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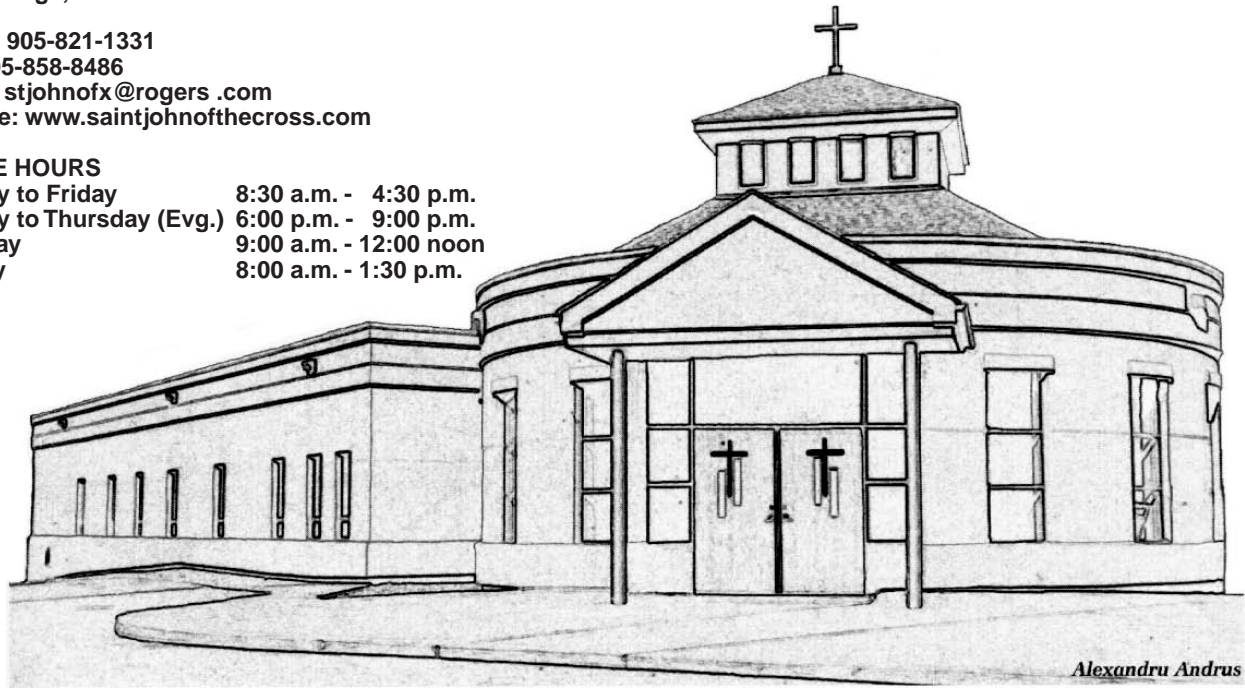
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OFFICE HOURS

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

	Tel/Voice Mail
Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm., Pastor	Ext 228
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
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St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	905-785-0066
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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	Mar 06	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Matthew 25.31-46
Tues	Mar 07	Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15
Wed	Mar 08	Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32
Thurs	Mar 09	Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14; Matthew 7.7-12
Fri	Mar 10	Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26
Sat	Mar 11	Deuteronomy 26.16-19; Matthew 5.43-48
Sun	Mar 12	Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8-10; Mt. 17.1-9

CHURCH

Tues	Mar 07	Adult Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Wed	Mar 08	OLMC Staff Mass 3:15 p.m. Band Practice 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Thurs	Mar 09	Folk Choir 8 – 10:00 p.m.
Fri	Mar 10	Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. St. John Family Choir 9 – 10:00 p.m.

BOARDROOM

Wed	Mar 08	RCIA 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sat	Mar 11	CVITP 9:00 a.m. - Noon

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Mar 06	RCIA 7 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed	Mar 08	Prime Time Crafts 1 – 4:00 p.m. N.C. School Sac Prep 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Mar 09	Liturgy Meeting 7 – 9:00 p.m.

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Mar 06	K of C Exec. Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m.
Tues	Mar 07	Prime Time Line Dancing 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Wed	Mar 08	K of C General Meeting 7 – 10:00 p.m. C.I.C. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thurs	Mar 09	SVDP 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Sat	Mar 11	Lay Carmelites Reg. Mtg. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Prime Time Potluck 3 – 10:00 p.m.



Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from St. John of the Cross Parish to visit you while you are in the hospital?
Or would you like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick?
Please let us know by calling the parish office at 905 821-1331.

Perhaps you've been wondering about ... what we are going to be doing in our parish to mark the Lenten season this year. Here are some of our plans and the reason behind them. We will be trying to emphasize the season by clearing any from the church and leaving a clear area of focus, which is just what we are asked to do in our lives as well, making sure we put God first. A central part of our Lenten focus is the cross, which will be decorated in a suitable way to highlight it for the season. Another main focus of this period is the **Elect**, those chosen for Baptism at Easter. The beginning of Lent marks the time when they pledge their commitment to Baptism by signing a special book, "**The Book of the Elect.**" This book will form the theme of our display in the rotunda and we invite parishioners to look at the names and pictures of these people and support them with your prayers. As Lent is the time of final preparation for Baptism, we will be emptying the baptismal font and the holy water stoops during Lent, as a reminder of the image of the desert. To help make this more clear, they will be draped with purple cloth during the Lenten season, to mark our yearning for the waters of baptism and new life. We hope these small signs will help our celebration of the season.



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.



**REMINDER TO
MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND**



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Monday through to Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Mass

**2016 PARISH DONATION RECEIPTS
and St. Vincent de Paul Donation Receipts
are now available for pick-up in the hallway.**

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY
GROWING IN FAITH

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

1st Sunday of Lent

Overcoming Temptation

“Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic tradition of making the Stations of the Cross, which is such a common part of our Lenten practice. From the earliest days, the followers of Jesus shared the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. When Christian pilgrims came to Jerusalem they wanted to see the sites which were connected directly with these events in the life of Jesus. These sites became holy places to visit and it became a common practice to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on his way to his crucifixion. For a while it was impossible for Christians to visit Jerusalem and so in the 1500's villages all over Europe began creating their own way of the cross with small shrines. These evolved into the 14 stations we have today, and gradually they became part of the church building itself. Today we can make the stations on our own as a private devotion or as a community. It is a tool to help us contemplate the mystery of Christ's passion and death in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection at Easter.

In our parish we celebrate the Stations every Friday evening at 7:00 pm during Lent and everyone is welcome to use this devotion as part of their Lenten journey.

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.

Our next 6 week group session begins March 15th, 2017 (Wednesdays) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Contact the parish office 905 821-1331 or Muriel Haney 905 507-1581

Library is open this weekend!

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 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 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 / HOSPITAL CARE MINISTRY

If you would like to make a difference in people's lives this Ministry may be what you are searching for. Ministers after training are assigned to either Credit Valley or Trillium Hospitals for ongoing weekly visits.

We currently have two programs: visiting only Catholic patients and the other visiting patients of all faiths.

If you would like more details on either program please contact Muriel Haney directly at 905-507-1581

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

for Eligible Individuals

FREE Income tax preparation for low income individuals / families, newcomers and seniors is offered by the Community Income Tax Program (CVITP), coordinated by the Canada Revenue Agency. Eligible individuals can contact the parish office to book an appointment on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., during the months of March and April.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - March 5th, 2017

“Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416- 968-0997.** Email vocations@archtoronto.org

COME AND SEE WEEKEND – ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY
March 17th to 19th, 2017

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



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