

PASTOR'S NOTE:

One recent Friday morning, I was driving back to Lourdes after having said Mass at a convent. I came to an intersection and was waiting to turn right. I was delayed in making the turn because there was a person crossing in front of me and the person was crossing slowly indeed. At some point, the car behind me honked. I was mad at the person crossing the street so slowly and now mad at the person in the car behind me. And so I made a rude "gesture" with my hand to show my displeasure. So much for just having said Mass! Such episodes are relatively common in a big city like Toronto. But I must admit that my initial delight of paying back rudeness with rudeness began to disappear and to be replaced by disappointment in my self. And this feeling remained with me throughout the day. I realized that there are many times, when the road gets even a little bumpy, that the thinness of my faith is brought to light. I don't want to be a Christian only when it's easy or convenient, rather I want to follow the Lord all the time. Our faith is not to be like the one I demonstrated, on the surface, but it is to be at the core of our being, it is to be written on our hearts.

In the Gospel from St. John, as Jesus is telling his disciples that "I am going to the Father," he also reminds us that he will not leave us empty handed. He leaves us his peace and, through him, the Holy Spirit will be sent. It is hard to imagine that those who were hearing the Lord speak felt the joy he was saying they should feel with this news. I think the beginning of the passage holds the clue for us. Christ speaks that those who love him "will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Keeping the Lord's word, his teaching, is not only a question of obedience. It isn't merely a matter of having sufficient strength of will to follow his commands. It is much more!

God is offering his life to you. By cooperating with God's grace, through the Holy Spirit, keeping his word is receiving his life in our hearts. Our redemption, salvation and transformation is through making his life our own life. But this gift is not easy to accept. It is made one's own by an almost unconscious movement of following our hearts. As one's relationship with the Lord deepens, so too does one's trust; we creak open the doors of our hearts. Our hearts are more opened because we feel his peace within us and we want it even more. We want God to make his permanent home within us. We want to know his love not some of the time, but all of the time. In this way, our faith is not thin or superficial, instead it is everything. And it is everything because it is who we are coming to be.

Bless and Take Care. *Jr. John*

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Annual Bazaar is just around the corner!

- A Great Food Pavilion
- BBQ – fresh and hot off the grill
 - Halo Halo
 - The Silent Auction
- Our Famous 50/50 Raffle Draw
- Tons of great bargains to be picked up

And brand new this year:

- Karaoke booth

Volunteers Needed***For our Annual Parish Bazaar***

– **June 16, 2018:** Here are some of the different ways you can help out:

- Set up in the morning
- Help out during the day in one of our booths or as a floater
 - clean up in the afternoon.

Join us for a couple of hours or for the whole day. If you are interested in helping out you can speak with this year's **Bazaar Captain – Luz Mustacho or Co-Captain – Jason Pereira**. You can reach them through the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

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Donations Accepted for Our Bazaar: Have You Done Your Spring Cleaning Yet? We're getting ready to accept donations for the Bazaar, so start organizing the things you would like to bring for the sale. We accept all kinds of goods including: books, kitchen and electrical items, sporting goods, decorative items, toys, furniture, shoes, purses and clothing (please ensure that the items are clean). *Any items you would like to donate for our bazaar can be dropped off in Lynch Hall and Bernadette Hall from Tuesday, May 28 - Friday May 31.*

If you would like to donate to our Food Pavilion, please contact Helen Rivera, Coordinator of this year's Kitchen through the parish office, 416-924-6257.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 27

8:00 am MARIA TORIO + [Gloria Torio]
 12:10pm Thanks to St. Augustine [Joseph Kaposi]
 5:15 pm EMILIA BAUTISTA + [Bautista Family]

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 am FELECITAS HOSANA & Rogelio Bongalon Casida +
 [Elena Calvelo]
 12:10 pm CLAIRE ACCOLAS + [Raymond Accolas]
 5:15 pm Roderigo V. Obispo + [Piedad Obispo]

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 am Magdaleno Almeda + [Almeda Family]
 12:10 pm Youngsook Park's Intention [Kabsoon Phu]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving for All Blessings [Lucy Cardoso]

Thursday, May 30

8:00 am ESTELLA CLAIR RITA + [Selvam]
 12:10pm Fernando, CRISANTA & Salvador Molit + [Lisa Mostaza]

5:15 pm Kelvin Rose + [Ponciano Torres]

Friday, May 31

8:00 am GIUSEPINA FULCINITI + [Tony & Grace]
 12:10pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Cesar Alumaga + [Prescy Alumaga]

Saturday, June 1

8:00 am MARIA ESGUERRA + [Annabelle & Rene]
 12:10pm Villardo Avendano & Marcelino Inguengan +
 [Rose Avendano]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Saturnina Talingdan, Willis Otiono

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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.



Today, **Sunday, May 26** children in our parish will celebrate their First Communion. Mass begins at **3pm** and will be followed by a reception in the lower halls. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

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The gardening team would like to invite you to come gardening with us!



- Join us Monday evenings 7-9 pm, starting May 27th.
- No experience necessary and we have the tools.
- Help us add beauty to our church and the neighbourhood.
- If you would like to join our friendly group or need more info Jo-An at 647 351 2627.

Parish Picnic - Mark the Date! The picnic will take place **Saturday, August 3** in the afternoon. Details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Put the date in your calendar and plan to be there.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence..

*~ St. Francis de Sales
 (On Receiving Holy Communion)*

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of May 26 to June 1, 2019						
Sun 26	Mon 27	Tues 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1
5th Sunday of Easter Kids at Mass Confirmation Class 1st Communion		Bazaar Preparation 9am to 8pm Alpha 6pm How and Why Should I Read the Bible ?	Bazaar Preparation 9am to 8pm	Bazaar Preparation 9am to 8pm Edge	Bazaar Preparation 9am to 8pm	Parish Bazaar 9am to 3pm