

# 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
Fr. Sebastian Joseph, O.Carm., Assoc. Pastor	223
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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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
3700 Trelawny Circle, Mississauga	

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 07	Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26
Tues	Dec 08	Genesis 3.9-15,20; Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12; Luke 1.26-38
Wed	Dec 09	Isaiah 40.25-31; Matthew 11.28-30
Thurs	Dec 10	Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15
Fri	Dec 11	Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
Sat	Dec 12	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Sun	Dec 13	Zephaniah 3.14-18; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18

### CHURCH

Mon	Dec 07	St. John of the Cross Advent /Feast 7:00 pm
Tues	Dec 08	St. Elizabeth Seton Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 09	Band Practice 8 – 9:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 10	St. Teresa of Avila Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.

### SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Dec 07	R.C.I.A. 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 08	Campaign Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wed	Dec 09	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m. Non Catholic Sac Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sat	Dec 12	Children's Choir 10:30 a.m. - Noon

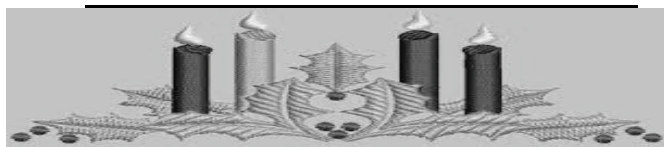
### BOARDROOM

Tues	Dec 08	Liturgy Meeting 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 09	P.S. Confirmation 6 – 8:30 p.m.

### NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 06	Campaign Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Mon	Dec 07	St. John of the Cross Reception 6 -9:00 p.m.
Tues	Dec 08	St. Elizabeth Seton Reception 6- 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Dec 09	K of C General Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m. C.I.C. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 10	SVDP 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Sat	Dec 12	Prime Time Christmas Dinner 5:30 – 10:00 pm

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



### ARCHDIOCESE DAY OF CONFESSION

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

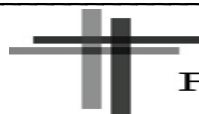
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am.  
and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## Christmas Schedule

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

Perhaps you've been wondering about ...

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy.** What is a Jubilee Year? The concept of a Jubilee Year is a tradition that goes back to the Book of Leviticus (25:-13), which speaks of a year of rest and restoration. The Church adopted this in the 1300s, proclaiming a Jubilee Year every 50 years and later every 25 years to allow each generation to be called to holiness. There is also a tradition of an "extraordinary jubilee" outside that cycle. Pope Francis has called for a year of mercy beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>, challenging our parishes to be "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference." We are called to bring "consolation to the poor..... liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern society." We are also called to be more merciful in our own lives and to bring the mercy of God to others. In addition we are called to a deeper dialogue with Judaism and Islam with a greater awareness of the shared understanding of God's mercy. There will be a number of special celebrations throughout the year which will begin with the opening of a Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, and in the weeks following Holy Doors will be opened throughout the world. The one in our area will be at Merciful Redeemer parish. There will be more details to follow.



*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

**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**  
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**REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prayer of Repentance**

**“The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.”**

In what areas of your life do you need God’s forgiveness right now?



**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.*

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES**

<b><u>BULLETIN DATE</u></b>	<b><u>BULLETIN DEADLINES</u></b>
Sun. December 27	Thurs. December 10 noon
Sun. January 3	Mon. December 14 noon

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**CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARDS \$2.00 EACH**

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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

**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.

**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.



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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.

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

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. 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 PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK**



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