

**Notice to Parents:  
Sacramental Prep Classes for Kids  
Now Offered Here in 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](mailto:info@lourdes.to) Thank you!

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**BLESSING OF PETS: Sunday October 6 at 3:00pm** we will bless cats, dogs, birds and any pets you wish. Simply bring them on a leash or in a cage to the **Patio at the back of the church.**

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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](mailto: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.

**Join 1,000 Catholics at the  
Archdiocese of Toronto's  
Federal Election Debate**

**Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
John Bassett Theatre (Metro Toronto Convention  
Centre) 255 Front St. W.  
And Four other viewing Locations**

[www.archtoronto.org/election](http://www.archtoronto.org/election)

You are invited to be a witness to Catholic engagement in society and to learn more about the major political parties' platforms by attending the Archdiocese of Toronto's first-ever federal election debate.

Representatives from the major political parties will discuss how they plan to address issues of importance to Canada's Catholic community—some topics include poverty, life issues, Christian persecution and climate change.

Cardinal Thomas Collins will lead us in prayer and reflect on the election at the beginning and the end of the evening. Don Newman, an award-winning journalist with decades of experience facilitating political discussions, will moderate the debate.

While the tickets for the debate at the Metro Convention Centre are already taken, *four viewing locations have been added at Holy Spirit Parish in Barrie, St. Edward the Confessor Parish, in North York, St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Oshawa and St. Mary's Parish in Brampton.* Claim your free tickets by visiting the Archdiocese's federal election site at [www.archtoronto.org/election](http://www.archtoronto.org/election) where you will find a link to the ticket registration page. There is a four ticket per person limit, so don't delay – tickets are going fast.

Also, on the Archdiocese of Toronto election website are backgrounders, infographics and videos. These resources are intended to help you discern your vote. The archdiocese hopes that every eligible Catholic will be informed on the issues and will cast a ballot on election day, October 21, 2019.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 30**

8:00 am JANG SUNG + [Juliana Cho]  
 12:10pm Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [10am Mass Team]  
 5:15 pm WEENA LEJARDE + [Eveline Lim]

**Tuesday, October 1**

8:00 am ELIZABETH & John Cho + [Juliana Cho]  
 12:10 pm Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ +  
 5:15 pm Frank & WANDA Lisowski + [Daughters]

**Wednesday, October 2**

8:00 am Paul Adams + [Vicky Adams]  
 12:10 pm Sunny Paul + [Mary Philip]  
 5:15 pm MARIA dos Anjos Tavares Ponte + [Celia]

**Thursday, October 3**

8:00 am Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [5:15 Mass Volunteers]  
 12:10pm Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi [Joseph Kaposi]  
 5:15 pm WEENA LEJARDE + [Mary & Leo]

**Friday, October 4**

8:00 am Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ + [Norm & Evelyn Purdy]  
 12:10pm Edilberto Lazaro + [Lazaro Family]  
 5:15 pm William & JOAN Kearns + [Cora Balatero]

**Saturday, October 5**

8:00 am NORANDA CARAAN + [Violo]  
 12:10pm ROSARIO SALVE + [Salve Family]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

*John Kimber, Erminia Bayubay, Chrysanthus Egbert,  
 Jacquelyn McEnaney, Benigno Miranda,  
 Severino Bartolome Sr., Virgilio Del Rosario, Angelina Aguilar  
 & Azucena Ablona*

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**Needs of the Church in Canada Collection:** Next weekend, for those who wish, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the **Need of the Church in Canada Collection**. Envelopes will be in the pews during all of our Sunday Masses. Please put your offering in the collection basket during the Offertory Collection. *Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.*

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**Centering Prayer Group At Lourdes**

Are you interested in learning about Christian meditation? We have a group at Lourdes who meets weekly, on Friday mornings from 10:30 am to noon in Loyola Hall, to pray in silence together. We welcome all who might be interested in deepening their prayer life in this way. For more information contact Elyse Strathy: strathy@sympatico.ca

*Season of Creation  
 Ecumenical Service*

To bring the Season of Creation to a close, there will be an ecumenical prayer service and reception at St. Basil's Church, 50 St. Joseph St., Friday, October 4 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Hosting the evening are the Archdiocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, Mary Ward Centre, Jesuit Forum, Global Catholic Climate Movement and the Native People's Mission. Children are invited to bring a stuffed animal and join in the opening procession, representing the diversity of nature. If you have any questions please contact Wendy McCreath at [wendymccreath@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymccreath@hotmail.com)

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**A Day Pilgrimage:** Join us on Saturday, November 2 for a special pilgrimage to *Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine* in Buffalo, New York. Assembly time is 7:30 am and we will return to Lourdes by 8 pm. Fare is \$65.00 per person/ \$50 per child. Bring a bag lunch and please remember to bring **a valid passport**. For more information call or text Adele @ 647-522-1958. Proceeds go to the Parish.

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**ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS DINNERS**  
 Our annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Dinners will be held in the Parish on **Friday, December 13** for couples and singles and on **Saturday, December 14** for families with Children. At the time of registration, Date of Birth, and Identification will be required for everyone planning to attend. **Registration will take place in Lynch Hall at the following times:**

**Wednesday, October 9, 5-8 pm**  
**Thursday, October 10, 5-8 pm**  
**Friday, October 11, 6 -8 pm**  
**Saturday, October 12, 1 – 4pm**

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**BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH**

*If you wish to end your undertakings happily, learn how to give yourself up to them without desiring any return to yourself..*

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of September 29 to October 5, 2019						
Sun 29	Mon 30	Tues 1	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Kids at Mass RCIA		Alpha – How Can I Have Faith? 6pm			Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	