

**Notice to Parents:
Sacramental Prep Classes for Kids
Now Offered Here in the Church!**



Calling all parents! Sacramental Prep classes that were previously offered to elementary school students at Our Lady of Lourdes School are now being offered here at the church! We have some great programs and a wonderful team waiting for your child.

If your children are in Grade 2 or Grade 7, or if they have not made their *First Communion, First Confession, or Confirmation* then this is a wonderful opportunity for them to receive the Sacramental Preparation here at the Parish. Children who attend any school are welcome to join the programs.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office about registration at 416-924-6257 or info@lourdes.to Thank you!

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Novena to the Canadian Martyrs

We invite you to join us in praying the Novena to the Canadian Martyrs from Tuesday, September 17 to Wednesday, September 25. **The Novena will take place in the church Monday through Friday at 4:30pm.** Our prayer together will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

On **Thursday, September 26**, the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs, there will be an opportunity following each of our daily Masses (8am, 12:10pm and 5:15pm) to receive a blessing with relics from the holy Martyrs. Anyone desiring to receive a blessing is asked to remain in the church following each of the daily Masses on September 26.

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BLESSING OF PETS: Sunday October 6 at 3:00pm we will bless cats, dogs, birds and any pets you wish. Simply bring them on a leash or in a cage to the **Patio at the back of the church.**

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Congratulations to Ms Ning Benedicto

On Tuesday, October 17 at the ShareLife Mass of Thanksgiving held at St. Michael's Cathedral, our own Ning Benedicto was the recipient of the 2019 Mother Delphine Award for her many years of support and service to ShareLife. We are grateful to Ning for all her work on behalf of the parish. Congratulations and well done!

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**Food Bank - Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 5 & 6**

The Lourdes Food Bank is organizing its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year it will be held before and after Masses the weekend of October 5 & 6. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, packages). Volunteers are needed to help collect donations at the doors of the church. If you would like to volunteer to help out before and after one of the Masses, please contact us at info@lourdes.to. Lourdes Food Bank, located on the ground floor of the 275 Bleecker St apartment building, provides an important ministry to the St James Town community, serving as many as 250 people per week, including many families that are new to Canada. We are grateful for your continued support.

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ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Our annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Dinners will be held in the Parish on **Friday, December 13** for couples and singles and on **Saturday, December 14** for families with Children. At the time of registration, Date of Birth, and Identification will be required for everyone planning to attend. **Registration will take place in Lynch Hall at the following times:**



- Wednesday, October 9, 5-8 pm**
- Thursday, October 10, 5-8 pm**
- Friday, October 11, 6 -8 pm**
- Saturday, October 12, 1 – 4pm**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23

8:00 am VISITACION & Eulogio Potes Sr. & Jr. + [Potes Family]
 12:10pm Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [Henriette Cudmore]
 5:15 pm GLORIA ADAMS + [Karan Adams]

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 am REMEDIOS Caldillero & Reynaldo Sajorne + [Eva]
 12:10 pm Nizael Ramos + [Ramos Family]
 5:15 pm Fr. Bill German's Birthday + [Wendy McCreath]

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 am Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [Parishioners]
 12:10 pm Dangallage Nimal Peiris +
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for Mary Lisa [Parents]

Thursday, September 26

8:00 am JASMIN ARAULLO ABELLA + [Edna Servos]
 12:10pm Youngsook Park's Intention [Kabsoon Phu]
 5:15 pm Vladimir Dolanjski + [Millie Dolanjski]

Friday, September 27

8:00 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity [Linda Lising]
 12:10pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Edward Bowe + [Phelan Family]

Saturday, September 28

8:00 am Carmelo Uy Manalese + [Josie Calalang]
 12:10pm AMANDA L. DOLANJSKI + [Millie Dolanjski]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Leon Patrick Roy, Emilio Valencia
 Gil Munar, Arlan Hilario
 Felix Canono*

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Needs of the Church in Canada Collection: Next weekend, for those who wish, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the **Need of the Church in Canada Collection**. Envelopes will be in the pews during all of our Sunday Masses. Please put your offering in the collection basket during the Offertory Collection. *Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.*

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Praying for the Care of God's Creation

Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home

Pope Francis' Encyclical –Laudato Si' is available from the Welcome Desk for \$10. Discover what Pope Francis has to say about how we are shaping the future of our planet. The encyclical is written with both hope and resolve and invites all to be good stewards of God's creation. You can also read it on line, just go to the Vatican website: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>



Are you new to Our Lady of Lourdes?

Or are you looking to get more involved?

Learn more by visiting our recently redesigned website:

www.lourdes.to

On our website you can:

- **Register** as a parishioner
- Check out **upcoming events** in the parish
- Learn about our **family, kids & youth programs**
- Learn more about **Alpha**
- Find a **group** that's right for you
- Learn about **volunteer** opportunities and sign up to **start serving**

We can't wait to connect with you!

BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

Do good when you remember, and what you forget will be revealed to you; and do not surrender your mind to blind forgetfulness.

~ St. Mark the Ascetic

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of September 22 to 28, 2019						
Sun 22	Mon 23	Tues 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kids at Mass	Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:30pm	Novena 4:30pm Alpha – Why did Jesus Die? 6pm	Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:30pm	Feast of the Canadian Martyrs		Pilgrimage to the Martyrs Shrine