

**Pastor's Note:**

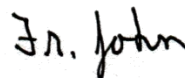
The Psalmist writes "Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad." While none of us would say this statement is untrue, many of us live in a way that seems to say that the love of God is not enough. I think it just seems that way because in reality it is not that God's love is not enough, it is that we don't seem to have a sense of it and a feel of it in our lives. I remember when a time when people would ask me about different things, like hockey, school, a job; I always felt the need to exaggerate. I exaggerated, not because I enjoyed lying or not telling the whole truth, but because I felt the truth of who I was wasn't so impressive and therefore not so loveable. I desired to be filled "with your love, O Lord," but I resisted it at every turn. I thought I had to make myself into a 'somebody' in order to be loved by others and by God. In this way, I lacked faith, I lacked faith that God knew what he was doing when he died on the cross for me. It is this life of choice, of choosing to accept the Father's love instead of the impossible task of earning it that lays at the heart of this week's Gospel.

In St. Mark's Gospel we have the story of Jesus and the rich young man. We know that the rich young man is a good man—he has followed the commandments since his youth. We also know that he lacks one thing—"go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When the young man heard this he "was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions." The wealth of the young man gave him a status, a sense of worth with those around him. In his community, he was indeed a 'somebody'. It's like when we see someone driving in an expensive car. We may say to ourselves, "I wish I were him/her." In the Gospel, Jesus is not condemning possessions. He is offering us the love of the Father. The Gospel says that "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." He was not angry, he did not judge. He simply offered love. The young man said no. The thought of losing his status or his worth in the eyes of others was too much of a risk. He knew what he had and even though he desired something more and different, he couldn't let go.

In our own lives, sometimes we build for ourselves little worlds. And in these little worlds we know who we are. In our families, maybe we are the 'success story' or maybe we are the 'black sheep.' In the work place, maybe we're the favorite of the boss, or maybe we're without a job. In the classroom, maybe we're the envy of others, or maybe we just can't seem to 'do math.' Maybe in our later years we feel fully engaged in the world around us or maybe we feel left behind. In all these things, be it smooth sailing or a rocky road, we can forget

the love of the Father which Jesus offers. Beginning on this Sunday, let us not go away grieving, but let us see and know that Jesus looks at us and loves us. We know what we want. We don't want little world and kingdoms, rather we want love. And God is offering us his total love. Let us say 'Yes!' Let us live a life with our hearts fixed on the prize. And the prize is free, it is the love of the Father. So with the Psalmist, we shout "Fill us

God Bless and Take care.



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Happy Thanksgiving! This weekend, we join with other Canadians in giving thanks for the blessings we receive. For the many blessings and graces God has given to our Parish and to each of us individually, let us be truly thankful. Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Lourdes Food Bank Thanks YOU!**

The Clients, Volunteers and Staff of Lourdes food Bank are very grateful for your generosity last weekend and throughout the year! From August 2014 to September 2015 our food bank served 8455 adults and children. at our local food bank in St. Jamestown. You help us to make this ministry happen in our parish and neighbourhood. *Merci! Gracias! Salamat!*

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**Day Pilgrimage to Three Marian Shrines:** Join us on



Saturday, October 31 for a special pilgrimage to *Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Our Lady of Victory Shrine* (Buffalo, New York) and *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* (Canada). The Bus Coach leaves at 7am and returns to Lourdes by 7pm. Coach fare is \$65.00 per person. Bring a bag lunch and please remember to bring a valid passport. For more information call Benny @ 416-929-8665; Gigi @ 647-740-20743; Violy @ 416-315-7013 or Adele @ 416-368-0951.

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**How to Read the Bible: A Simple Introduction**

There are many ways to pray and read the Bible. In this workshop series we will look at simple ways to begin to read and understand the Word of God and how we can live it. Come and join Sr. Mary Babic on Mondays in the month of November from 7pm to 8pm in the Library. There is no cost for the series, but we do ask you to register by calling the Parish Office at 416-924-6257. Please bring a bible.

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**Continuing Work on the Renovations to our Church:**

You will notice that the Grotto has been taped off with caution tape due to the ongoing renovations on our church. We anticipate that it will be inaccessible to people for about two weeks. We appreciate your patience and your care around the construction as it progresses. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, October 12**

8:00 am Lourdes Boado + [Gloria Baltazar]  
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Lucy Nicome]  
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Avon]

**Tuesday, October 13**

8:00 am De Angelis Family: M.E.B.E. + [Ana Maria]  
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Benedicto Family]  
 5:15 pm Ranolf Inong's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday [Inong-Farinas Family]

**Wednesday, October 14**

8:00 am Marcelo Tomas + [Caridad Tomas]  
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Anastacia Dela Isla]  
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving—Ivan's Birthday [Eva]

**Thursday, October 15**

8:00 am Pablo Torrente + [Eva]  
 12:10 pm Simeona & Antero Agner + [Oliver Family]  
 5:15pm Nichane Eurodolier + [Isabel Dournayan]

**Friday, October 16**

8:00 am Fr. Bill Addley, S.J. + [Estela Verdadero]  
 12:10 pm Luis, Elsie & Jess-Luis +  
 5:15pm Amoy & Francis Hosang + [Joan Hosang]

**Saturday, October 17**

8:00 am Fr. Bill Addley, S.J. + [Amy Federis]  
 12:10 pm Leonardo Pingul + [Sylvia MacInnis]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
*Ladislao Villaran, Wilfredo Guitierrez, Josephine Cadiz,  
 Raymond Molina & Soledad Hona*

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**Repairs on the Statue of St. Bernadette:**

Many of you will have noticed that our statue of St. Bernadette is missing from the grotto at the front of the Church. Due to some unfortunate circumstances, the statue was damaged. It is currently being repaired and will be back in its place soon.

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**We're Counting On You!** Because Stats Canada is no longer collecting religious information, Cardinal Collins has asked there to be a "head count" after the homily during the last two Sundays of October. The counting will be done by parish volunteers with counters provided by the Archdiocese. The process will not disrupt any of the Sunday Masses. The "head count" is happening in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

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*Are you longing for mercy from the One who brings peace and healing? We can help. Call 416-629-8264 or e-mail [ProjectRachel@StMarysRefuge.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@StMarysRefuge.org) A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: October 23-25, 2015. Project Rachel – private and confidential. "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord." Psalm 25*

You are warmly invited to come to the Pauline Book & Media Fair that will be held here at Lourdes the weekend of October 17 &18 in Bernadette Hall before and after each of our Sunday Masses. Check out the selection of Catholic bibles, books, music CD's and DVD movies. You'll be sure to find something inspiring for yourself or others. Please stop by and show your support for the Sisters who this year celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Evangelization with the Media of Communications. Information about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media can be found at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org)

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**Create a Climate of Change:** In keeping with Pope Francis' call to people throughout the world, Development & Peace's campaign *Create a Climate of Change* addresses the crises concerning the environment, inequality and poverty. Next week the Bulletin will include an insert about the campaign, outlining what we can do. Resources and background material are also available at [devp.org](http://devp.org). All of us can play a part in addressing this issue of justice.

Join our Development & Peace group on Thursday, October 22, 6:30pm in the Library for a presentation on *Climate Change & Canada: Causes, consequences and Canada's role in the global effort to address this escalating global phenomenon*. This presentation will be made by the Step Up, Canada campaign led by Toronto350.org & the People's Climate Movement in partnership with the Climate Reality Project.

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**Fall Rummage Sale ~ Saturday, November 7**


Join us on **Saturday, November 7** in our church halls for our Autumn Rummage Sale. If you would like to drop things off for the sale, you can do so at Lynch hall on Thursday, November 5 and Friday November 6 from 9am to 8pm. There will be a Food Pavilion as well as booths with clothing, household articles and many other items on sale. Come for the food and stay for the friendship! **We're looking for volunteers to help with our Fall Rummage Sale!** If interested, please call 416-924-6257.

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**BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH**

*There [in heaven, God is] feeding the angels, here on earth [He was] a hungry Child; there unfailing Bread with perfect powers, here along with speechless children needing the nourishment of milk; there doing good, here suffering evil; there never dying, here rising after death and bestowing eternal life on mortals. God became one of us so that we might become God.*

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

<b>Lourdes @ a glance: the week of October 4-10</b>						
<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>Mon 12</b>	<b>Tues 13</b>	<b>Wed 14</b>	<b>Thurs 15</b>	<b>Fri 16</b>	<b>Sat 17</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time RCIA 11:30am	Happy Thanksgiving! 	Alpha 6pm	The Doh-Re-Mi's of singing 7pm [Library]			