

Fr. John’s *From the Pastor’s Desk* is unavailable this week. Up at the camp, Poor Fr. John got stuck in the woods, with no signal to call or e-mail us. Hope you enjoy this brief excerpt from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation – *Evangelii Gaudium* – The Joy of the Gospel

Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good. In this regard, several sayings of Saint Paul will not surprise us: “The love of Christ urges us on”; “Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel”

Evangelization takes place in obedience to the missionary mandate of Jesus: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”. In these verses we see how the risen Christ sent his followers to preach the Gospel in every time and place, so that faith in him might spread to every corner of the earth.

The word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him “to go forth”. Abraham received the call to set out for a new land. Moses heard God’s call: “Go, I send you” and led the people towards the promised land. To Jeremiah God says: “To all whom I send you, you shall go”. In our day Jesus’ command to “go and make disciples” echoes in the changing scenarios and ever new challenges to the Church’s mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary “going forth”. Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.

The Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy. The seventy-two disciples felt it as they returned from their mission. Jesus felt it when he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and praised the Father for revealing himself to the poor and the little ones. It was felt by the first converts who marvelled to hear the apostles preaching “in the native language of each” on the day of Pentecost. This joy is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed and is bearing fruit. Yet the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present. The Lord says: “Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out”. Once the seed has been sown in one place, Jesus does not stay behind to explain things or to perform more signs; the Spirit moves him to go forth to other towns.

God’s word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps. The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

The Church’s closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; “communion and mission are profoundly interconnected”. In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.

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Working on our Organ: Phase I of the refurbishing of our church organ will take place from July 8 to September 30. You will recall that the funds to start this long overdue work on our heirloom Casavant Organ were raised from our 2013 Car raffle. We could not have begun this work without your generous support during the car raffle. Thank you for your support of the parish and for everyone’s patience during the work to be done.

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Parish Picnic - Mark the Date! The picnic will take place **Saturday, August 16** 11am to 6pm at Woodbine Beach Park (Area 2). Join the fun and games as we have some great activities planned – prizes and treats – something for everyone, including free t-shirts. It’s Pot-luck, so bring something to share and we’ll provide BBQ hot-dogs, corn, watermelon and chips. Bring along a lawn chair or a mat to sit on and don’t forget the sunscreen. Please call the Parish office at 416-924-6257 or email us at parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca to let us know if you will be coming (so that we can estimate how many hot-dogs we’ll need).



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SHARELIFE CONCLUDES JULY 31ST

Once again, our Parish has been most generous. Our attentiveness to the needs of the vulnerable is a manifestation of God’s Love in our midst. We are grateful to all our donors. If you have not made your contribution to *ShareLife* you can still do so before July 31st.

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**Catholic Cemeteries
Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 13, 7pm**



Our Catholic Cemeteries are sponsoring the annual Mass for the Faithful departed on Wednesday, August 14 at 7pm. Cardinal Collins will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Rev. Edward Murphy will celebrate Mass at Mount Hope, Toronto and Bishop Boissonneau will celebrate Mass at Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 14

8:00 am Thanksgiving – Birthday [Armela]
 12:10 pm Hermina Veracruz Punzalan + [Sto. Niño Prayer Group]
 5:15pm Thanks to St. Kateri Tekakwitha [Joseph Kaposi]

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 am Pacifico Torio + [Gloria Torio]
 12:10 pm Beatriz Ouano Villaceran + [Mila Santiago]
 5:15 pm Beatriz Villaceran + [Brenda Semblante]

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am
 12:10 pm Ophelia Dorothy Miranda + [Fanny Quimson]
 5:15 pm Lourdes Librea + [Girlie]

Thursday July 17

8:00 am Sofia Lising + [Erlinda Lising]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Mardie Belen]
 5:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Soosaipillai + [Alfred]

Friday, July 18

8:00 am
 12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Lela, for healing [Sinisa Balen]

Saturday, July 19

8:00 am Paul Walsh & Francis Costello + [Mary & Leo]
 12:10 pm Thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes [Joseph Kaposi]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Remedios Castulo & Romeo Valentino Porca

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Mission Co-op: This weekend at all of our Sunday Masses, Brother Paul Desmarais S.J., Director of Kasisi Agriculture Training Center (KATC), will be visiting and informing us about his groundbreaking work with poor farmers in Zambia. The project has recently received an UNDP Award – the Equator Prize for Sustainable Land Management in Sub-Saharan Africa. Br. Paul and Canadian Jesuits International will also be available after all the Masses to answer questions and hear more about their work. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to contribute to Br. Paul’s work through the Mission Co-op collection. Envelopes will be found in the pews and donations may be placed in the collection basket during our regular Offertory Collection.

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Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs in Midland, Ontario is scheduled for Saturday, **September 27. Tickets will be available from the Parish Welcome Desk and the Parish Office beginning next week.** Our tickets this year will sell for **\$30.00 each.** Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Youth Meet & Greet

"Discover your beautiful purpose in life"

Calling all youth, ages 12 – 21, to come out on Saturday, July 19, 2014 10 AM - 1 PM in the Library. Get to know other youth of the parish and have some fun through a Meet-&-Greet, discussion, and worship! PLUS, FREE food will be served! Register today by calling the Parish office at 416-924-6257 or email us at parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca OR contact Jojo & Rosa Dizon @ 416-434-9381.

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Sacramental Preparation: Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on preparation for any of the Sacraments, call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

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Sacramental Catch-up Classes

First Reconciliation & First Communion: Ages 7 to 13

Saturdays 10 am to 11:30 am in the Library

The program begins in October. To register your child, please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

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Are you considering become Roman Catholic? The **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or RCIA is for you. The RCIA is designed for those who are thinking about or would like to be Baptized and for those who have been baptized but not Confirmed. It offers a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist) and Reception into the Roman Catholic Community. The program runs from September to Easter. If you would like to know more, please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.



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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God’s compassionate love for others.”

~ St. Clare of Assisi

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of July 13-19						
Sun 13	Mon 14	Tues 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18	Sat 19
15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Baptism Orientation 6pm		Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel			