

Development & Peace's Fall Campaign "For Our Common Home"

This weekend (Nov 23-24) you will have a chance to sign a Solidarity Letter for Development & Peace's 2019 Fall Campaign, "For Our Common Home." The Amazon and its people are being threatened by the rapid pace of mines, dams, logging, and agribusiness in the region, and this Letter is in support of two of the defenders of the Amazon rainforest, the *seringueros* of Machadinho d'Oeste and Mura people of Manaus. By signing the letter you will join them in urging their government to stop privileging corporate interests over indigenous rights and the integrity of the forest, while also urging our government to hold Canadian companies accountable for their activities in the Amazon region. Thank you for your support.

Parish Events

Simbang Gabi | Nightly from December 15th to 23rd | Mass begins at 7pm followed by a reception each night.

What is Simbang Gabi?

'Simbang Gabi' is Filipino for 'Night Mass' a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. Each of the Masses will be sponsored by a different group in the parish and a reception will follow the Mass each night. Simbang Gabi is a wonderful way to prepare for the gift of the Incarnation: the Christ child at Christmas. All are welcome to gather in hope and praise.

Parish Christmas Party | Sunday, Dec 8 1:30pm to 4:30pm | Our Parish Christmas Party includes a carol sing-a-long, and a visit with Santa!

Alpha | Winter Alpha begins with the Come & See on Tuesday, January 7, 2019 at 6PM in Lynch Hall | Visit www.lourdes.to/alpha for more information

Liturgical Ministries Day | Saturday, Nov 30, 11am-3pm. All Altar Servers, Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians, and our Kids at Mass Team are welcome to join us for a Liturgical Day. Our theme: *Ambassadors for Christ*

Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adults Group (Ages 25-40) | Board Games Night | Tuesday, Dec 3rd, 7pm-9pm | Riddle Room, 579 Yonge St | All are welcome. Contact youngadults@lourdes.to

Seniors Day Program | Ages 55+ | Friday, Dec 6 – 1pm-3:30pm | Lynch Hall | Lunch (\$2) & Creative Arts Activity | Questions? Contact bill@lourdes.to

Parish Announcements

2020 Church Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Pick up your box of envelopes today!

New Sunday Missals will be in the pews next weekend (Dec 1). If you would like your own copy, they are available for \$4 from the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office

Lourdes 2019 Car Raffle Pick up your tickets today!



This Year's Prize Board:

Grand Prize: 2019 Honda HR-V LX HS
(valued at \$27,057) or \$22,019 cash

2nd Prize: \$3,000 cash

3rd Prize: \$2,000 Cash

8 additional prizes of \$100 each

Raffle Draw: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Help us make this raffle a **HUGE** success! Pick up a book (or two) after Mass or from the Parish Office during the week. Tickets are available for \$10 each from our Welcome Desk.

Proceeds for the raffle will go towards the renovations of the Welcome Spaces of the church.
Pick up your tickets today!

Around the Archdiocese

Steve Bell Benefit Concert for Canadian Jesuits International | Dec 12 at 7:30pm | Knox Presbyterian Church, 630 Spadina Rd | Tickets \$20 | stevebell.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25

8:00 am Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [Parishioner]
 12:10pm Jorge & LOURDES Sievert + [Sievert Family]
 5:15 pm FEMY PASCUAL + [Rose & Glenn Kryzanowski]

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 am Angelo & ADEL Minervini + [Daughter]
 12:10 pm For Protection of Unborn Children [Claire Kavanagh]
 5:15 pm James Dowd + [Juliet Dowd]

Wednesday, November 27

8:00 am ELISA-BEATRICE – ELIZA B + [Anna Maria]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving – Ver & JOY Flores [Joy Flores]
 5:15 pm Rodolfo Gonzales + [Sonia Banaag]

Thursday, November 28

8:00 am BRUNA, BATTISTA & MARIA MINERVINI + [Sister]
 12:10pm PETRONA, Aniceto & MARIA Monge + [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm MARIA BENEDICTO + [Benedicto Family]

Friday, November 29

8:00 am Gaetano, MARIA & ANTONIETTA Giannantonio +
 [Family]
 12:10pm LANIE BARTOLOME + [Charismatic Group]
 5:15 pm TEODORA DE JESUS + [Violy B.]

Saturday, November 30

8:00 am The Good Shepherd [Joseph Markunas]
 12:10pm LUCIANA ALUMAGA + [Prescy A.]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Bryan Dill, Evelyn Masek, Rico Blanco
 Arsenio Domingo, Shirley Dalogdog, Valentin Mape
 Rosemarie Hawkins, Ernie Tolentino*

Children’s Ministries

Questions? Contact anna@lourdes.to or ext. 3295



Have kids?

We have a dynamic kids ministry at our Sunday 10am and 1130am masses. Our Welcomers would be happy to tell you about the program and guide you and your kids to Kids@Mass.

Visit www.lourdes.to/kids for more information on our children’s and sacramental preparation programs.

Social Outreach

Questions? Contact bill@lourdes.to or ext. 2556

Food Bank New Volunteer Info | *Are you available one weekday morning or afternoon per month to serve at our Food Bank?* Learn more about different ways to serve in this vital neighborhood ministry. | Info session on Thursday, November 28 at 1:30pm-2:30pm in Lynch Hall | RSVP/questions: foodbank@lourdes.to or 416-972-0630

Neighbourhood Events

#mindmatters: a St James Town series | Thurs, Nov 28, 4pm-6:30pm | 225 Wellesley St E @ The New Common | Let’s talk! What are some hard feelings you have faced? Drop by and connect with resources about how you can take care of your mental health and support the mental health of your friends and family. | All ages welcome, childminding available; snacks provided | Organized in a partnership of local St James Town and City of Toronto agencies.

Volunteer Opportunities

Preparations for Advent & Christmas: We have so much coming up and so much to do to prepare for Christmas – we could use your help! That includes decorating the church and halls, as well as helping with events like the Parish Christmas Party (December 8th) and Simbang Gabi (December 15th-23rd). Contact: anna@lourdes.to

Beauty from our Faith

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @LourdesToronto for inspiration throughout the week

“If Christ Jesus dwells within a person as his friend and noble leader, that person can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend.” ~Saint Teresa of Avila

Lourdes at a glance: the week of November 24 to 30, 2019

Sun 24	Mon 25	Tues 26	Wed 27	Thurs 28	Fri 29	Sat 30
<i>Feast of Christ the King</i> <i>Kids at Mass</i> <i>Sacramental Prep</i> RCIA						<i>Liturgical Ministries</i> <i>Workshop 11am – 3pm</i>