



JESUITS SPEAK

One of the hardest truths about God for many of us to stomach is that Jesus died for the ungodly as well as the godly. Jesus died for everyone, including the worst sinners. Thank God that is true. Each of us knows that there are dark places within us that make us capable of great evil. Jesus died for those parts of us as well as for serial killers and rapists of the world.

William Barry, SJ

End of Life:

Planning, Accompanying and Caring Together



A four-week learning series on palliative care integrating Catholic teaching, medical expertise, and compassionate community support - for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of end of life care, especially those accompanying a loved one through serious illness. The program will be offered here at Our Lady of Lourdes on 4 Mondays from 6pm-8pm in the Library Hall on April 20, April 27, May 4, and May 11. To register contact the Welcome Desk after Mass on weekends or call the Parish Office during the week.



Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

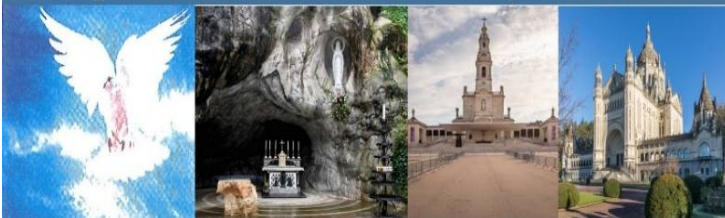
Under spiritual leadership of Fr. William Mbugua, SJ

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September 7-19, 2026 - 13 days - \$5,790



For more information and registrations, please call:

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Pastor's Easter message

Christ is Risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mary Magdalene stands crying while she bends over and looks in Jesus' tomb. Jesus stands near but she does not recognize him, believing He is a gardener. He then calls her by name: Mary!... She is overjoyed. She is inclined to hold Jesus close to herself. Her mission is to tell others. *'Jesus is not dead! He is alive! He has been resurrected!'* [cf John 20]

Jesus calls us by name: A precious Easter Blessing

Jesus *exclaims our name as a joyous welcome* no less than is true for Mary Magdalene. It is an invitation to loving friendship like no other and one for which our heart sings in response like Mary. She first wants to 'hang onto Jesus' but soon is excited to proclaim her good news to members of her beloved faith community. To hear the Lord Jesus call us by name sounds too good to be true and, of course, it is that kind of heartfelt knowledge. It is a calling for which our hearts long every moment of every day as it resonates with our fundamental life purpose. God's voice is found in many of our holy desires for union. God creates us to belong as members of his eternal family. Regrettably, too few of us are aware of this grace and, therefore, have no impetus to celebrate and share it as a gift.

Yet, what is God's hidden truth awakened, but that we realize God's love maintains us in existence with every breath that we take. As we take another breathe God chooses us now and now and now. We have nothing to attain or even learn. We do, however, need to unlearn some things so to become aware of God's loving presence in our lives. We human beings do not naturally see; we have to be taught how to see. Religion at its best teaches us how to see and be present to reality.

Mary Magdalene is truly a mystic seer and model for us to follow. By the depth of her affection search for Jesus, she has become our church's first witness to Christ risen. She looks for her buried friend, Jesus of Nazareth, at great risk to herself. She comes to the tomb alone and vulnerable. Her holy actions are rewarded in a surprising manner with a 'first encounter'. What of our first, second or third loving encounters with the Lord? It is the Lord Jesus, the one whom she loves, who wants to be known. It is Christ Jesus who wants to be loved by each of us; who 'needs us' to be messengers of this news with its 'Catholic' (universal) implications so that our lives become instruments of God's greening when Easter good-news heralds an ever-fuller life-giving way of living for all humanity.

This Easter morning shared with Mary is heralded full life for one and all human beings. Indeed, eternal life is offered. It has no end. To everyone it is given. We are invited to accept its life changing properties. In Christ, death's illusionary hold on our hearts is broken. Jesus' resurrection breaks open as a germinating seed all barriers between Himself, as holy desires are planted and full union with Him is made possible.

Christ is risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*A Blessed Easter to all from
Our Lady of Lourdes
Jesuit Community and Staff!!!*

CROWNING OF MARY




Join us on Friday, May 29th at 6pm in the church for the Crowning of Mary. The evening begins with a Mass in the church and continues with an outdoor procession of song to our outdoor Grotto (weather permitting). We will conclude the celebration with a small reception in Lynch and Bernadette Halls. Please join us for this evening of prayer, community and fun as we share in our affection for Mary, our Mother.

Children who have made their First Communion this year are invited to be part of the Crowning of Mary.

CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

2025-2026	Week 18	2024-2025
6510	Tickets Distributed	7340
\$26,790	Money Collected	\$33,140



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network 

APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

All Sunday Masses on April 12th will be celebrated for The Feast of the Divine Mercy. **NO 3pm Mass.**



Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Parish Bazaar
June 6, 2026
9am - 3pm

Come for the fun, find new treasures and enjoy the day with family and friends!

Silent Auction
9am—2pm

520 Sherbourne St.
 Sherbourne & Earl Sts.
 Church Parking Lot



VOCATION PRAYER FOR APRIL

Heavenly Father,

You gave St. Peter Canisius a burning zeal to catechize the people of Germany. Through his intercession, grant us the same zeal to teach the faith, so that others may know, love and follow you in the footsteps of St. Ignatius. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 23 - Confirmation*
- May 2 – Car Raffle*
- May 16 – Diaconate Ordination*
- May 29 – Crowning of Mary*
- June 6 – Parish Bazaar*
- June 20 – Parish Picnic*
- July 31 - Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola*
- August 19 – Relics of St. Bernadette visit OLOL Toronto*
- September 19-20– Parish Ministry Fair*
- September 26 – Pilgrimage to Canadian Martyrs*
- Sept 26 & Oct 3 – Marriage Preparation Course*

There will be NO 5:15pm Mass on Easter Monday, April 6th.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 6

- 12:10pm Margaret Njeri +
- 5:15pm **NO MASS**

Tuesday, April 7

- 8:00am Noranda Caraan + [Violy]
- 12:10pm Sabina Adamusiak's Birthday [Friends]

Wednesday, April 8

- 12:10pm Cesar Fallore + [Marie Celeste Fallore]
- 5:15pm Mario Palluzzi + [Jason P]

Thursday, April 9

- 8:00am Carmen Cabasa + [Roperto]
- 12:10pm Julieta Ilagan + [Anthony Macatangay]

Friday, April 10

- 12:10pm Thanksgiving [Eva Caldillero]
- 5:15pm Aloisa & Family Intentions [Carina Sleghe]

Saturday, April 11

- 8:00am Paul Jakubicki's Healing [Christina]
- 12:10pm Grzegorz's Healing [Grzegorz]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Myrtle Goonetilleke, Charito Palic, Ferdinando Reginato
Vicente Florentino, Juanita Gabriel, Myrtle Goonewardene
Harry Ogilvie, Rogelio Maquidato Sr, Jackie Wong