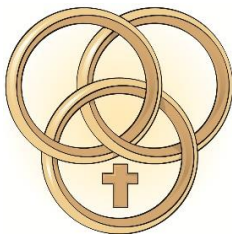


“...and the two will become one.”



Marriage Encounter Weekend

September 16-18
Monsignor Fraser School (146 Isabella St.)
\$50.00 per couple

When was the last time you spent some quality time focused on just the two of you?

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned to be a positive and personal experience for a married couple. See what’s waiting for you during the Marriage Encounter Weekend:

- **Rediscover the joy in your marriage**
- **Experience some of the warmth and excitement of the days when you began your life together**
- **An opportunity to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God**
- **Discover the blessings that God has in store for you**
 - **Learn a technique of loving communication that can last the rest of your lives**



Marriage Encounter Weekend is open to all sacramentally married couples. For more information, pick up a brochure and registration form from the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office. Call

416-924-6257 for more information.

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What is Alpha for Catholics?

Alpha is about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a program of gentle evangelization. Over the course of ten weeks, Alpha provides a practical introduction to the Christian faith, offering guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed and friendly setting. Alpha provides an opportunity for people to encounter the love of God in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Alpha is biblically based and focuses on the *Kerygma* – the essential Good News of Jesus Christ, as preached by the early Church.

Each evening involves supper together, a talk on a different aspect of the Christian faith and small group sharing. Alpha embodies the values of hospitality, welcome and inclusion that are so important to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. It also focuses on the direction and vision of the Church in the sharing and witnessing to the joy of the Gospel and growth in discipleship.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha for Catholics is designed for:

- For Catholics who desire a deeper, more personal relationship with the Lord
- As a point of re-entry for those Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while
- For those who have not been baptized and for those who have not yet heard the Good News

When will the next Alpha Course take place here at Our Lady of Lourdes?

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will offer its next Alpha course beginning Tuesday, September 6 at 6pm with the Introductory Dinner and talk: “*Who is Jesus?*” The course will take place every Tuesday evening until November 8, 2016. There is a planned weekend away scheduled for October 14-16.

Alpha just may be for you!

Call us at 416-924-6257 or email parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca to register

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 15

8:00 am Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 [Beryl Fernandez]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Annabelle & Eleno]
 5:15pm Fr. Bill, MARGARET & Gordon Addley + [Amy Federis]

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm ADELAIDA PANTALEON + [Anna & Katelyn]
 5:15 pm Paulie, MARY, CHRISTY + & All Souls [Silva Family]

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 am Thanksgiving [Joaquin]
 12:10 pm MARIA SIBAYAN + [Caridad Tomas]
 5:15 pm RICARDA DIAZ + [Grace Ramirez]

Thursday August 18

8:00 am Humberto Fernandez + [Reyna Echeverry]
 12:10 pm Pablo & ROBERTA TADEO + [Victoria Tomas]
 5:15pm LORETTA BEATON + [Mary Denisco]

Friday, August 19

8:00 am Angelo & ADELE MINERVINI + [Mantonietta & Lidio]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart [Gertrude Mercer]
 5:15 pm JUANA GARCIA + [Angelina Balbas]

Saturday, August 20

8:00 am Alex Paier's Intention [Amy Federis]
 12:10 pm Finnian Thomas + [Mary & Leo]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jose Faller, Norbereo Bentijaba, Rizal Bringas, Robert Costello, Dorothea Bennette, and Andronico Quino

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Join us after Sunday Mass Today for a little hospitality, and some great BBQ, after our Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Hospitality is courtesy of our regular 8:30 am choir and any proceeds gained from the sale of the BBQ will go to the parish.

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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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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.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine**

Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs' in Midland, Ontario is scheduled for Saturday, **October 1**. The Martyrs' Shrine has been designated one of the Holy Door sites for this Jubilee Year of Mercy so this is a great opportunity to visit one of the Holy Doors before the end of the Jubilee Year. **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 serve basis.

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Parking At Monsignor Fraser: You will notice that the second construction phase is beginning to take place. Parking spots have already by sectioned off. The parish has made arrangements of you who drive Sunday Mass to park at Mgrs. Fraser School on Isabella Street during the renovations should our parking lot be full. Thank you.

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Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Our Catholic Cemeteries are sponsoring the annual Mass for the Faithful departed on Wednesday, August 17 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!

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A Round of Golf with the Jesuits:

On Wednesday, September 28th at the Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, the Jesuits are holding a golf tournament to pay tribute to the late Father Jack O'Brien, SJ. It begins with a shotgun start at 1:00pm followed by a cocktail reception, dinner and prizes. For more information contact the Jesuit Development Offices (416) 481-9154 or email bfoliot@jesuits.ca

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Are you new to the Parish? Have you registered yet? If you are new to our parish, we would love to hear from you. Pick up a parishioner registration form from our welcome desk today, or email us at parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca. You can also visit our website: www.ourladyoflourdes.ca

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.
 ~ St. John Paul II

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of August 14-20						
Sun 14	Mon 15	Tues 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20
20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feast of the Assumption					