

**A Big Thank You – Twice Over!**

Thank you to everyone who helped out and joined in our Parish Picnic last Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was an amazing day – great weather, tremendous fun, and an abundance of food to share. But more than anything, we are grateful for the wonderful community spirit that marked the day. We are truly blessed by the joy and friendship we share here at Lourdes. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day happen, from set up to clean up, for the preparation of food and the bbq, for animating the games, distributing t-shirts and putting together the “open mic” sing-a-long – we couldn’t have done it without you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Fatima Pilgrim Tour for Peace this past Thursday. It was a beautiful day of prayer and community and a sharing in the affection we have for our Lady. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the preparations and throughout the day. We had so many visitors to the parish and it was beautiful to see the vitality and welcoming spirit of our parish so apparent throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who participated in the day and for the deep sense of prayer and affection for our Mother, Mary that marked the day.

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**Installation of New Signs**

This week you'll notice new signs are being installed inside and outside the church! This is part of our effort to make the church even more welcoming and accessible to all, especially newcomers who may not know their way around. Thanks to Van Winkle Signs for a great job, and to all of you for your continued support of the Parish and its initiatives!

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**Martyrs’ Shrine Pilgrimage**

Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs’ in Midland, Ontario is scheduled for Saturday, **September 28. Tickets are available from the Parish Welcome Desk and the Parish Office.** Our tickets this year will sell for **\$25.00 each.**

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**...and the two will become one.”  
Marriage Encounter Weekend**

BLD “Open In Spirit To God” Community will hold a Marriage Encounter Weekend this September 7-8. The weekend is planned to be a positive and personal experience for married couples. It’s an opportunity for you to look carefully and deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It teaches a technique of loving communication that can last the rest of your lives and give you an opportunity, in a trusting and private environment, to share your feelings, hopes, fears, joys and frustrations with each other. Fr. John will serve as the chaplain for the weekend. It will take place at at Valley of the Mother of God Retreat Centre in Mono, Ontario. The cost of the weekend is \$175 per couple. For more information, pick up a registration form from the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office.

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**Catholic Cemeteries  
Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**

The annual Mass for the Faithful departed will take place on Wednesday, August 14, 7pm. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will be celebrating Mass this year at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill. Mass will also take place at the following Catholic Cemeteries: Assumption, Christ the King, Queen of Heaven, Mount Hope and St. Mary’s in Barrie.

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*Do you know some one who’s feeling a little lost? Someone who is wondering about life and faith? Someone who could use a little bit of fun and friendship in their lives?*

We’re running our next Alpha Tuesday nights starting September 10 at 6pm. Each evening involves food, fun and friendship! Each week begins with supper, followed by a talk on a different aspect of the Christian faith and small group sharing – where questions are welcome and those looking, will find an experience of community and belonging.

*Who in your life will you invite?  
A neighbor  
A co-worker  
A family member  
A friend*

**Call: 416-924-6257 or email [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to)**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 12**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]  
 12:10pm Mariano Quimson Jr. + [Family]  
 5:15 pm Juanito Astudillo + [Aliza]

**Tuesday, August 13**

8:00 am Gerry T. Tugade + [Zenaida Tugade]  
 12:10 pm BELEN YU's Birthday [Mary Ann Quinit-Ngoy]  
 5:15 pm MARY JANE BARRACK + [Nela]

**Wednesday, August 14**

8:00 am CECELIA UPTON + [D & D]  
 12:10 pm Youngsook Park's Intention [Kabsoon Phu]  
 5:15 pm Joseph Kaposi's Intention [Mike & Lydia Sherlock]

**Thursday, August 15**

8:00 am Thanksgiving - Kaz Jedrzejczyk  
 12:10pm MARIA DE MANCHE + [Elsie & 1pm Choir]  
 5:15 pm Bill, MARGARET & Gordon Addley + [Amy]

**Friday, August 16**

8:00 am Servillano Magalong + [Magadia Family]  
 12:10pm TIMOTEA MANALANG + [Corazon Labao]  
 5:15 pm Edward Bowe + [Phelan Family]

**Saturday, August 17**

8:00 am Agapito Pates + [Narcis Pates]  
 12:10pm Thanksgiving [Myrtho & Michelle]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

*Christopher Kwong, Robertson Tuason,  
 Ruperto Marciales, Linda Marciales,  
 Patrocinio Cadelina & Augusta Whelan*

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**Are you thinking of taking the next step towards becoming Catholic? We have just the thing!** The RCIA is designed for those who

are thinking about or would like to be Baptized and for those who have been baptized but not Confirmed. It offers a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist) and Reception into the Roman Catholic Community. The program begins in September, but through the summer, members of our team would love to meet you for coffee after the 11:30am Mass. If you would like to know more, please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

**Looking to Get Involved?**

**Great!**

**Learn more by visiting us online at [www.lourdes.to](http://www.lourdes.to)**

On our website you can:

- Learn more about volunteer opportunities in the parish
- Family Teams (Kids@Mass, Sacramental Prep, and more)
- Outreach Teams (Food Bank, Elderly Visitation, and more)
- Liturgical Teams (Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers)
- And more
- Sign up to start serving
- Learn more about Alpha
- Find a group that's right for you

Or call the office at 416-924-6257 or email [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to) and a member of our team will be happy to answer any questions.

**We can't wait to connect with you!**

**Regis student is beginning an internship in Spiritual Direction starting September:** If you or someone you know wishes to be companioned on their prayer journey while discerning God's will for you in your life, this encounter may be of interest to you. For more information contact Grace through the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

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**BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH**

*And God said to the soul, "I desired you from before the world began. I desire you now as you desire me. And where the desires of two come together, there Love is perfect.. ~ St. Mechtild of Magdeburg*

**Lourdes @ a glance: the week of August 11 to 17, 2019**

Sun 11	Mon 12	Tues 13	Wed 14	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Kids at Mass						