

# 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 only: No Morning Mass 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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## SCHOOLS

St. Albert of Jerusalem	905-785-9298
St. Elizabeth Seton	905-821-2277
St. John of the Cross	905-824-3058
St. Richard	905-826-5572
St. Teresa of Avila	905-858-3462
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	905-785-0066
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	905-824-1025
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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**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 14	Numbers 24.2-7,15-17; Matthew 21.23-27
Tues	Dec 15	Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Matthew 21.28-32
Wed	Dec 16	Isaiah 45.6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7.19-23
Thurs	Dec 17	Genesis 49.2,8-10; Matthew 1.1-17
Fri	Dec 18	Jeremiah 23.5-8; Matthew 1.18-24
Sat	Dec 19	Judges 13.2-7,24-25; Luke 1.5-25
Sun	Dec 20	Micah 5.2-5, Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 14	Parish Reconciliation 7-9 pm
Tues	Dec 15	St. Richard Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 16	Church Decoration 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Band Practice 8 – 9:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 17	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Sat	Dec 19	Children's Choir 9:45 – 11 am

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 14	R.C.I.A. 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 15	Baptism Prep 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 16	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m. Non Catholic Sac Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### BOARDROOM

Wed	Dec 16	P.S. Confirmation 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 17	Finance Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 13	K of C Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. – midnight
Tues	Dec 15	St. Richard Reception 6-9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 16	St. Elizabeth Seton Reception 6- 9:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 17	SVDP 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Fri	Dec 18	SVDP 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sat	Dec 19	SVDP 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Third Sunday of Advent A Time To Prepare**



St. John of the Cross  
Special Feast Day Mass  
will be celebrated on  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 (with individual Confessions)

Perhaps you've been wondering about ... .. the changes that might be coming to the process by which a marriage is declared null. As you may be aware, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Pope Francis issued new norms which substantially revised the process for matrimonial procedures. This is the most significant revision since 18<sup>th</sup> century. The changes will make the process much clearer and more straightforward for the petitioner to understand and begin the process. The most significant change for many of our community will be the change to competency requirements. This means that recent immigrants can now have their marriage looked at by the Marriage Tribunal here in Toronto rather than the diocese where the marriage was celebrated. There are other changes too, so as the new system begins and the new forms become available, may be people who were reluctant to begin this process may feel able to undertake this important step. Please remember that there is no fee though there is a suggested donation to help with costs. An inability to make a donation will not impact on the acceptance of the petition or how the case proceeds or is judged.



*Family of Faith*

### Campaign

#### Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto

The Family of Faith Campaign is underway at St. John of the Cross Parish thanks to the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers. In the coming weeks we will keep you informed of the progress of our campaign. The Family of Faith is designed to support parishes and provide assistance in other areas too. Like any family, we must ensure that our home – our church – is cared for, maintained and improved. Through this we are investing today what we have for our future and for our growing children. A part of the vision in the parish is to see the basement completed for use with all our ministries.

Please pray

Heavenly Father

We ask you to be with us as we work together as a family of faith, sharing and following the example of your son Jesus in loving service. May we be inspired by your divine love, as we share our time, talent and treasure to strengthen our family of faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Parish Goal	Amount Pledged
\$745,000	\$232,000

**Christmas Schedule**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: THURSDAY, DEC 24th**

At the Church: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM,  
And 12:00 MIDNIGHT

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: FRIDAY, DEC 25th**

At the Church: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

(Note: There will not be an 8:00 AM or 4:00 PM Mass)

**FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

VIGIL MASS, THURSDAY, DEC. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES, FRIDAY, JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**A VERY SPECIAL NEED!**

This year our Candlelight Carol Service has a need for involvement by families and adults to help build the crèche during the service.

*We need families with young children and/or older children who would like to take part. It is such a lovely opportunity to involve our children in a special way.*

If anyone would like to take part in this service, please call Kate at the parish office 905 821-1331 ext. 226

**Please note**

*You will need to be at the service at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*

**ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**  
GROWING IN FAITH

**REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**The Joy of Kindness**

**“Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy?

**COMING SOON!**

An opportunity to explore video series “Catholicism” with Rev Robert E Baron.

This highly acclaimed series will be the beginning of a discussion and faith sharing time

**Mark your calendars**

Monday evenings beginning **January 18<sup>th</sup>**.

No fee but registration is required.

Call Kate 905-821-1331 ext 226

**PRIME TIME CLUB** (for individuals 50 and over)

Activities are: Monthly Potluck in Nessinger Hall, monthly Luncheon at a local Restaurant.

Contact Mary Wong @ 905-824-8537

Crafts: Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact Barb @ 905- 819-9099 for info.

New members are always welcome. Membership fee is \$10.00 per year. Contact Raymonde 416-564-4484.

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**

**December 20<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.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**CHRISTMAS TAGS**

are available in the parish hallway.

This year the requests are:

NEW toys and winter hats and gloves for children up to the age of 12.

Gift Cards and winter hats and gloves for teenagers and adults.

**Please return the gifts by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

*Thank-you for your continuing generous support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2016**

are 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



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 12706

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a diaper drive for Vita Centre, looking for diapers, sizes 4, 5 & 6. We would like to fill a pickup truck with the desperately needed diapers to take to them. Contact Bosco D'Sa, email [awlbosco@rogers.com](mailto:awlbosco@rogers.com) for more information and where to drop the diapers off.

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**BULLETIN DATE**

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Sun. January 3

Mon. December 14 noon

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