

I'm Walkin' For Lourdes

**Saturday, September 21
10am to 12 noon**

Fr. John is leading our parish walkathon – and he’s calling you to join in the fun. Whether you have a quick step or are more casually inclined, we hope to see you there.

You can walk as a single participant or as part of a team for the Team Challenge. A team consists of five people, including yourself.

Register for the Walk by filling out a form available at the entrances of the church on Sundays or through our Parish Office during the week. Don’t forget to take you pledge form with you when you register. Any pledge of \$25 or more is eligible for a tax receipt from the church. ***If you unable to join us for the Walk, but would like to sponsor Fr. John, you can sign his pledge sheet at our tables on Sunday or at the Parish Office during the week.***

All proceeds of the Walk will go to the Parish for ongoing maintenance projects and parish programs. It promises to be a fun day with prizes for those gathering the most pledges and and thank you BBQ at the end of the Walk.

*So call up your friends and family,
sign up your pledges,
do up your shoe laces
and come out to walk for Lourdes.*

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Thank You to our Summer BBQ Crew!

Thanks to everyone who helped out in offering hospitality after Mass throughout the Summer. The delicious BBQ and other tasty treats was a fun way of celebrating the wonderful weather and sharing in the gift of community. And while the primary purpose was to offer some friendship after Mass, this amazing group of volunteers raised \$5,012 over the summer for the parish. Great job!

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Hurricane Dorian Relief

Last week, Hurrican Dorian devastated the Bahamas, and caused significant damage in Nova Scotia and along the Atlantic coast of the United States. As the hurricane moved across the Bahamian island of Abaco, it destroyed much of its buildings and infrastructure. More than 70,000 people are expected to need emergency assistance, including food, shelter, electricy and safe drinking water. This weekend there will be an opportunity for those who wish to contribute something to the Archdiocesean relief collection. Envelopes can be found in the pews today during all of our Masses and contributions may be placed in the baskets during our regular Offertory Collection.



Are you considering become Roman Catholic? We’ve got just the thing – the **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults.**

September 15, 2019 until Easter – April 12, 2020
***Every Sunday beginning with the 11:30 am Mass,
followed by a small group session
with the RCIA team in one of our parish halls***

The **RCIA** is designed for adults and is a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation— Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist— and Reception into the Roman Catholic Church.

If you are ready to deepen your love of Jesus Christ and move towards the experience of his Grace through the sacraments and his Church, we are ready to accompany you. And it all starts today Sunday, September 15. For more details, call us at 416-924-6257 or email info@lourdes.to

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**Notice to Parents: Sacramental Prep Classes for Kids
Now Offered at the Church!**

Calling all parents! Sacramental Prep classes that were previously offered to elementary school students at Our Lady of Lourdes School are now being offered here at the church! We have some great programs and a wonderful team waiting for your child.

If your children are in Grade 2 or Grade 7, or if they have not made their ***First Communion, First Confession, or Confirmation*** then this is a wonderful opportunity for them to receive the Sacramental Preparation here at the Parish. Children who attend any school are welcome to join the programs.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office about registration at 416-924-6257 or info@lourdes.to
Thank you!

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Novena to the Canadian Martyrs

We invite you to join us in praying the Novena to the Canadian Martyrs from Tuesday, September 17 to Wednesday, September 25. **The Novena will take place in the church Monday through Friday at 4:30pm.** Our prayer together will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 16

8:00 am JANET HANES + [Family]
 12:10pm Special Intention [Thona Conception]
 5:15 pm SERAPIA DATU + [Leonila Marnelego]

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 am Yuan's Brother + [Family]
 12:10 pm Jesus Rey, MILADY & GENIE Apolinario + [Maria Luz]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving for all the Blessings Received [Gloria]

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm Lyndon Hector + [Mum]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for Ann Maria [Parents]

Thursday, September 19

8:00 am OLGA & Pavle Grubisic + [Elena]
 12:10pm Thanksgiving – San Espirito [Laura Evans]
 5:15 pm Victor De Leon Reyes + [Diorah Aldana]

Friday, September 20

8:00 am Pedrito Dula + [Lucina Dula]
 12:10pm Sr. MARIE MacNAMARA, CSJ Birthday [June Williams]
 5:15 pm Winnie Thomas & Jimmy Carruthers + [Mary & Leo]

Saturday, September 21

8:00 am Francisco Completo Sr. [Francisco Completo Jr.]
 12:10pm Howard & ISABELLE Tate + [Jim & Barb Doyle]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Virgilia Villarosa Chua, Charlito Salazar
 Encarnacion de Vega, Herwina Fernando
 Cesar Raquel Balmaceda, Katherine Sorhaindo
 Anthony Marhong, Samuel Patrick Brown*

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**Food Bank - Thanksgiving Food Drive
 October 5 & 6**

The Lourdes Food Bank is organizing its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year it will be held before and after Masses the weekend of October 5 & 6. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, packages). Volunteers are needed to help collect donations at the doors of the church. If you would like to volunteer to help out before and after one of the Masses, please contact us at info@lourdes.to. Lourdes Food Bank, located on the ground floor of the 275 Bleecker St apartment building, provides an important ministry to the St James Town community, serving as many as 250 people per week, including many families that are new to Canada. We are grateful for your continued support.

St James Town Festival - Thank You & Congratulations:

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with and to those of you who took part in the 2019 St James Town Festival on Saturday, September 7th at the parkette near the Food Basics. We were so glad to be able to extend our church's welcome to the wider St James Town community in a small way by having an Our Lady of Lourdes tent. It was also great to see so many volunteers from Lourdes sharing their time, energy & talents helping to set-up and clean-up, as well as run some of the Kids activities and provide other support.

We would also like to congratulate one of our parishioners, **Wannason Sinnathurai**, for winning the Youth Scholarship Award. Well done, Wannason!

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**Praying for the Care of God's Creation
 Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home**

Pope Francis' Encyclical –Laudato Si' is available from the Welcome Desk for \$10. Discover what Pope Francis has to say about how we are shaping the future of our planet. The encyclical is written with both hope and resolve and invites all to be good stewards of God's creation. You can also read it on line, just go to the Vatican website: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

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We're running our **Alpha Tuesday nights at 6pm**. Each evening involves food, fun and friendship! Each week begins with supper, followed by a talk on a different aspect of the Christian faith and small group sharing – where questions are welcome and those looking, will find an experience of community and belonging. Join us!

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

Refer everything that you do to God; strive to offer Him all the good you find in yourself, acknowledging that this comes from God, and thank Him for it.

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of September 15 to 21, 2019						
Sun 15	Mon 16	Tues 17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20	Sat 21
20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kids at Mass		Novena 4:30pm Alpha – Who is Jesus? 6pm	Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:30pm	Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:30pm	Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:30pm	Parish Walk-a-thon 10 am