



Our new parish website has launched!
 Visit us at www.lourdes.to

Pastor’s Note:

In the last days of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week, the Church has us pray the “Preface of the Passion of the Lord.” One of its most beautiful parts is when it says, “For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgement on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified.”

How can we understand God’s judgement of the world through the Cross? The Cross shows us indeed that the Lord Jesus Christ did not come into the world to condemn it, rather to save it. With our Lord hanging on the Cross, God’s judgement is clear though difficult for us to believe. We are the Father’s beloved daughters and sons. We are the apple of God’s eye. We are so loved by God that he gave his only Son for the life of the world.

No matter how many times we hear the story of Christ’s Passion, we should let ourselves be so overwhelmed so as to be brought to our knees in gratitude. That our God refuses not to love each of us. Christ has already spoken earlier in the Gospel of what awaits him in Jerusalem – betrayal, violence, condemnation and death - and yet he still enters. Why? He enters for you, that you may be saved, that you may have life and life in abundance. He enters so you may know in your heart this incomprehensible love of God.

God Bless and Take Care! *Jn. John*

Our Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 18
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 19
Parish Way of the Cross 9:30am
Children’s Service at 11am
The Lord’s Passion 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – Saturday, April 20
Solemn Easter Vigil at 8pm
(Followed by Easter Bread Party)

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 21
 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am,
 1:00pm, 5pm (Tamil) & 7:00pm
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Join us **Monday, April 15 at 7pm in the church** for our communal Penance Service. There will be individual opportunities for Confession with one of the many priests present.

Additional Confession Times:

Tuesday, April: 11am-noon & 4-5pm
 Wednesday, April 17: 4-5pm
 Thursday, April 18: 6-7pm
 Saturday, April 20: 6-7pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 15

8:00 am Mervyn Fonseca + [Jason & Lovlyn]
 12:10pm Daniel Dy Pac + [Emily Dy Pac]
 5:15 pm LOURDINA FIGUEIREDO + [Jude & Elizabeth Dias]

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 am CAROL LEE's Intention [Agnes Kim]
 12:10 pm Benjamin Rinion + [Piedad Obispo]
 5:15 pm FLORENTINA SALVA + [Shirley]

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 am Youzas Markunas + [Joseph & Jerry Markunas]
 12:10 pm P.C. Thomas + [Mary Philip]
 5:15 pm AMY FEDERIS' Intention [Amy]

Thursday, April 18

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Raddy Bentijaba, Mary Vander-Hoeven
 Allan Buenaflor, Kay Rego, Teresita Lazo
 Cesar Campued, Don Morton, Fortunato Marquez*

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Altar of Repose: Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in private prayer and silent adoration. It will be located in the Library hall upstairs throughout the Easter Triduum. We want to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied throughout the days and so we ask you to sign up for an hour of prayer before the Altar of Repose.

Times:

Good Friday 9am – 3pm & 5pm – 9pm

Holy Saturday 9am – 8pm

Call 416-924-6257 to sign up, or e-mail us at info@lourdes.to

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Easter Bread Party: After our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, there will be a special party in Lynch Hall and Bernadette Hall. The gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and welcome our newly Baptized members. All are invited to gather and celebrate Easter Joy! **If you make bread or buns, or simply have a favorite kind, bring it along to share.**

A Note on Fr. Doug McCarthy: Fr. Doug broke his ankle earlier this year and needed corrective surgery. Recuperation and Physio is expected to last until mid to late June. Please keep him in your prayers.

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Children's Gospel Passion Play: Children are invited to participate in the *Children's Gospel Reenactment of the Passion* which takes place at our Good Friday Morning Service. Rehearsals take place April 16 & 17 at 6pm in the church. For more information, please call 416-924-6257.

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EASTER PLANT DONATIONS: Those who wish to donate Spring and Easter plants and flowers are invited to bring them to the church from April 15 to 20. A table will be set up by the Sacristy door all week for you to place them on. Thank you so much for helping us to beautify our church for Easter.

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Way of the Cross - Good Friday

Check out there different opportunities to join the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19:

Neighbourhood Way of the Cross: 8:00am in the church

Ecumenical prayer walk through the neighborhood

Lourdes Parish Way of the Cross: 9:30am in the church

Led by Fr John Sullivan, SJ

Tamil Way of the Cross: 7:30pm in the church

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Try Alpha

416-924-6257

Tuesday, April 23, 6pm

Is there More to Life than This?

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

It is ourselves we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, with the whole Christ—"for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"—so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.
 ~St. Andrew of Crete

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of April 14 to 20, 2019

Sun 14	Mon 15	Tues 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20
<i>Palm Sunday Kids at Mass RCIA 1st Communion Class</i>	<i>Penance Service 7pm [Many priests available to hear confessions]</i>	<i>Holy Thursday Choir Rehearsal 7pm</i>	<i>Good Friday Choir Rehearsal 7pm</i>	<i>Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm</i>	<i>Good Friday Way of the Cross 9:30am Family Service 11am The Lord's Passion 3pm</i>	<i>Holy Saturday Solemn Easter Vigil 8pm</i>