

What a Wonderful Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Lourdes Feast and all the festivities around it, such a great celebration. To see so many people, parishioners and visitors, praying together at our Feast Day Mass was inspiring. There was a wonderful spirit of generosity and warmth among people and it was a beautiful way to celebrate the gift of our Mother Mary. Thank you as well to everyone who helped make our February Fiesta such a success, it was a great evening and we could not have done it without the many, many volunteers throughout the day and evening. The party really brought out our community spirit and we are so happy to have had such a great turn out. Our gratitude also goes out to everyone who helped with the Novena and with the Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Finally, a prayer of gratitude for all the people who call our parish home. It is through your faith and God's grace that makes our parish a vibrant and welcoming community.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday | Wed, Feb 26 | Masses at 8am, 12:10pm, 5:15pm and 7pm.

The symbol of ashes is a reminder of our humanness and of the passage of time. Ashes symbolize our desire for God's mercy and compassion. They are an expression of our sorrow for our sins and of our desire to resist temptation in the future. Ashes will be distributed during each of our Masses on Wednesday, February 26th. In addition to our usual Masses at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:15pm, a Mass has also been scheduled for 7:00pm.

Fasting & Abstinence | Fasting is about how much or how little food we take in over a period of time. Abstinence has to do with the kinds of foods we deny ourselves. Fasting for religious purposes is used as an aid to concentration in prayer and helps develop a sensitivity to those in need. As a Church abstinence calls us (aged 14 years or older) to refrain from the eating of meat. Fasting allows only 1 full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and the evening. In addition, eating between meals is prohibited. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 – 59. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the required days of fasting and abstinence.

Lent 2020

Way of the Cross | Fridays throughout Lent at 7pm beginning Fri, Feb 28.

Lenten Penance Service | Wed, March 18 at 7pm.

Lenten Parish Mission | March 23, 24, and 25 at 7pm each evening in the Church | Theme: "Written on my Heart" Presenter: Michael Swan.

Lourdes 2019-20 Car Raffle Congratulations to the Winners!



Our List of Winners:

Grand Prize of a 2019 Honda HR-VLX or \$22,019 cash: Barry Stader, Ticket # 01861

2nd Prize of \$3,000: Fely Mawirat, Ticket # 02977

3rd Prize of \$2,000: Miriam Kelly, Ticket # 01224

8 Prizes of \$100.00

1. Romeo Omlang, Ticket # 05941
2. Antonietta Rabasca, Ticket # 01598
3. Marian Curtin, Ticket # 06667
4. Paddy Whelan, Ticket # 05481
5. Sr. Hazel Campayne, Ticket # 02088
6. Fr. Peter Siu, Ticket # 05562
7. Andrew Kennedy, Ticket # 02527
8. Antonino Albay, Ticket # 06590

The Raffle was a great success! We raised \$67,000 through ticket sales. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who distributed and sold tickets and encouraged everyone to help us out. And a special thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. We could not have done it without you.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17

8:00 am Mauro & JANE REYES + [Cyril Reyes]
 12:10pm EMILY DY PAC's Intention [Mary & Arnold]
 5:15 pm Robert Small + [Cora]

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 am David Sequeira + [Family]
 12:10 pm Laurentino, CRISANTA & Armando Moral +
 [Liza Mostaza]
 5:15 pm World Leaders [Corinne Brooymans]

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 am Lewis McLean + [Lynn Smart]
 12:10pm Special Intention [Anonymous]
 5:15 pm MONA PITT + [Eileen & Peter Lonergan]

Thursday, February 20

8:00 am Juan Celestial + [Edbert Celestial]
 12:10pm Esmeraldo & ISABEL Pardinias + [Family]
 5:15 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Corinne Brooymans]

Friday, February 21

8:00 am Robert Parnell + [Yvonne Parnell]
 12:10pm Epifanio Salve + [Family]
 5:15 pm CATHERINE WHELAN + [Ada]

Saturday, February 22

8:00 am Thanksgiving [Vielka Ostia]
 12:10pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Fernando Grey, Donald McDonald,
 Arturo Saraiva*

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.

Parish Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for the Family Day public holiday. Thank you and we wish all families in the Parish a blessed long weekend!

Bulletin Corrections

We value the accuracy of the information printed in the weekly bulletin. If you notice an error or typo, we would be grateful if you let us know by emailing bulletin@lourdes.to so that we can update the online version (available at lourdes.to/bulletin) and rectify the error in the following week's print bulletin. Thank you!

Parish Events

Alpha | Tuesdays 6-8pm in Lynch Hall.

Seniors Day Program | Ages 55+ | Fri, Feb 21 | 1-3:30pm, Lynch Hall and Library room.

Catholic Women's League Rummage Sale | Saturday, March 7 | 9am-2:30pm, Lynch and Bernadette Hall | Donations to the sale, such as small appliances or knick knacks, are most welcome. | Sorting of items will take place March 5 and 6. | Please bring donations to Lynch Hall on those days. | Please, no books or clothing.

Black History Month

St James Town Youth Centre Steel Orchestra and Singing Group | Fri, Feb 21, 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Concert in honour of Black History Month. All are welcome.

Social Outreach

Volunteer Tax Clinic | Sat, March 14, 10am-3pm | Please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257 for an appointment. A drop-off service is also available for the homebound – please contact the office.

New Day Hospice Program Seeking Volunteers | In partnership with Hospice Toronto we are currently exploring co-creating a day program for those with palliative diagnosis or a chronic illness. The program is tentatively scheduled for Thursdays 10am-3pm in the Parish Halls. | The next volunteer training sessions begin Thurs, Feb 27 | If interested, please contact: bill@lourdes.to or 416-924-6257 x2556. Thank you.

Beauty from Our Faith

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

"Be not afraid to tell Jesus that you love him; even though it be without feeling, this is the way to oblige him to help you, and carry you like a little child too feeble to walk."

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux