

# 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
Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	223
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**PARISH SECRETARY** – Violanta Nicholson

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St. John of the Cross	905-824-3058
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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**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 04	Isaiah 2.1-5; Matthew 8.5-11,13
Tues	Dec 05	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24
Wed	Dec 06	Isaiah 25.6-10; Matthew 15.29-37
Thurs	Dec 07	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21-24-27
Fri	Dec 08	Gen 3.9-15,20; Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Luke 1.26-38
Sat	Dec 09	Isaiah 30.19-21,23-26; Matthew 9.35-10.1,5,6-8
Sun	Dec 10	Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3.8-14; Mark 1.1-8

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 04	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Advent Mass 7:00 pm
Tues	Dec 05	St. Albert Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 06	Band practice 8 -10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 07	St. Elizabeth Seton Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 04	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 05	K of C Executive Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 06	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4:00 p.m. PS Sacramental Prep 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

### BOARDROOM

Wed	Dec 04	K of C, K of Hearts 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Wed	Dec 06	Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 03	Youth Group 7 -9:00 p.m.
Mon	Dec 04	St. Therese Advent Reception 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 05	St. Albert Advent Reception 7- 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 06	SVDP Hamper Assembly 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. C.I.C. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 07	Prime Time Line Dancing 1 – 2:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Advent Reception 7 – 9 pm
Fri	Dec 08	SVDP Hamper Assembly 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Sat	Dec 09	SVDP Hamper Delivery 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CFC FFL Christmas Party 6 – 11:00 p.m.

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
(with individual Confessions)

### **Christmas Schedule**

is inserted into this weekend's bulletin and is also on  
our website: [www.saintjohnofthecross.com](http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK**

Perhaps you've been wondering about the meaning of the Jesse tree that we put together each year. Many of us are familiar with the concept of a family tree- a way of showing our grandparents and great grandparents and their families. In many churches you will see the same idea used in the stained glass or a carving to show the connection between the figures of the Scriptures, and before many people could read, these were a teaching tool for showing the connection between the figures of the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus himself. Jesse trees were the storybooks of the time. From this it became clear that the birth of Jesus was not an isolated event, but the completion of the story- the flowering of the tree, planted by God so long before. The link to King David was clear and so Jesus could be seen as a real historical person. Today there are many versions of the Jesse tree, using many different symbols to represent the various figures and events of Hebrew history that led to the birth of Jesus. Let us enjoy our own Jesse tree and listen carefully to the meaning of each symbol we have chosen.



### *First Sunday of Advent*

<u>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES</u>	
<u>BULLETIN DATE</u>	<u>BULLETIN DEADLINES</u>
Sun. December 24	Thurs. December 7 noon
Sun. December 31	Tues. December 12 noon

### FEAST DAY of ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*Will be celebrated by*  
*Bishop John Boissonneau*  
*Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
*at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.*

**ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY**

GROWING IN FAITH

**REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
God's Faithfulness**

**“Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may  
be saved.”**

How do you know when you are following Christ and living  
His teachings faithfully?

**ADULT FAITH**

You are invited to an opportunity to learn about the many  
different people who lived their faith and contributed to  
the Catholic Church in history.

Each video, using a large screen, will be followed by  
a group discussion and refreshments.

**Mark your calendars**

Tuesday evenings beginnings **January 9<sup>th</sup>**

No fee but registration is required.

Call Liane 905-821-1331 ext 226

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding  
sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic  
school. Messages will be returned by Sacramental Team.

905 821-1331 Ext. 225 1<sup>st</sup> Communion / Reconciliation

905 821-1331 Ext. 230 Confirmation

Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of  
the Sacramental Team.



**St. Vincent de Paul**

Gift card, and tag are due back at the church  
by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Thank-you for your continued generosity!*

**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

**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.

**The Bereavement Ministry hold group  
sessions at the parish.**

**For information: [muriel1066@bell.net](mailto:muriel1066@bell.net)**

**Muriel Haney 905 507-1581**



**POINSETTAS 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!

**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.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the  
Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of  
Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church  
vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or  
deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese  
of Toronto at 416- 968-0997.** Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

*This Weekend is Coffee Sunday!*



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