

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

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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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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 05	Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26
Tues	Dec 06	Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14
Wed	Dec 07	Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
Thurs	Dec 08	Genesis 3.9-15, 20; Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12; Luke 1.26-38
Fri	Dec 09	Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
Sat	Dec 10	Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17.10-13
Sun	Dec 11	Isaiah 35.1-6, 10; James 5.-7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

CHURCH

Tues	Dec 06	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 07	Band practice 8 -10 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 08	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Fri	Dec 09	St. John Family Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 05	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 07	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m. PS Sacrament Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 08	SVDP 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

BOARDROOM

Wed	Dec 07	P.S. Confirmation 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
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NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 04	Parish Mission 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Mon	Dec 05	Parish Mission 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 06	K of C 7 – 10:00 p.m. Parish Mission 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 07	CIC 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 08	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6 – 9:00 p.m.
Fri	Dec 09	Lay Carmelites 6 – 9:30 p.m.
Sat	Dec 10	Prime Time Christmas Party 6 – 11:00 p.m.

WAITING IN HOPE ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Fr. Ben St. Croix is visiting

St. John of the Cross Parish this week.

At the beginning of the season of Advent and preparation for Christmas a Parish Mission talk given by Fr. Ben St. Croix, Companions of the Cross.
December 3rd and 4th at all the Masses, and Monday, December 5th, Tuesday, December 6th, Wednesday, December 7th, evenings 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Perhaps you've been wondering about the *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio Divina*, ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years, in which *they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God*. Although there is an element of study in "Lectio Divina", it is not the same as Bible study, or exegesis, where one seeks to interpret the sacred text through analysis, and with the help of the work of scripture scholars. In *Lectio Divina* we seek not to master or grasp the sacred text, but rather through it, prayerfully and silently, to come into the presence of God. We seek to be humbly attentive to God's Holy Word, to savour it, and to let it enter into our heart as much as our heads, so that it may transform us. One approach to *Lectio Divina* is simply to move systematically through a book of the Bible, but it never involves worrying about "covering" a certain quantity of text: what matters more is the quality of our humble attentiveness. We choose a small portion of the sacred text, and reflect prayerfully upon it. *Lectio Divina* is not intended to increase our intellectual knowledge of the Bible (though it also has that effect); instead, it is intended to draw us closer to God, and to transform our attitudes and behaviour. One Sunday evening each month all are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for *Lectio Divina* at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The next one is December 4 and then January 8th at 7:15.

Second Sunday of Advent & A Time To Prepare



Christmas Schedule

is inserted into this weekend's bulletin and is also on our website: www.saintjohnofthecross.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE

Sun. December 25

Sun. January 1

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Thurs. December 8 noon

Tues. December 13 noon

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY
GROWING IN FAITH

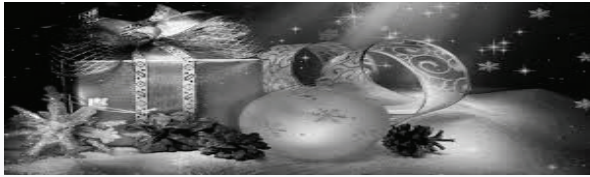
REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Advent

Our need to change.

**“In His days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound forever.”**

Lord, what must I need to change so that others can learn from watching me that you walk among us?



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Each year the St. Vincent de Paul organizes Christmas hampers filled with food and gifts for our neighbours in need. We encourage parishioners to take a gift tag from the baskets in the church and help us provide our neighbours with a bountiful Christmas. Each tag has on it a family number as well as the age/ gender of the person. We ask you to please accompany all gift cards with the gift card receipt and label all gifts with the family number on the tag. **Please return all gifts to the church no later than Sunday December 11th.**

The St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your continued generosity and support.

PRIME TIME CLUB - (a social group for those over 50)

New members always welcome – Membership is \$10 per year.

Events include monthly dinner in Nessinger Hall and a local restaurant outing.

Craft group meets every Wednesday 2 to 4 in Seminar Room.

For membership - Julienne-Anne Rodrigues 905 670-0020

For Crafts - Barb Reinhart 905 819-9099

For activities - Mary Wong 905 824-8537

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

We have several ministers who will come to your home on a weekly basis if needed. We also distribute Holy Communion to you if you are hospitalized at Credit Valley or Trillium Hospital. Please contact Muriel Haney at 905 507-1581 if you or your loved one is sick or shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion at your home.



COFFEE SUNDAY

Served in the Rotunda

Hosted by Parent Council & Children's Liturgy

Saturday, December 10th after 5 p.m. Mass &
Sunday, December 11th after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
and Noon Masses.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2017

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

“Hello SJOC! Your youth group would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Operation Christmas Child this year! Our final box count was 1,043 – a number which astounded even the Samaritan's Purse volunteers! Thanks as well to all of our youth members who came on our annual Sandwich Delivery in Toronto! Our final meeting of the year will be on Sunday, December 11th and it will be our Christmas potluck! We'll see you there!”

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?

Now that euthanasia / assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide / euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

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