



This weekend, we join with other Canadians in giving thanks for the blessings we receive. Gratitude is probably the ‘biggest’ of the virtues – it takes up a lot of space! If we genuinely have a sense of thankfulness in our hearts, then there is little room left for envy, pride and selfishness. Real gratitude also bears fruit. It reminds us that all we have is a gift and that what we have been freely given we are to share generously with others. The Lord has made a feast for ALL PEOPLES; let us not rest until there is room at the table for all of God’s Children. For the many blessings and graces God has given to our Parish Community, let us be truly thankful. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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Lourdes Food Bank Thanks YOU!

The Clients, Volunteers and Staff of Lourdes Food Bank are very grateful for your generosity at last weekend’s Thanksgiving Food Drive and throughout the year! From August 2018 and September 2019 our food bank served 8,892 adults and children at our local food bank in St. Jamestown. You help us to make this ministry happen in our parish and neighbourhood. *Merci! Gracias! Salamat!*

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We’re Counting On You! We have once again been asked by the Archdiocese to conduct a “head count” after the homily during our Sunday Masses. This will take place over a couple of Sundays after Thanksgiving. The process will not disrupt any of the Sunday Masses. The “head count” is happening in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

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The Amazon produces 20% of the oxygen we breathe. Yet its forests, streams and people are threatened because of the resources there. Join a workshop on Development and Peace’s new campaign *For Our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all* to learn about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the Amazon.

Date: Saturday, October 19 **Time:** 9am – 1pm **Place:** Development and Peace Toronto Office, 4th Floor, 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, ON **Contact:** keithgca@yahoo.com or 416 481-1930

**Feast of All Souls
In Memoriam Mass for Deceased Loved Ones**

On **Saturday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls**, in addition to our regularly scheduled Masses, we will have a **Mass at 7:00 pm** to pray for all those who have died. If you know someone who has lost a loved one this past year, invite them to join us on this special feast to remember the loved ones who have passed away.

And always, we will continue our custom here at Our Lady of Lourdes, of offering *In Memoriam* cards with the names of deceased family and friends to be prayed for during the month of November. During all the Masses on **Saturday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, at each of our Masses, you will have an opportunity to bring the cards up and place them in the urn at the front of the Church.** Blank In Memoriam cards will be inserted into the bulletin the weekend of October 27.

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**Canadian Federal Election:
Monday, October 21**

The Archdiocese of Toronto wants every eligible Catholic to vote in the Federal election on October 21, 2019. As a charity, the Archdiocese must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on Election Day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective. Visit the Archdiocese’s federal election site at www.archtoronto.org/election where you will find backgrounders, infographics and videos. The topics include: the Environment, Human Dignity, Indigenous Issues, Newcomers, Political Participation, Poverty and Religious Freedom. These resources are intended to help you discern your vote. The archdiocese hopes that every eligible Catholic will be informed on the issues and will cast a ballot on election day, October 21, 2019.

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Thanksgiving Day Weekend: Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving and the Parish Office will be closed. We will open again on Tuesday, October 15th at 9am. Have a wonderful long weekend!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 14

8:00 am Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10pm Thanksgiving [Anastacio Dela Isla]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving to Clement & LENI [Joan Beaulieu]

Tuesday, October 15

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm SIMEONA & Antero Agner + [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Bernal, Cachero, Laurente & Puno's Families + [Concepcion]

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Benedicto Family]
 5:15 pm Fr. Bill Addley, SJ + [Amy]

Thursday, October 17

8:00 am Amoy & Francis Hosang + [Joan Hosang]
 12:10pm Mariano & MAXIMA Lim + [Sievert Family]
 5:15 pm WEENA LEJARDE + [Amy Ada]

Friday, October 18

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10pm Thanksgiving - Glen & WILMA [Wilma]
 5:15 pm TRIFONA FEDERIS [Amy]

Saturday, October 19

8:00 am Hilarion "Larry" Bercasio Sr. + [Caridad]
 12:10pm Serafin Guevara's Birthday [Ate Caridad]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rogelio Carreon, Nina McFarlane

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A Day Pilgrimage: Join us on Saturday, November 2 for a special pilgrimage to *Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine* in Buffalo, New York. Assembly time is 7:30am and we will return to Lourdes by 8pm. Fare is \$65.00 per person/ \$50 per child. Bring a bag lunch and please remember to bring a **valid passport**. For more information call or text Adele @ 647-522-1958. Proceeds go to the Parish.

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World Mission Sunday will take place next weekend. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to contribute to the "World Mission Sunday Collection" at each of our Sunday masses. Envelopes can be found in the pews and donations may be placed in the collection basket during our regular Offertory Collection. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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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Centering Prayer Group at Lourdes

Are you interested in learning about Christian meditation? We have a group at Lourdes who meets weekly, on Friday mornings from 10:30am to noon in Loyola Hall, to pray in silence together. We welcome all who might be interested in deepening their prayer life in this way. For more information contact Elyse Strathy: strathy@sympatico.ca

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Beauty from our Faith

There [in heaven, God is] feeding the angels, here on earth [He was] a hungry Child; there unfailing Bread with perfect powers, here along with speechless children needing the nourishment of milk; there doing good, here suffering evil; there never dying, here rising after death and bestowing eternal life on mortals. God became one of us so that we might become God.

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of October 13 to October 19, 2019						
Sun 13	Mon 14	Tues 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19
28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kids at Mass RCIA	Happy Thanksgiving!	Alpha: How and Why Should I Read the Bible? 6pm				