

# St. John of the Cross Parish

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*Youth ministry*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday to Thursday 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.



Alexandru Andrus

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.  
 Every Wednesday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.  
 followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 First Friday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.  
 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.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Please contact the parish office if confined to home or hospitalization so sacramental care may be provided.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., **Pastor** pastor@sjocross.org Ext 228  
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**RECEPTIONIST** – Liane Harris 221  
**Youth Minister** – Ante Skoko ym@sjocross.org 226

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

First Communion & First Reconciliation 225  
 Confirmation 230

**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  
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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Feb. 4	Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tues	Feb. 5	Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5: 21-43
Wed	Feb. 6	Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
Thurs	Feb. 7	Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
Fri	Feb. 8	Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
Sat	Feb. 9	Hebrews 13:15-17; 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
Sun	Feb. 10	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

CHURCH

Sun	Feb. 3	Baptism 2:00pm
Sun	Feb. 3	THE MASS by Bishop Barron 5:15-6:30pm
Tue	Feb. 5	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb. 6	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Feb. 7	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Feb. 4	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Feb. 6	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	Feb. 6	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Feb. 6	Welcoming Committee 7:30-8:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Feb. 4	EDGE Night 6:00-9:00pm
Tue	Feb. 5	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm
Tue	Feb. 5	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Feb. 6	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Fri	Feb. 8	LIFE TEEN 6:30-8:30pm



Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from our parish visit you while you are in the hospital? *Please let us know by calling the parish office, 905.821.1331.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic school.  
 905.821.1331 x 225 1<sup>st</sup> Communion / Reconciliation  
 905.821.1331 x 230 Confirmation  
 Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team.

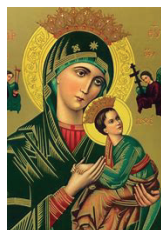
WEDNESDAY EVENING

MASSSES, 7pm

FOLLOWED BY THE NOVENA  
 TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL  
 HELP

COMMUNITY ROSARY, 6:30pm

BRING YOUR FAMILY!



*The Presentation of the Lord*

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the **Feast of the Encounter**. the Liturgy says at the beginning that Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter *between Jesus and his people*, when Mary and Joseph brought their child to the Temple in Jerusalem; the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna. It was also the first encounter within the history of the people, a meeting *between the young and the old*: the young were Mary and Joseph with their infant son and the old were Simeon and Anna, two people who often went to the Temple. It is a meeting between the young, who are full of joy in observing the Law of the Lord, and the elderly who are full of joy in the action of the Holy Spirit. It is a *unique encounter between observance and prophecy*, where young people are the observers and the elderly are prophets! It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young; and it's good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward, not so as to safeguard it in a museum, but to carry it forward addressing the challenges that life brings, to carry it forward for the sake of the respective religious orders and of the whole Church. In the light of this Gospel scene, let us look at *consecrated life* as an encounter with Christ: it is he who comes to us, led by Mary and Joseph, and we go towards him guided by the Holy Spirit. He is at the centre. He moves everything, he draws us to the Temple, to the Church, where we can meet him, recognize him, welcome him, embrace him. May the grace of the mystery of the Encounter, enlighten us and comfort us on our journey.



(Excerpts from Pope Francis on The Presentation of our Lord)

## FROM CCC

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### "And Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

<sup>2846</sup> This petition goes to the root of the preceding one, for our sins result from our consenting to temptation; we therefore ask our Father not to "lead" us into temptation. It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used by a single English word: the Greek means both, "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation." "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one", on the contrary, he wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle "between flesh and spirit"; this petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength.

<sup>2847</sup> The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death.

God does not want to impose the good, but wants free beings .... There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way, we discover our evil inclinations and are obliged to give thanks for the goods that temptation has revealed to us.

<sup>2848</sup> "Lead us not into temptation" implies a *decision of the heart*: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also ... No one can serve two masters." "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." In this assent to the Holy Spirit the Father gives us strength. "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation, will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it."

<sup>2849</sup> Such a battle and such a victory become possible only through prayer. It is by his prayer that Jesus vanquishes the tempter, both at the outset of his public mission and in the ultimate struggle of his agony. In this petition to our heavenly Father, Christ unites us to his battle and in his agony.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Age group 5 to 7

1st place: Rianna Lobo

2nd place: Valerie Silveira

3rd place: Alianna De Bartolo

Age group 8 to 10

1st place: Gale Miyu

2nd place: Gabrielle Bruan

3rd place: Joshua Rodrigo

Congratulations to all the winners  
and to all those who participated in the contest.

## ARE YOU CALLED?

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416.968.0997, or email vocations@archtoronto.org.**

## DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN POSTING

The 2019 deadline for any bulletin posting is Friday by noon of the week **before** publication. For example, if you have an announcement for your ministry that you want to put in the bulletin for the weekend of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the office needs to receive it by noon on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## VALENTINE MASS CARDS



Valentine Mass Cards are now available at the Parish Office for \$3.00 each. There's a variety of designs to choose from.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix. Come by the parish office when you get a chance and register as a new parishioner.

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