

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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St. Elizabeth Seton	905-821-2277
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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Feb 15	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Matthew 25.31-46
Tues	Feb 16	Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15
Wed	Feb 17	Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32
Thurs	Feb 18	Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14; Matthew 7.7-12
Fri	Feb 19	Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26
Sat	Feb 20	Deuteronomy 26.16-19; Matthew 5.43-48
Sun	Feb 21	Genesis 15.5-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 9.28-36

CHURCH

Tues	Feb 16	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Feb 17	Band practice 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Feb 18	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Sat	Feb 20	Children's Choir 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SEMINAR ROOM

Wed	Feb 17	Prime Time Crafts 2 – 4 p.m. PS Sacramental Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Feb 18	Baptism Prep 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Fri	Feb 19	CFC Teaching 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Sat	Feb 20	Confirmation 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CFC FFL 7 – 10:00 p.m.

BOARDROOM

Tues	Feb 16	Welcoming Committee Mtg. 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Sat	Feb 20	C.V.I.T.P. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Feb 14	Youth Group 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Feb 17	K of C General Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m. CIC 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sat	Feb 20	Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Scouts Banquet 6 – 9:00 p.m.

LENT

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Monday through Saturday
at 9 a.m.

Friday at 7 pm – Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



**Special Eucharistic celebration
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

Perhaps you've been wondering about Lent and its customs and traditions. Many rituals, customs and traditions have developed in the Roman Catholic celebration of the Lenten season. They help remind us of the important gifts of this holy time. Here are just a few common practices: **Fish Fridays:** During Lent, meat is not consumed on Fridays by Catholics. It has been a long custom to eat fish on Fridays instead of Meat. Often, Catholic religious calendars will have a little symbol of a fish on Fridays to remind us of this for of abstinence. **Stations of the Cross:** This is a devotional practice often embraced during Lent through which the faithful meditate on the passion, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. Most Roman Catholic churches have paintings, carvings, or statues representing the traditional 14 Stations of the Cross around the interior perimeter of the Church, in order to facilitate this prayerful devotion. Sometimes these last moments of Jesus Christ's life are portrayed by actors as an outdoor procession. **Fasting from the Alleluia:** In the Roman rite, we refrain from singing Alleluia during Lent. We fast from this acclamation of praise to the Risen Lord so that we may sing it all the more robustly at Easter.

(From the Archdiocese of Toronto web site)



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.

Parish Goal	Amount Pledged
\$745,000	\$974,207.69



**FAMILY DAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2016**

You r prayers are needed.....

To support those who are beginning their final preparation for Baptism or to become full members of our church. Those preparing for Baptism sign the Book of the Elect this weekend, which records those chosen by God for the sacraments of Initiation. They are now known as the Elect. Our candidates for full communion received a special blessing to strengthen them through their Lenten journey. Your prayers and support are very important during this time and we ask you to take a name from the basket in the rotunda and pray for that person throughout Lent.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

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REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

1st Sunday of Lent

Salvation through Faith

“Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.”

How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

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 1st Communion / Reconciliation

905 821-1331 Ext. 230 Confirmation

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

TO ALL THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Faithfully Chosen sessions are held from 9am to 1pm
(Registration 8:45 am and start time 9:00 am sharp!)

in Nessinger Hall on the following dates:

Saturday, February 20, Saturday, February 27,

Saturday, March 5 (last session)

You are to attend only ONE session.

Please bring lunch.

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 or on an individual basis.
- > 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 the parish office personally.
- > Please pass on the word and let us be a parish of compassion and consolation, reaching out to those who suffer alone.
- > Our next 6 week group session begins March 30th at 6:30p.m.
- > Individual sessions are scheduled on mutually convenient times.
- > Contact the parish office 905 1331 or
- > Muriel Haney 905 507 1581

LENTEN RETREAT

Will be held at St. John of the Cross Parish

On Saturday, February 27th

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fr. Joby Kachappilly V.C., Director – Divine Retreat Centre, Toronto and team.

All are welcome and no registration necessary.

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.

CFC FFL Miss West Chapter

will be conducting Christian Life Seminar on February 27 to April 30, Saturday from 7:00PM-10:00PM. CLS is an integrated course to a renewed understanding of God’s call to us as Christians, to build a stronger relationship with God by discovering and living more fully the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, to bring married couples to a renewed commitment to Christian family life. It is open to all Christian married couples, adult singles, widows or widowers are also welcome. It will be held at the seminar room of St John of the Cross Parish. Contacts: Edgar & Janet Fabros/Resti Roque/ Nick Villar Telephone: 647-285-1613Janet/416-827-7952Resti/416-857-2688 Nick Email: edgar.janet.fabros@gmail.com/restimhel@hotmail.com/nickvillar@yahoo.ca

“INCOME TAX PREPARATION

for Eligible Individuals:

FREE income tax preparation for low income individuals / families is offered by the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Contact the parish office to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, during the months of February, March and April. Check Bulletin Board for eligibility requirements.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

is hosting a COME & SEE WEEKEND at St. Augustine’s Seminary from Friday, February 26 (7 pm) to Sunday, February 28 (1:30 pm). Provides a time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about and time to interact and socialize with the Seminarians & Priests of the Seminary. The weekend offers opportunities for Communal Prayer, Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

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