

## PASTOR'S NOTE 2024 NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Happy New Year OLOL (family) Community!

As we begin 2025, I want to take this opportunity to give thanks for all the blessings of the past year and look ahead with hope to this New Year.

I am so very grateful for our community at Our Lady of Lourdes. The generosity of spirit of our people who give so freely of their time and resources always humbles me. You continue to help to build up our Parish and serve our community and our neighbours. The community here at OLOL is more vibrant and diverse than ever. Over this past year our RCIA program has been well received and 15 new people will be welcomed into the Church at Easter. The more than 50 children who received their First Holy Communion remind us of the hope and faith we must foster in our young people.

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to be extremely generous to us. Through ShareLife, we received \$50,000 towards our food bank at OLOL. We thank the Archdiocese for their understanding of the socioeconomic challenges of our community and recognizing the need. Together we are living true to the universal themes of the Synod – communion, solidarity, Unity, Inclusivity and walking together in mission. With this new year, our work continues. We need all your talents and gifts and your presence to continue to build up the community at OLOL.

Over this past year, our Parish welcomed Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Alan Fogarty SJ, who bring a wealth of experience and helping day by day to build up Our Lady of Lourdes. With new energy and experience we are continuing to go deeper in sharing Ignatian Spirituality with our Parishioners and our community. Ignatian Spirituality helps us to center our faith in action, love and service for the Greater Glory of God. Inspired by St. Ignatius of Loyola, let us continue to ask for “the grace of an intimate knowledge of our Lord, who has become man for me, that I may love Him more and follow him more closely.” (Sp. Ex.#103)

The life of our Parish is our people; our Parishioners, our volunteers, our benefactors, all who together strive to build an inclusive community where love, humility and compassion guide us and where there is a space for all of us to grow in our faith.

As we start 2025, look around our Church, we had a summer of construction and many days where we asked for your patience as the physical aspects of our beautiful Church were renovated. We celebrated the completion of our sanctuary construction, and I hope that together we will enjoy this beautiful space which is open and welcomes us all. Protecting and restoring our Church will always be a priority.

As I wish you and your families a happy and blessed 2025, let us together as a community congratulate and pray for our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo.

Wishing you a healthy and happy new year.

Peace,

Fr. Mbugua, SJ, the Jesuits of Lourdes Community and the Parish Staff.

## JESUIT PRAYER



O God, give me the courage and strength to be worthy of being called a Christian.

*Karl Rahner, SJ*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - 8:30am to 5pm

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!  
Next date: **January 3, 2025**

Benediction will be at 5pm followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart at 5:15pm.

### NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**December 31st Daily Masses**  
8am & 12:10pm

**New Year's Eve**  
Tuesday, December 31st

**7:30pm - New Year's Eve Mass**  
**11pm - Holy Hour in Tamil language**  
**12am Mass in Tamil Language**

**Feast of Mary Mother of God -**  
**New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1st**

**9am; 11am; 1pm (Last Mass of the Day)**

### MARIA'S BEADS Rosary Making Group

All are welcome [all ages and abilities] to our rosary making group Maria's Beads. Come next Saturday January 11th at 1:00pm in Bernadette Hall. Beads and equipment will be supplied, and we can teach you how to start your own rosary making journey. This group is a perfect opportunity to express your creative gifts, make new social connections, and to grow in your devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. If you have any questions, please email John at [johnzamiska@gmail.com](mailto:johnzamiska@gmail.com). **See you there!**

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2025 CAR RAFFLE EVENT



**\$10**

**1st Prize:**  
2025 Honda HR-V LX 2WD CVT  
valued at \$30,000  
or \$29,810 CASH

**2nd Prize:** \$2,000.00  
**3rd Prize:** \$1,000.00  
**8 Prizes of \$100.00 each**

*Proceeds of the raffle will go toward the on-going improvements in the church.*



- Participants must be residents of Ontario and 18 years of age to purchase a ticket.
- Prizes will be drawn from highest to lowest value.

Draw Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025  
9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School  
444 Sherbourne St., Toronto, ON  
10,000 Tickets Printed  
Lic # M824319

## HOLY FAMILY PRAYER



**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

**Source:** Missionaries of the Holy Family, msf-america.org

### JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

AMEN.

### THANK YOU SHARELIFE

Our parish is happy to announce again that we received the amount of 50k for Our Lady of Lourdes Food bank. This was made possible because of your continued generosity to Sharelife. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or online donation at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org). Your compassionate generosity helps even more families in need, including those nourished through ShareLife's recently announced food programs.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION CLASS WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR UPSTAIRS, LIBRARY & LOYOLA HALLS.

### CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – 10AM – 1PM  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – CLOSED

OFFICE RESUMES ON JANUARY 2, 2025, AT 10AM.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, December 30

12:10pm Jude Mira + [Mira Family]  
Thanksgiving for Josefina Ramos + [Rose Avendano]  
5:15pm Manuel & Leona Oliver + [Lina Oliver]

#### Tuesday, December 31

8:00am Thanksgiving [Silva Family]  
12:10pm Jorge & Lourdes Sievert + [Sievert Family]

#### Wednesday, January 1

##### New Year's Day

#### Thursday, January 2

8:00am Thanksgiving for Lourdes & Babak Olaha [Sylvia M]  
12:10pm Rudy dela Vega + [Linda dela Vega]

#### Friday, January 3

12:10pm Prayers for 2025 Pilgrimage [Anonymous]  
5:15pm Fermin Linares + [Sophia Hawryluk]

#### Saturday, January 4

8:00am Chito Verdadero + [Estela Verdadero]  
12:10pm Gualdine & Naning Jolampong + [Leah]

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Danny Doherty, Rodnly La Point*

**A blessed New Year to all!!!**