

PASTOR’S NOTE:

Whenever I hear this Sunday’s Gospel, the Risen Lord’s appearance to some of the apostles by the Sea of Tiberias it reminds me of my first vows. This was the passage we six novices chose for the vows. At the time we probably chose it because of Peter’s three admissions of love. Over the years however, I’ve come to see the passage differently. It is not Peter’s admissions that are so interesting and moving but the Lord’s three questions. We can understand his repetition of questions in one of two ways. The first is the Lord sort of asking “are you sure?” This means, in my understanding, the Lord saying to Peter “I know you denied me three times; I know you left my side when I was arrested; I know you did not keep the promises you made to me at the Last Supper, and so, are you sure?” This reading emphasizes our infidelity, our inconsistency, our sinfulness. A risen lord who is so critical of those he loves to such an extent that he gave his life, is not the Risen Lord that I have come to know and to love. For did not the Lord say that he was not sent to “the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved.”

The second way of understanding this Gospel, which is my preference, is to see something drastically different. We all believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves and so I believe that the Risen Lord knew the shame, the embarrassment and the dejection that Peter felt in his heart due to his actions. The Risen Lord’s three questions remind Peter that it is not shame, embarrassment and dejection that reside in Peter’s heart; rather it is his love for Jesus Christ. The corner stone of our Church was not moved by guilt, he was moved by love. In a similar way we must never be moved by guilt in our Christian faith. Rather we must always seek to be moved by what is in our heart, that is, that we love the Lord in our own particular way. We may see what is lacking in that love, others may judge that we are lacking in love, but the Risen Lord makes himself weak and tenderly asks us “do you love me?” All our shame, all our embarrassment and all our dejection in the face of such honest tenderness slides to the side and we respond with corresponding honesty and tenderness, “you know that I love you.” So here at Lourdes we what type of community are we? Using the words of St. Francis Xavier, let us continue to grow into a “community of love.”

God Bless and Take Care. *Jr. John*

Our Lady of Lourdes



Saturday, June 1, 2019

Volunteers Needed For our Annual Parish Bazaar – June 16, 2018: Preparations have begun for our Parish Bazaar and we are looking for people who would like to help out. We need people throughout the day, to help set up in the morning, help out during the day and clean up in the afternoon. Join us for a couple of hours or for the whole day. It is always a fun day and a wonderful community experience. If you are new to the parish, or looking for a way to become more involved, this is a great opportunity to get to know people in our parish. Please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257. We have some new activities planned for this year’s bazaar so watch for upcoming bulletins and mark the date!

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Do You Feel Lucky?



Get Your 50-50 Tickets!

Our **Famous 50/50 Draw** is back again for this year’s Parish Bazaar. This year’s possible jackpot is \$5,000. 5,000 tickets are being printed and are priced at \$2.00 each. Tickets are available from our Welcome Desk or from our Parish Office.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6

- 8:00 am Jose Antonio Cordido Arizmendi + [Kurowski Family]
- 12:10pm LOLITA BALLINAN's Birthday [Encar]
- 5:15 pm Egidio Sleghel + [Carina Sleghel]

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:00 am VISITACION & Eulogio Potes Sr. & Jr. + [Potes Family]
- 12:10 pm GENEROSA & Pedro Panganiban + & All Souls
[Carmen Panganiban]

- 5:15 pm ORA CAMPAYNE + [Family]

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:00 am Honorato Mongcupa + & Deceased Family [Tita]
- 12:10 pm NENITA BERNARDO's Birthday [Encar]
- 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Luz Mustacho]

Thursday, May 9

- 8:00 am MARY VASANTHY THISANAYAGAM + [Francis]
- 12:10pm IMELDA UDARBE + [Nora Udarbe]
- 5:15 pm Peter & NORA Meaney + [Donna Meaney]

Friday, May 10

- 8:00 am Nargis Mistry + [Daniel]
- 12:10pm Carlton Boodoosingh + [Merle]
- 5:15 pm MARIA & Anthony Mendonca & JESSICA Paccinin +
[Family]

Saturday, May 11

- 8:00 am VISITACION & Eulogio Potes Sr. & Jr. + [Potes Family]
- 12:10pm Thanksgiving [Oliver Family]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Linda Marciates, Davinia Appiah, Anacleto Cendaña
Eduardo Mecija, Dominador Carreon, Eduardo Acebedo*

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Crowning of Mary

Join us on **Friday, May 24 at 7 pm** in the church for the Crowning of Mary. The evening begins with a short prayer in the church and continues with an outdoor procession of song to our outdoor grotto. Those who wish to bring flowers to lay by the statue of Mary in the

outdoor grotto are most welcome. We will top off the celebration with a small reception in the back yard (weather permitting). Please join us for this evening of prayer, community and fun as we share in our affection for Mary, our Mother.



SHARELIFE: Living the Gospel with Justice and Love

“ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan—namely, its core direction of 'Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.' The work of our agencies, and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened.” — *Cardinal Thomas Collins* **Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.**

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Lourdes ShareLife Campaign presents:

A Social Evening of Music and Dance
with

Fr. Peter Bisson, S.J.
Fr. Daryl Miranda, SJ
& Blanca



With Live music from Rhonda
and the band Saint “O”

Saturday, May 25, 2019

6pm at Monsignor Fraser College

146 Isabella St.

Tickets: \$15.00

Finger Food Included

Tickets available at the Welcome Desk

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The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to St. Michael's college. The scholarship is open to any young woman who is Catholic, completing high school and who has indicated the University of St. Michael's College as her first choice. For more information on the scholarship and for applications please contact Caridad at 416-577-3775. Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2019.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

With Divine consolation all troubles change into pleasures, all weariness into rest. For whoever advances with this interior peace, is never so burdened but that it feels light.
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

| Lourdes @ a glance: the week of May 5 to 11, 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Sun 5 | Mon 6 | Tues 7 | Wed 8 | Thurs 9 | Fri 10 | Sat 11 |
| 3 rd Sunday of Easter Kids at Mass 1 st Communion Class | | Alpha 6pm Why did Jesus Die? | | | | |