



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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CONGRATULATIONS!  
TO OUR  
YOUNG PARISHIONERS  
WHO MADE HONOR ROLL  
FROM



**Holy Trinity  
Diocesan  
High School**

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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**ADVENT  
CONFESSIONS**

**THURSDAY  
14 DECEMBER  
GRADES 6 AND UP**

**THURSDAY  
21 DECEMBER  
GRADES 3-5**

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

What you most seek and  
desire you will not find  
by this way of yours, nor  
through high  
contemplation, but in  
much humility and  
submission of heart.

St John of the Cross



When the dragon saw that it had been thrown down to earth, it pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where, far from the serpent, she was taken care of for a year, two years, and a half-year.

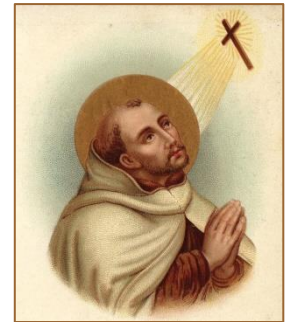
Book of Revelation, Chapter XII:13-14

### Missionary Disciple of the Week

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

**FEAST DAY: THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

St. John of the Cross was born in 1542 in a small town, near Avila, Spain. He was the youngest of three brothers. When John was two, his father died. Through many difficulties, his mother finally settled them in a new town. John began his education in a school for the



poor. The chaplain took an interest in him and at age of 21, he entered the priesthood in the order of Carmelites. He met St. Teresa of Avila after he was ordained in 1567. Together they faced many challenges as they were trying to reform the Carmelite communities to make them holier places focused on humility, obedience and charity. In 1577, he was seized and thrown into prison for being rebellious and locked him in a monastery prison. After spending 9 months in prison being

starved and beaten, John found a way to escape the prison. Once recovered, he resumed his ministry as spiritual director for both nuns and friars. During his life he was most known for his writings. *The Dark Night*, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, and *The Living Flame* are three significant works. *The Spiritual Canticle*, a magnificent poem was composed in his mind during his months in prison. In the fall of 1588, John became ill with a fever and an inflammation in his leg. Over the next couple of months, the leg became worse and the disease he had in the leg spread to his spine. At midnight of 14 December, surrounded by his friars, he died repeating the words, "into your hands I commend my spirit."