

### Children's Nativity Play

Is your child interest in participating in this year's Children's Nativity Play?

Rehearsals are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm
- Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm
- Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-7pm

The play takes place on Christmas Eve in the Church at 6:30pm, followed by the Family Mass at 7pm.

**Contact:** Romel & Ashley (via the Parish Office at 416-924-6257 or [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to))

### Christmas Schedule

**Simbang Gabi** | Nightly from Dec 15 to 23 | 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.

#### December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:30pm Children's Nativity Play followed by Mass  
8:30pm Tamil Mass  
12am Midnight Mass (Carols begin at 11:30pm)

#### December 25 - Christmas Day

Masses at 9am, 11am, 1pm

#### December 29 & 30 - Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 5:15pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am,  
1pm, 5pm (Tamil/English), 7pm

#### December 31 - New Year's Eve

7:30pm Mass  
12am Tamil Mass (Carols begin at 11:30pm)

#### January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 9am, 11am, 1pm

### Parish Events

**Seniors Day Program** | Ages 55+ | Friday, Jan 3 – 1pm-3:30pm | Lynch Hall | Lunch (\$2) & a Fun Activity | Contact 416-924-6257 or [bill@lourdes.to](mailto:bill@lourdes.to)

**Alpha** | Winter Alpha begins with the Come & See on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6PM in Lynch Hall | Visit [www.lourdes.to/alpha](http://www.lourdes.to/alpha) for more information.

### Remaining Advent Penance Schedule

#### Additional Confession Times During Advent:

- Saturdays 11am to noon and 4pm to 5pm
- Tuesday, Dec 17 11:30am to noon
- Thursday, Dec 19 4:30pm to 5pm
- Friday, Dec 20 4:30 pm-5pm
- Tuesday, Dec 24 11:30am to noon

The Lord is waiting – so come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his mercy!

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$3,000 cash  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 16**

8:00am Deceased Members of Cachero, Bernal & Fontanilla Family  
[Concepcion]

12:10pm Thanksgiving [Mila Dacanay]

5:15pm Francisco Kim & ELIZABETH Cho + [Juliana Cho]

**Tuesday, December 17**

8:00am BETH MENDIOLA BERN'S Intention  
[Rico, Gina & Gen]

12:10pm Fatty & ALMA Ismail + [Sophie Salve]

5:15pm David Sequeira + [Lynda Rodriguez]

**Wednesday, December 18**

8:00am Deceased Members of Guillermo & Barrete Family  
[Marcelina Barrete]

12:10pm LANIE BARTOLOME + [Charismatic Group]

5:15pm David Sequeira + [Maria]

**Thursday, December 19**

8:00am Thanksgiving – Helen Rivera's Birthday  
[Encarnacion Benemerito]

12:10pm Thanksgiving [Marilyn Cruz]

5:15pm AIDA + [Friend]

**Friday, December 20**

8:00am Fr. John Sullivan's Intention [Encarnacion Benemerito]

12:10pm Robert Parnell + [Yvonne Parnell]

5:15pm NORA & Patrick Moore + [Mary & Leo]

**Saturday, December 21**

8:00am Moises De Jesus [Violy B.]

12:10pm Luigi & ERILDA Montini + [Enzo Montini]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

*Bebe Ouano, Ping Zhao*

*Trinidad Salazar, Dondon Tortor, Art Ball*

**Jesuit Network Updates**

Two new **Windows on Theology continuous learning courses** are now open to the public for registration at **Regis College**. Understanding Sacred Space: Exploring Western Religious Architecture (led by architect Robert Chiotti; Wednesdays from Jan 15 to Feb 19, 6pm-8pm) and Ecological Wisdom: Righting Our Relationships With Each Other and the Earth (led by Dr. Mark Hathaway of the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice; Wednesdays from Feb 26 – April 1, 11am to 1pm) | Learn more or register at [regiscollege.ca/WOT](http://regiscollege.ca/WOT) | Contact: 416-922-5474 or [regis.communications@utoronto.ca](mailto:regis.communications@utoronto.ca)

**Parish Announcements**

**Seniors Day Program** – Thank you to everyone who attended the second Seniors Day Program on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as the volunteers! We had another great turnout. See you January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm for the next one!



**Social Outreach**

Questions? Contact [bill@lourdes.to](mailto:bill@lourdes.to) or ext. 2556

**Caroling to the Jesuit Infirmary** | Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> | Meet at Lynch Hall @ 12pm | Transportation to and from Pickering available | Return to Lourdes @ ~4pm | RSVP to [bill@lourdes.to](mailto:bill@lourdes.to) or 416-924-6257 x2556

**Beauty from our Faith**

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

*“And so let his mercy come to be in our hearts. His mother bore him in her womb; let us bear him in our hearts. The virgin was big with the incarnation of Christ; let our bosoms grow big with the faith of Christ. She gave birth to the Savior; let us give birth to praise. We mustn't be barren; our souls must be fruitful with God.” – St. Augustine*

**Lourdes at a glance: Week of December 15-21**

Sun 15	Mon 16	Tues 17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20	Sat 21
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent -Kids at Mass -RCIA -Sacramental Prep</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>1130am Confessions</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>Nativity Play Rehearsals 6pm</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>430pm Confessions</p> <p>Nativity Play Rehearsals 6pm</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>430pm Confessions</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>	<p>Caroling to the Jesuit Infirmary – 12pm</p> <p>Nativity Play Rehearsals 6pm</p> <p>Simbang Gabi – Mass at 7pm followed by Reception</p>