

## Vatican News Pope Leo XIV 18 January 2026

Speaking after the Angelus on 18 January, Pope Leo XIV recalled the origins of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins today and dates back two centuries. Recalling the origins of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last Sunday, "the initiative [ ] was "strongly encouraged" by Pope Leo XIII and, exactly one hundred years ago, was enriched for the first time by the *Suggestions for the Octave of Prayer for the Unity of Christians*.

The Pope recalled that the theme of this year's Week [was] taken from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"* (Eph 4:4). The prayers and reflections, he said, were prepared by an ecumenical group coordinated by the Department for Interreligious Relations of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

"I therefore invite all Catholic communities," Pope Leo XIV said, "to intensify their prayer during these days for the full, visible unity of all Christians."

May we continue to be conscious of and engage in ongoing prayer for the unity of all Christians.

### Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation



Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday February 1, 2026. Please come to the Parish Office during the week or to the Welcome Desk on Sunday to pick up the application form. It is important that the completed form be returned to the office by 25 January.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**

### JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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### VOCATION PRAYER FOR JANUARY

Heavenly Father, You gave Blessed William Ireland a heart to forgive his persecutors.

Through his intercession, grant us the same heart, so that we may be agents of reconciliation and inspire others to do the same in this Least Society.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Our Lady of Lourdes 2026 Car Raffle Event

**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**

**Ticket cost**  
**\$10 per ticket**

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

**Draw Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School  
444 Sherbourne St., Toronto, ON  
10,000 Tickets Printed  
Lic # M871590

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.

### CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

2025-2026	Week 7	2024-2025
<b>3,700</b>	<b>Tickets Distributed</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>\$7,300</b>	<b>Money Collected</b>	<b>\$7,800</b>

**MARIA'S BEADS Rosary Making Group** - Meeting next Saturday Jan 31 at 1pm in Bernadette Hall

All are welcome [all ages and abilities] to our rosary making group *Maria's Beads*. Come next Saturday Jan 31 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). See you there!

### Parish Announcement



You can make donations using TIP TAP through your debit or credit card. If you would like a tax receipt, or to include your donation with your regular donations, please register your card by scanning the QR code on the Tip Tap sign board and follow the instructions. Please note that you may tap any of the denominations multiple times to reach your desired level of contribution. You also need to register your phone in order to get tax receipt. The physical card number is different from the phone card number. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to the TIP TAP.

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11, 2026



Mass times followed by Rosary are

9am

12noon

3pm

6pm

### Novena Prayer

February 2 - February 10, 2026

at 11:30am

followed by 12:10pm Mass and Rosary

Sunday, February 8 Novena at 11:10am

All Masses will be live-streamed.



Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish  
African, Carribbean, Afro-Canadian Community

## 2026 ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS

Celebrating a History of Resilience through  
Faith-Driven Innovation

Saturday  
Feb 21 @ 2:00 PM

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish  
520 Sherbourne Street  
Toronto, Ontario

For more information please call (1-416-924-6257 ext 2556)



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every first Friday of the Month

Spend time with the Lord and Our Lady in quiet  
prayer **February 6, 2026**  
between 8:30am and 5pm

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

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation every first Friday of  
the month is from 11am till noon and 4pm till 5pm  
prior to the respective Masses.*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, January 26

12:10pm Virgilio & Emerita Cervantes + [Jennifer Mira]

5:15pm Souls of the Faithful Departed [Carina Sleghe]

#### Tuesday, January 27

8:00am Cecilia Samson's Birthday [Cecilia Samson]

12:10pm Felipe & Marcelina Calapatia + [Family]

#### Wednesday, January 28

12:10pm Juan Vega + [Cora]

5:15pm Sleghe Family Intention

#### Thursday, January 29

8:00am Edward Allen Perry + [Robin Yap]

12:10pm Celestino & Maria Benedicto + [Benedicto Family]

#### Friday, January 30

12:10pm Thanksgiving [Anjalina K, Children & Family]

5:15pm Thanksgiving [Vielka Ostia]

#### Saturday, January 31

8:00am Thanksgiving [Ashley Arvind]

12:10pm Lawrence Segun Aina's Birthday [Funmi Aina]

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Frank Nowell Crouse, Ray Anne Comilang*

*Prescillano Fabe, Lucia Anderson*

*Marriyadas Andres, Silveria Gutierrez*

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