquinas' prayer of devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament: "*O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!*" (Fr. Antony Kadavil)



HAPPY FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

CHILDREN'S ONLINE CATECHESIS:

Grades 2, 3, and 4
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Topic for June 17:
The Mass, Part 1



DAS! 19 to 29 year-olds

A friendly space to Discuss-Ask-Share.
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm

Topic for June 18:
As Catholics, what is our civic duty towards injustice



Email the Parish Office if you are interested to participate in this young adult gathering.

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