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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.



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.  
**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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St. Elizabeth Seton	905-821-2277
St. John of the Cross	905-824-3058
St. Richard	905-826-5572
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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**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 11	Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26
Tues	Dec 12	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Wed	Dec 13	Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
Thurs	Dec 14	Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15
Fri	Dec 15	Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
Sat	Dec 16	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11; Matthew 17.10-13
Sun	Dec 17	Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 11	Parish Advent Reconciliation 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 12	St. John of the Cross Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 13	Band practice 8 -10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 14	St. Teresa of Avila Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Sat	Dec 16	Children's Choir 10 - 11:15 a.m.

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 11	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 12	Baptism Prep 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 13	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4:00 p.m. PS Sacramental Prep 6:30- 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 14	SVDP 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Sat	Dec 16	Lay Carmelites 9:00 a.m. - Noon

### BOARDROOM

Wed	Dec 13	Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
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### NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 10	K of C Christmas Party 6 – Midnight
Tues	Dec 12	St. John of the Cross Reception 7- 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 13	K of C General Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m. C.I.C. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 14	Prime Time Line Dancing 1 – 2:30 p.m. St. Teresa of Avila Reception 7 – 9 pm
Fri	Dec 15	Lay Carmelites Christmas Party 6:30 – 10:00 pm
Sat	Dec 16	Prime Time Potluck 3 – 11:00 p.m.



### POINSETTIAS NEEDED

The Altar Society would appreciate donations of Poinsettias to be used to decorate the Altar during Christmas. If you would like to donate, please bring the Poinsettias to the church and place them by the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the rotunda.

Thank-you!

<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES</b>	
<b><u>BULLETIN DATE</u></b>	<b><u>BULLETIN DEADLINES</u></b>
Sun. December 31	Tues. December 12 noon

Perhaps you've been wondering ... about our patron saint, **Saint John of the Cross**. Not many people know a lot about him and yet as our patron saint we should know something about the very important doctor of the church. John was a Carmelite who supported Saint Teresa of Avila in her movement to reform the Carmelite order. As usual some people felt threatened by the changes and tried to stop them by kidnapping him and locking him in a cell 6 feet by 10 feet with just a tiny window high up near the ceiling. But it was whilst he was there in his total dependence on God he wrote some of the most wonderful mystical writings of the Church which are still seen as wonderful examples of Spanish literature.

The Feast of Saint John of the Cross will be celebrated by Bishop John Boissoneau on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Christmas Schedule

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>,

7 TO 9 PM (with individual Confessions)

#### CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: SUNDAY, DEC 24<sup>th</sup>

At the Church: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:30 PM,  
And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: MONDAY, DEC 25<sup>th</sup>

At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon  
(Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

#### FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS, SUNDAY, DEC. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, MONDAY, JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon

Schedule is also posted on our website:

[www.saintjohnofthecross.com](http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com)



## **CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Please join us in the Church.

A lovely family evening that helps us put Jesus into our Christmas preparations.

## **ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**

**GROWING IN FAITH**

### **REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Patience**

**“Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.”**

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

## **ADULT FAITH: PIVOTAL PLAYERS**

You are invited to a series of learning and discussion on Tuesday evenings about the different pivotal players who contributed to the Catholic church through the centuries.

**Mark your calendars!**

We'll start on Tuesday **January 9<sup>th</sup>**, 6 pm

Register for free.

Call Liane, 905-821-1331 ext 226

## **PERSON WITH SKETCHING TALENTS NEEDED**

Our Gardening Committee is leading an effort to convert the non-repairable fountain garden in the front lawn into an accessible outdoor meditation area with an appropriate statue and benches. A horseshoe shaped area is envisaged with the opening facing the church and this be accomplished by re-using the existing rockery and shrubberies. A small fund-raising effort is envisaged to accomplish this and the information poster could benefit from a sketch (hand drawn or computer generated) depicting what it would look like. If you have such skills, please contact Al at 416-970-9242.

“Hello SJOC! The Youth Group would like to thank the parish for their generosity in Operation Christmas Child. Together, we collected 1,460 boxes for children all over the world! We are very busy for the Christmas season, with our annual Sandwich Delivery this Saturday and upcoming Christmas festivities! Keep an ear out for more details!”

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2018**

Are now available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. Parishioners who do not know their envelope number can check the list on the table by the envelopes. Boxes are labelled with your name and address. Please verify your name and address on the box. Please pick-up at your earliest convenience.

If you have had a change of address in the past year please notify the Parish Office by filling out a “change of address” form as soon as possible. Thank-you



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*“details to follow”*

## **Ministry to the Bereaved**

The ministry is intended to offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death. Support is offered in a group setting. Our ministers journey with the person through their grief, offering consolation and compassion as wounded healers. This ministry is offered to all who feel ready to take this step in their journey of grief.

We ask that the person who wishes to begin this program, contact Muriel Haney directly. Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone. **For information:**

[muriel1066@bell.net](mailto:muriel1066@bell.net) Muriel Haney 905 507-1581



## **COFFEE SUNDAY** **Served in the Rotunda**

**Hosted by the**

**Liturgy and Altar Society**

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> after 5 p.m. Mass &  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
Noon and 4:00 p.m. Masses.**

*make sure you are not trapping another car in the parking lot.*

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son, In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997.** Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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