



**JESUITS SPEAK**

*The only moment is the present moment we really have. It's where we are alive. It asks us 'Where is God now?'*

*Jim Manney*



**Our Lady of Lourdes**

520, SHERBOURNE ST. TORONTO,

INVITES

PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS TO  
OUR ADVENT RETREAT

**Jubilee of Hope in Uncertain Times**

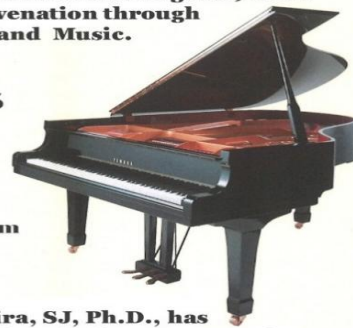
**This Jubilee invites us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." How do we build up resilience in order to grow in hope, faith, and love in Jesus?**

**Please invite your family and friends (even those who consider themselves spiritual but not religious) to an afternoon of spiritual rejuvenation through Science, Scripture, Piano, and Music.**

**November 22, 2025**

**3pm to 5pm  
in the Church**

**Followed by  
Anticipatory Mass at 5:15pm**



**Our preacher, Fr. Roy Pereira, SJ, Ph.D., has given talks around the world, including at Harvard University, Google Headquarters in the U.S., and Oxford University in the U.K. He is currently based at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.**



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
PARISH CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION  
Saturday, December 13, 2025  
1:30pm—4:30pm**

*Let us feel the joy and spirit of Christmas. A time to sing together and have your photo taken with Santa. Help us spread this joy and spirit of Christmas.*

**All are welcome.**

**PREPARATIONS FOR  
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**



The holy seasons of Advent and Christmas are soon upon us and many preparations to be completed in anticipation. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church, the halls, and help with events such as the Parish Christmas party. If you are free to join these community-building events, please contact the parish office at 416-924-6257, or at [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to)

**SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION**

This weekend, November 15 and 16 during all Masses, we will have the annual appeal for the Shepherds' Trust collection, in aid of retired priests. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**2025 World Day of the Poor:  
How Can We Live as Friends of the Poor?**

November 16 is World Day of the Poor in the Catholic Church. In this Message for the 2025 World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says: "We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us." Living as friends of the poor is what our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is trying to do for our most vulnerable neighbours. Learn more about the work of the Society and how you can help at [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)

**MARIA'S BEADS Rosary Making Group –**

Meeting next Saturday, November 22 at 1pm in Bernadette Hall.

All are welcome [all ages and abilities] to our rosary making group *Maria's Beads*. Come next Saturday, November 22 at 1pm 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)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

All CWL members and women of the parish 16yrs of age or older are invited to join us for an information session, presented by the executive members of the Toronto Diocesan Council, on **Saturday, November 29 from 9am to 12pm in the parish hall**. Come and learn more about the Catholic Women's League of Canada and how you can make a difference in your parish and community.



**Garden Awards 2025**

Our lovely garden around Our Lady of Lourdes Church was awarded as the best Community Garden in the City for 2025 by the City of Toronto. Congratulations to our Garden Ministry coordinated by Jo-an Davies!

## Our Lady of Lourdes 2026 Car Raffle Event



Coming soon!!!

**1st Prize:**  
2026 Honda HR-V LX 2WD CVT  
valued at \$38,195.29  
or \$30,300 CASH

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

**Draw Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School  
444 Sherbourne St., Toronto, ON  
10,000 Tickets Printed  
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**Ticket Price:** \$10 per ticket

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

- Participants must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Ontario to purchase a ticket and be eligible to win.
- Prizes will be drawn from lowest value to highest value.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES TORONTO**

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Lourdes-Development and Peace invites parishioners to its next monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30pm in Lynch Hall. We will be discussing plans to participate in the national Turn Debt Into Hope campaign, and as global leaders gather to confront the global climate emergency in Brazil we will discuss Pope Leo XIV's challenge to us all: **'If you want to cultivate peace, care for creation'**

### LECTOR INDUCTION CEREMONY

You are called to attend the **Commissioning of the Institution of Lectors**, which will take place during the **12:10 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 29, 2025**, at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The tradition of commissioning parishioners into the **Ministry of the Word** is well established in the Catholic Church, though it is being celebrated for the first time in our parish.

**All active Lectors and Lectors-in-information** are required to attend this important event. During the ceremony, each Lector will be invited to dedicate themselves to the service of the Lord, committing to **proclaim and live the Word of God** in both word and deed.

This celebration marks the beginning of what will become an **annual commissioning ceremony**, during which all parish Lectors will renew their commitment to the Ministry of the Word. In future years, this event will be observed on or near **September 30**, the **Feast of St. Jerome**, patron saint of Sacred Scripture.



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### Coming Soon: A New Way to Give!

We're excited to share that our church will soon have a **Tip Tap machine** – a simple and secure way to make donations using your credit or debit card.

It's quick, easy, and helps you continue supporting the amazing work God is doing through our parish and community.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and continued support!



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, November 17

12:10pm Benito, Primitiva, Sons & Daughters + [Pombo Family]

5:15pm Eileen & Lloyd Pilon + [Susan Pilon]

#### Tuesday, November 18

8:00am David Sequeira + [Sequeira Family]

12:10pm Deceased Members of Fonseca Family [Jason & Lovlyn]

#### Wednesday, November 19

12:10pm Dela Isla Family + [Marylou Dela Isla]

5:15pm Daniel Salamanca + [Elenita]

#### Thursday, November 20

8:00am Juanita Magday + [Sonia Banaag]

12:10pm Anna Colella + [Colella Family]

#### Friday, November 21

12:10pm Jia Lin Huang's Intention [Jose Lorenzo Caguimbal]

5:15pm Helen & Timothy Corley + [Lynn Smart]

#### Saturday, November 22

8:00am Stokes Family Intention [Anonymous]

12:10pm Intentions for all Daughters of Isabella [Daughters of Isabella]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
*Emmanuel Fernandez, Zenaida Guzman*