

Please enjoy the following excerpt from Pope Francis’ new Encyclical: *Laudato Si’*

**A UNIVERSAL COMMUNION:**

The created things of this world are not free of ownership: “For they are yours, O Lord, who love the living” (*Wis* 11:26). This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. Here I would reiterate that “God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement”.

This is not to put all living beings on the same level nor to deprive human beings of their unique worth and the tremendous responsibility it entails. Nor does it imply a divinization of the earth which would prevent us from working on it and protecting it in its fragility. Such notions would end up creating new imbalances which would deflect us from the reality which challenges us. At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure. Certainly, we should be concerned lest other living beings be treated irresponsibly. But we should be particularly indignant at the enormous inequalities in our midst, whereby we continue to tolerate some considering themselves more worthy than others. We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing off their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet. In practice, we continue to tolerate that some consider themselves more human than others, as if they had been born with greater rights.

A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: “Praised be you my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love”. Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.

Moreover, when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one. It follows that our indifference or cruelty towards fellow creatures of this world sooner or later affects the treatment we mete out to other human beings. We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with

other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is “contrary to human dignity”. We can hardly consider ourselves to be fully loving if we disregard any aspect of reality: “Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually without once again falling into reductionism”. Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

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***Building Up the City of God  
Our Lady of Lourdes Capital Campaign***

As July begins, we are closing in on the \$1 million mark – two-thirds of our goal! Fantastic! We will continue to have information tables for our Capital Campaign set up at the entrances of the Church this weekend. You can pick up a brochure detailing the Campaign. If you have any questions regarding the Campaign, the pledge period, setting up a visit or making a contribution to the Campaign, we can help. So don’t be shy – stop by and say hello!

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**Parish Picnic - Mark the Date!** The picnic will take place **Saturday, July 25** 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](mailto: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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**Fr. John’s Summer Schedule:** As many of you know, 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!

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**Parish Bazaar:** A big thank you to everyone who helped out and joined us for our Parish Bazaar on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a beautiful day and lots of fun. We raised \$15,631.50. Fantastic! The winner of our one day 50/50 Raffle was Caridad Tomas with a jackpot of \$347.00. The winning number was #617910. Congratulations and many thanks to everyone who helped make the raffle a success by selling and buying tickets on the day of the bazaar.

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Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs’ in Midland, Ontario is scheduled for **Saturday, September 26. Tickets are available from the Parish Welcome Desk and the Parish Office.** Our tickets this year will sell for **\$30.00 each.** Seats will be available on a first come, first served basis.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, July 6**

8:00 am Sr. Michelle Boissonneault's Intention [J.J. Stone]  
 12:10 pm Paul & Flora Sim + [Cecilia Sim]  
 5:15pm Joseph Kaposi's Intention [Mike & Lydia Sherlock]

**Tuesday, July 7**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]  
 12:10 pm Patria Palaña's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday [Julie Pombo]  
 5:15 pm Briant Duncan + [Suzanne & Ken Phillips]

**Wednesday, July 8**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory + [Henriette Cudmore]  
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving – Good Health & Graces Received  
 [Annabelle & Eleno]

5:15 pm Michael Cajetan Fernandes + [Crystal Fernandes]

**Thursday, July 9**

8:00 am Filomeno San Pedro + [San Pedro Villarosa Family]  
 12:10 pm John & Daphne Dyer + [Angela Langmead]  
 5:15pm Norman Greer Sommer + [Norman James Sommer Jr.]

**Friday, July 10**

8:00 am Maria Sun + [Family]  
 12:10 pm Enrique Gutierrez + [Sally and Teresita]  
 5:15pm Anna Pavkovic's Intention - Thanksgiving  
 [Millie Dolanjski]

**Saturday, July 11**

8:00 am Paul Walsh & Francis Costello + [Mary & Leo]  
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Oliver Family]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**Fr. Michael Stogre, S.J., Remedios Condat  
 & Paul Allan Julian**

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**SHARELIFE CONCLUDES JULY 31:** Once again, our Parish has been most generous. We are grateful to all our donors. If you have not made your contribution to *ShareLife* you can still do so before July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed  
 Wednesday, August 12, 7pm**

Our Catholic Cemeteries are sponsoring the annual Mass for the Faithful departed on Wednesday, August 12 at 7pm. Cardinal Collins will celebrate Mass at Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, Rev. Msgr. Paul Zimmer will celebrate Mass at Mount Hope, Toronto and Bishop Nguyen will celebrate Mass at Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga. All are welcome!

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**Weekend of Engaged Discovery:** Your prayers are requested for members of our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. These engaged couples are meeting this weekend here in our church halls for the *Weekend of Engaged Discovery*. May this time be grace-filled for all those preparing for marriage and for the team couples helping to facilitate the weekend.

**St. Michael's Cathedral Closed for Renovations**

Many of you will be aware that St. Michael's Cathedral is closed due to the renovations taking place. The closure should be in effect for the next nine months with exceptions during the Christmas and Easter Seasons. During that time, we can expect visitors to our parish who would normally attend Masses at the Cathedral and we ask everyone be mindful of those in need of directions or in search of information. We extend a warm Lourdes welcome to anyone who might be visiting our parish! Please don't be shy about introducing yourself to one of our Sunday Welcomers or Parish Priests.

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**The Seven Deadly Sins & the Seven Lively Virtues**

Our Catholic Women's League invites you to a DVD presentation by Fr. Robert Barron (creator and host of the popular Catholicism Series) about Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues and how we encounter them in our daily lives. Fr. Barron looks at each of the deadly sins and how the love of Christ frees us from them and enables the lively virtues to grow with us. The viewing will take place **Sunday, July 19 at 2pm in Lynch Hall.**

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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, yourself are, 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 Mid-August 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**

*"You know that it is not the noise we make in our lives, or the things we see, that count, but the love with which we do the will of God."*  
 ~ St. John XXIII

<b>Lourdes @ a glance: the week of July 5-11</b>						
Sun 5	Mon 6	Tues 7	Wed 8	Thurs 9	Fri 10	Sat 11
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						Baptisms