



**THE WAY OF THE CROSS:**  
Every Friday at 7:30 pm during Lent (except March 4) the Way of the Cross will be celebrated in our Church. This is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Jesus throughout Lent.

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**Day of Confessions:**

Friday, March 11 will be a Day of Confession here Our Lady of Lourdes. On that day we will have confession times scheduled 11am to noon, 4pm to 5pm and 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Take time out this Lent and experience the merciful love of the Father in the sacrament.

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**Morning Retreat:**

Join Fr. Doug McCarthy, S.J. and Dr. Vivian Ligo for a Morning Retreat on Saturday, March 5 from 9am to 12 noon. The theme of the retreat will be *Being in the World: Praying with Pope Francis for Ecological Conversion*. This time of prayer and reflection will take place in the Library and Loyola Halls. The Retreat is free, but we ask you to please sign up by calling the Parish Office at 416-924-6257 or email us at [parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca](mailto:parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca)

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**The RCIA Journey ~ A reminder of our own:**

Over the next 3 Sundays those who have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in our community will be called to celebrate the Scrutinies. For the Elect and Candidates in the RCIA, this is a time of deep reflection on their individual journey of conversion. The Scrutinies are also at the core of the Lenten journey of the whole community. Each of the three Scrutinies is integrally connected to its respective Gospel narrative: the Samaritan Woman, the Healing of the Blind Man and the Raising of Lazarus. In each of these gospel stories we hear of an encounter between Jesus and another person. Coming to know Jesus and the mercy of God through him moves each person to reflect and to desire change for themselves and for their community. When we celebrate the Scrutinies, it is the living Word of God that scrutinizes and searches and calls to conversion, not only those preparing for the Sacraments, but all of us. As our Elect enter into the final phase of preparation we are reminded that we are all on a journey of conversion. It is a time to reflect on our own Baptismal promises and call. May this be a time of grace and blessing for those preparing for the Sacraments at Easter and may those graces and blessings make this Lenten journey a time of preparation, reflection and celebration for all of us.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month  
8:30 am until 12:10 pm & 3pm to 7pm

*Come and spend some time in quiet prayer.*  
Our next date: is **Friday, March 4, 2016.**

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**Ecumenical World Day of Prayer:**

This year, the celebration of the World Day of Prayer will take place on **Friday, March 4th, 1:30 pm here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.** This year's theme, *"Receive Children, Receive Me"* has been written by the women of Cuba. All are welcome! See posters at the entrances of the Church for details.

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**Altar of Repose:**

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession through the church. The church is emptied of the Eucharistic bread which is carried and placed in an Altar of Repose where we will enter into a period of solemnity and adoration before the Eucharist. After midnight on Holy Thursday, solemnity ends and a time of private and personal prayer begins. This year, our Altar of Repose will be placed in the Library upstairs throughout the Easter Triduum. This is so that we can invite people to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in private prayer and silent adoration as a way of deepening both our love of Christ's gift of himself to us in the Eucharist and our experience of the Easter Triduum. We want to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied throughout the days and so we ask you to sign up for an hour of prayer before the Altar of Repose. **The Available times are Good Friday 9am – 3pm & 5pm – 9pm and Holy Saturday 9am – 8pm. You can sign up through the Parish Office at 416-924-6257 or e-mail [parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca](mailto:parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca).**

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**Rummage Sale:**

The CWL will hold their annual **RUMMAGE SALE** on **Saturday March 12 in Bernadette Hall and Lynch Hall from 9:30am to 3pm.** If you have items you would like to donate, such as used clothing, appliances that are not used anymore or other things, they would be most welcome. Sorting of items will take place on March 10 & 11. Please bring donations to Lynch Hall between 9am and 8pm on those days. Thank you.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 29**

8:00 am THANKSGIVING [Joaquin]  
 12:10 pm FELICIANA COMILANG & AGUEDA ROSARIO +  
 [Filomena Comilang]  
 5:15pm Deceased Members of Nyamoya Family [Gertrude]

**Tuesday, March 1**

8:00 am Bienvenido Torio + [Gloria Torio]  
 12:10 pm Mary Louisa Muszynski + [Gloria Wright]  
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Joseph Johnson]

**Wednesday, March 2**

8:00 am DAIZY RATHAKRISNAN & Jerry Fernando + [Rajah Family]  
 12:10 pm Wyatt Roscoe + [Mike & Diana Roscoe]  
 5:15 pm Giorgio & ASSUNTA PORRETTA + [Patty, Mary & Rachel]

**Thursday March 3**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]  
 12:10 pm All Souls + [Violeta Balayo]  
 5:15pm Rafael Barrete + [Marcelina Barrete]

**Friday, March 4**

8:00 am Alexander James Alcaide + [Narciso Family]  
 12:10 pm ALINA- GOOD HEALTH [Alina Sobera]  
 5:15 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Cora Balatero]

**Saturday, March 5**

8:00 am MARIA ELIZABETH & David Joseph Myung & Family Int.  
 [Cecilia Myung]  
 12:10 pm HELEN RASHOTTE + [Warlyn Irwin]

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

*Virginia Manaog, Neptali De Rama, Sr. Doryne Kirby,  
 Virginia Mendoza, Robert Cacho & Cecilia Palma*

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**Pre-Passover Seder:** The SJ Assisi Interfaith, in collaboration with the CWL – Our Lady of Lourdes Council and our Jewish brothers and sisters, will conduct a pre-Passover Seder in Lynch Hall on Sunday, March 5. Admission is free, but a ticket is needed, as seating is limited. You can pick up a ticket from our Welcome Desk today. Participants are asked to please bring a Pot-luck Passover meal: *food may **not** contain yeast, yeast products, pork or pork products in keeping with Jewish Seder and Jewish dietary requirements.*

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On Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The St. Jamestown Youth Centre is having a special concert to celebrate Black History Month, here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, featuring The St. Jamestown Youth Centre Steel Orchestra and the Singing Group.

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**Lift Jesus Higher Rally: “Unshakable Kingdom”:** **March 5, 2016 9am to 5:30pm.** The rally takes place at the North Building of the Metro Convention Centre and tickets are \$20.00. For information or tickets call 416-251-4255

Tax Clinic: The Our Lady of Lourdes Volunteer Tax Clinic will take place on **Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 10 am to 3pm**, for the 2015 tax year. Please call the parish office at 416-924-6257 for an appointment. For those unable to attend the clinic, we have the “Drop-off Service”. This service is not available all year! Call the parish office for more information.

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You are invited to attend our 2016 HEALTH SEMINAR guest lecture series: February 28: Dr. Natalie Bozinovski, Naturopath, on “Naturopathy & Diabetes”; April 24: Nancy Umphrey, Reiki Master on “Self-care & Healing. All seminars are @ 3:00pm in Lynch Hall.

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**JESUIT PROVINCIAL’S DINNER - April 13, 2016:**

Come join the Jesuits in honouring Betty Bujold, Michael and Barbara McManus and Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe with the “Magis Award” for their outstanding work and dedication to Jesuit ministries. The evening will begin with Mass at The Church of The Good Shepherd in Thornhill, ON followed by dinner at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall in Thornhill, ON. To order tickets, please call 416-481-9154 or email [jdo@jesuits.ca](mailto:jdo@jesuits.ca).

*The Jesuit Development Office has generously hired a bus to take those who have purchased tickets from our parish to the mass and dinner. If you have your tickets and would like a ride, please leave your name and number at our Welcome Desk or the Parish Office (416-924-6257)*

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**Climate of Change Lenten Pilgrimage – Building community in Indonesia**

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampung* has come to mean ‘slum’ in the local language, but its original definition is ‘community.’ Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung*, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. “My home is my heaven,” he says, “because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampung*.”

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**Beauty from Our Faith**

*Wrong is wrong even if everybody is doing it, and right is right even if nobody is doing it.*

~ St. Augustine

<b>Lourdes @ a glance: the week of February 28- March 5</b>						
<b>Sun 28</b>	<b>Mon 29</b>	<b>Tues 1</b>	<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Thurs 3</b>	<b>Fri 4</b>	<b>Sat 5</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent RCIA 12:30pm					Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Morning Retreat