

**PASTOR’S NOTE:**

The first movie I saw in the theatre was Star Wars in the late 1970s. I remember being totally in awe of seeing battles in outer space, adventures on unknown planets and strange looking creatures playing music in a smugglers’ bar. I was definitely “Wowed” by the movie experience. Since then I’ve been a loyal fan of Star Wars, even of the movies that weren’t so good. To be “Wowed” is to be impressed, it often makes us a fan, supporter or customer. This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. When the Lord ascended to the Father, it seems to me to have been a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to “Wow” and thus to generate much excitement and total support.

If I were giving advice to the Lord on his ascension, I would have said that we need to make it a big show, to “Wow” the people of Jerusalem. Maybe ascending from the Temple. Maybe pick the busiest time of the day. And maybe ascend “with a shout . . . [and] the sound of a trumpet.” If this had been done, then I think all would have become followers of the Lord. They would have been so “Wowed,” so impressed that their support would’ve been guaranteed. And yet, this is not what the Lord did. Instead, Christ went out of Jerusalem, somewhere near Bethany, brought with him some of his disciples, taught them, blessed them and then ascended. The key to understand the actions of the Lord is to be found in the second reading. Saint Paul wrote, “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.” The Lord is not interested in “Wowing” us, is not preoccupied with impressing, rather he wants us to know who he is and who we are.

With the “eyes of your heart” we can come to understand that which is beyond understanding. We can glimpse the love of the Father for each of his children, of each of us. We live our normal lives. We go to work, we visit our friends, we dream of things probably never to be realized, we worry about our families, we relish moments of success and retreat from failure. We think we are just normal, everyday people, not too significant to the world or to God. And yet with the Ascension of the Lord, what does the Lord do? He brings our humanity into the very life of God.

He brings you into him. With the “eyes of your heart” we can understand a little bit more the love of God for each of us and we can understand who we are. We are not normal, everyday people, rather we are his beloved children. And this is the “glorious inheritance” he has given to each of you. God isn’t so interested in “Wowing.” He is interested in loving.

God Bless and Take Care. *Fr. John*

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**Celebrating Confirmation**

Join us on **Saturday, June 15** as young people in our parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass begins at **7pm** and will be followed by a reception in the lower halls. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the celebration of the sacrament.



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every 1st Friday of the Month  
From 8:30 am until 7pm.**

Come and spend some time in quiet prayer.  
Next date: **Friday, June 7, 2019.**

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**Parish Picnic - Mark the Date!** The picnic will take place **Saturday, August 3** in the afternoon. Details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Put the date in your calendar and plan to be there.

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***The gardening team would like to invite you  
to come gardening with us!***

- Join us Monday evenings 7-9 pm
- No experience necessary and we have the tools.
- Help us add beauty to our church and the neighbourhood.
- If you would like to join our friendly group or need more info Jo-An at 647 351 2627.

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**Fr. John’s Summer Schedule:**



In addition to being Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fr. John is also the Jesuit Director of Camp Ekon. Consequently, from June 29 through July and August, Fr. John will split his time between camp and Lourdes. He will be here every Sunday evening to Tuesday afternoon and will be up at the camp for the rest of the week. If you would like to make an appointment to see Fr. John, just call the parish office at 416-924-6257 to make an appointment. Fr. John is looking forward to it!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 3**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory + [Henriette Cudmore]  
 12:10pm Amado Tigno + [Evelyn & Family]  
 5:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Philip + [Alfred]

**Tuesday, June 4**

8:00 am Bienvenido Jose + [Marybel]  
 12:10 pm Matias Cristin Lee's Intention [Theresa]  
 5:15 pm Joseph Kaposi's Intention [Mike & Lydia Sherlock]

**Wednesday, June 5**

8:00 am Norberto Bentijaba + [Violy Bentijaba]  
 12:10 pm ADELE & Angelo Minervini + [Marcia, daughter]  
 5:15 pm VICTORIA Dy Pac + [Emily Dy Pac]

**Thursday, June 6**

8:00 am Families of Germaine MacDonald + [Ada MacDonald]  
 12:10pm Germaine MacDonald + [Ada MacDonald]  
 5:15 pm MISS DY PAC + [Mary Walsh]

**Friday, June 7**

8:00 am VISITACION & Eulogio Potes Sr & Jr + [Family]  
 12:10pm Maria, Gaetano & Antonietta Giannantonio + [Family]  
 5:15 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Cora Balatero]

**Saturday, June 8**

8:00 am Marastoni Fabrizio, Pellegrini Renza & Ornella Francesco + [Stefano Marastoni]  
 12:10pm Olyfunke Omotuyi + [Funmi Aina]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

*Dolores De Guzman, John Matis & Marie Marthe Juneau*

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**Marygrove Camp Collection:** Next weekend there will be an opportunity for those of you who may wish to contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul's Marygrove Camp. Envelopes will be made available in your pews and we ask you to please place your envelopes in the Offertory basket with the regular Offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Niagara Falls Pilgrimage**

Join St. John the Baptist Parish, for their annual Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls on Saturday, July 13 8:45am - 6pm. The cost is \$30. Please bring your own Food. For more info or for tickets, call Carlos 416-360-7005

# Looking to Get Involved?

**Great!**

Learn more by visiting us online at [www.lourdes.to](http://www.lourdes.to)

On our website you can:

- Learn more about **volunteer opportunities** in the parish
- Family Teams (Kids@Mass, Sacramental Prep, and more)
- Outreach Teams (Food Bank, Elderly Visitation, and more)
- Liturgical Teams (Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers)
- And more
- Sign up to **start serving**
- Learn more about **Alpha**
- Find a **group** that's right for you

Or call the office at 416-924-6257 or email [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to) and a member of our team will be happy to answer any questions.

**We can't wait to connect with you!**

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**BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH**

*Humility consists, not in condemning our conscience, but in recognizing God's grace and compassion.*

~ St. Mark the Ascetic

<b>Lourdes @ a glance: the week of June 2 to 8, 2019</b>						
<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Tues 4</b>	<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Thurs 6</b>	<b>Fri 7</b>	<b>Sat 8</b>
<i>Feast of the Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Kids at Mass</i> <i>Confirmation Class</i>		<i>Alpha 6pm How does God Guide us?</i>		<i>Edge</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	