

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday to Thursday (Evg.) 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.



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.  
**First Friday 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.**  
(Mass 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. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Baptism Class prior to the birth of the baby. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or by visit to 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.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor	Tel/Voice Mail Ext 228
Fr. Felix Antony, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	224
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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.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE - MONDAY NOON**

## PALM SUNDAY

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Apr 10	Isaiah 42.1-7; John 12.11
Tues	Apr 11	Isaiah 49.1-6; John 13.21-33,36-38
Wed	Apr 12	Isaiah 50.4-9; Matthew 26.14-26
Thurs	Apr 13	Isaiah 61.1-3,6,8-9; Rev. 1.4-8; Luke 4.16-21
Fri	Apr 14	Isaiah 52.13-53.12. Hebrews 4.14-16;5-7-9; John 18.1-19.42
Sat	Apr 15	Genesis 1.1-2.2; Genesis 22.1-18.Mt. 28.1-10
Sun	Apr 16	Acts 10.34,37-43; Col 3.1-4; John 20.1-9

### CHURCH

Sun	Apr 09	Youth Practice 5 – 7:00 p.m.
Tues	Apr 11	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Apr 12	Band Practice 8 – 10:00 p.m.

### BOARDROOM

Tues	Apr 11	Liturgy Meeting 7- 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Apr 12	RCIA 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Apr 10	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Apr 12	Prime Time Crafts 1 – 4:00 p.m. Bereavement Meeting 6 – 8:30 p.m.

### NESSINGER HALL

Sat	Apr 15	Easter Vigil Reception 9 am – noon/ 9 – 11pm
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### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



There is a promise of marriage between:  
***Mitchell Medeiros and Cristina De Vito***  
***LET US PRAY FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE***

### LET'S CELEBRATE

The Easter Vigil is our greatest celebration of the year. It is when we baptize anyone older than 7 years old, and when we receive the adults who wish to become members of our Catholic Church. Following the wonderful service there is a reception to welcome our new members. If anyone can contribute to this celebration please drop something off in the kitchen at the Church, Saturday morning April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**And then come and join us for our wonderful liturgy at 8:30 p.m. in the evening! Inviting all Neophytes 2016 to join the *Easter Vigil Agape 2017* after the Mass in the Parish Hall. Contact parish office RSVP. See you!**



On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

there will be a special collection  
in all churches throughout the world for the Holy Land.  
Let us give generously.

Perhaps you've been wondering what happens at the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday**. The Vigil of Easter is a day of emptiness. The church waits at the Lord's tomb. The altar is bare, the church is empty. Mass is not celebrated. Even the Vigil celebration has the feeling of prayerful waiting. The Vigil celebration is begun only after nightfall. This is not an anticipated Sunday Mass, but a vigil in the strictest sense. The Service begins with **LIGHT**. The Easter fire is blessed. The Paschal Candle is lit, carried to its place of honor, and the great Easter proclamation, the Exultet, is sung. The next major part of this service is the **WORD**. On this most holy night the story of our salvation is retold and slowly we approach the message of great joy: the Alleluia! The Gospel announcing the good news of resurrection is proclaimed and a homily is shared. The third part of the service is perhaps the highlight: **WATER**. All of Lent we have been reflecting on the process of initiation for our adult candidates in the RCIA process. This is the night that we bless the Easter water, we profess our faith, we baptize our catechumens, and we renew our own Baptism through the ritual of sprinkling. Confirmation, a sacrament separated from Baptism for most of us, is celebrated as part of this rite of initiation. The final section of the Vigil is **EUCCHARIST**. The newly initiated bring bread and wine to the table where they will share Eucharist with us for the first time. The dismissal with its double alleluia is sung and thus begins the season of Easter: the great fifty days of celebration which will culminate with our celebration of the feast of Pentecost. *Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.*

### HOLY WEEK

**What is Holy Week celebration all about?** It is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection **on Easter Sunday**: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the **mysteries of salvation** accomplished by **Christ** in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into Jerusalem. Each year we Christians celebrate "Holy week" to underline the central mystery of our faith, the **death and resurrection of Jesus**. As Christians we must remember that "Christ, out of infinite love, freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all people, so that all might attain salvation. It is the duty of the Church, therefore, in its preaching to proclaim the **cross of Christ** as the sign of God's universal love and the source of all grace."



**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (blessing of the Palms)**

Apr 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday 5:00 PM  
 Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM  
 Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Monday Mass: 9:00 AM  
 Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Mass: 9:00 AM  
 Chrism Mass at Cathedral - 11:00 AM  
**Youth Mass Confirmation Candidates 7:00 PM**  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

No Confessions  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 PM**  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00- 11:30 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**

No Confessions  
**10:00 AM** Stations of the Cross by our youth  
 Veneration and Holy Communion  
**3:00 PM & 7:00 PM**  
**Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

No Confessions, No Masses during the day.  
**Solemn Easter Vigil 8:30 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM**

Apr 17<sup>th</sup> Monday Mass: 9:00 AM  
*Easter Monday: Parish Office closed*

**FIRST COMMUNION CAN YOU HELP**

First Communions will be celebrated from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help at the extra special 2:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday. We are looking for people who could come early (about 45 minutes before Mass begins) to put out the "reserved" signs and to welcome the First Communion children and their families as they arrive. If you can help at any of these Masses, please call the parish at 905 821-1331 ext. 225



**Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...**

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of high school, and was hired as a counsellor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife-supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me. **Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife – supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.**

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017**  
**Please give generously.**

**ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**  
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**REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
**Obedience and Humility**  
**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**  
 We are called to die to ourselves in love for others.  
 How do you live that in your own life?



**EASTER LILIES NEEDED**

*The Altar Society would appreciate donations of Easter Lilies to be used to decorate the church for Easter. They ask that you bring the lilies on Holy Thursday and to please leave them by the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the rotunda. Thank you.*

**PRIME TIME CLUB – (A Social group for those over 50)**

New members always welcome - \$10 per year  
 Regular activities include a monthly dinner in Nessinger Hall and a local restaurant outing.  
 Craft Group - Wednesdays 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
 Line Dancing - Thursdays at 1:00 pm  
 For membership - Julienne-Anne Rodrigues 905 670 0020  
 For Crafts - Barb Reinhart 905 819 9099  
 For other activities – Mary Wong 905 824 8537

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**FOR GARDENING COMMITTEE**

No experience necessary. We work Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and share daily watering when needed. Call Al, 416 970-9242

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



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