



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 5 at 6pm with the Introductory Dinner and talk: *“Is there more to life than this?”* The course will take place every Tuesday evening until November 21, 2017. There is a planned weekend away scheduled for October 20-22.

Alpha just may be for you!

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

Parish Bazaar – September 9



Our Parish Bazaar is set for **Saturday, September 9**. **Volunteers are needed** and we are looking for people who would like to help out. We need people throughout the day, to help set up in the

morning, help out during the day and clean up in the afternoon. Join us for a couple of hours or for the whole day. It is always a fun day and a wonderful community experience. If you are new to the parish, or looking for a way to become more involved, this is a great opportunity to get to know people in our parish. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 416-924-6257.

The time is drawing near. Start to organize the things you would like to bring for the sale. If you are thinking of bringing in ‘gently used’ clothing, please ensure that the items are clean. *Any items you would like to donate for our bazaar can be dropped off in Lynch Hall and Bernadette Hall from September 6 to 8.* If you would like to donate a tasty dish to our Food Pavilion please contact Helen through the Parish Office 416-924-6257.

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Our **Famous 50/50 Draw** is back again for this year’s Parish Bazaar. This year’s possible jackpot is \$5,000. 5,000 tickets have been printed and are priced at \$2.00 apiece. Tickets are available from our Welcome Desk or from our Parish Office.

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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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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 1st Friday of the Month

From 8:30 am until 7pm.

Come and spend some time in quiet prayer.

Next date: **Friday, September 1, 2017.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 28

8:00 am YOLANDA NICASIO + [Aracel De Ramos]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving to St. Augustine [Joseph Kaposi]
 5:15 pm James Campayne + [Family]

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm NORMA MARCO + [Legion of Mary]
 5:15 pm Deceased Hughes Family & Friends [Terry Hughes]

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 am MARIA CABUS ORDOÑEZ + [Sally Ordoñez]
 12:10 pm VICENTA VERASTIGUE + [Mel & Lynn Verastigue]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving – CARIDAD 79th Birthday [Caridad Tomas]

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am Fr. Bill German, S.J. + [Parishioner]
 12:10 pm JUDY (nee DALTON) & Family + [Bernadette Cromien]
 5:15pm LIBERTAD E. GALLARDO + [Family]

Friday, September 1

8:00 am Fr. Bill German, S.J. + [Maisie Henry]
 12:10 pm Fr. Bill German, S.J. + [Evelyn Purdy]
 5:15pm All Souls in Purgatory [Cora Balatero]

Saturday, September 2

8:00 am Fr. Bill German, S.J. + [Legion of Mary]
 12:10 pm Thanksgiving [Adele]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Andrew Portoraro, Tarsona Sauza
 Luciano Meman, Augusto Villa, Vianca Villa &
 Rosita Funelas*

Martyrs' Shrine Pilgrimage

Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of the Canadian Jesuit Martyrs' in Midland, Ontario is scheduled for Saturday, **September 30**. **Tickets are available from the Parish Welcome Desk and the Parish Office.** Our tickets this year will sell for **\$30.00 each**.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Visitation Ministry
 At Fudger House**

Searching for volunteers.....

Are you interested in volunteering? If you can spare 2 hours (9:30-11:30am) on Saturday mornings to bring residents to and from the chapel at Fudger House Long Term Care facility for the Rosary and mass, your assistance is very much needed at this time and would be very much welcomed. For information call John at 416-921-2498.

Join us after Sunday Mass Today!

Join us for a little hospitality, and some sweet treats, after our Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Hospitality is courtesy of our Youth Ministry. Enjoy this summer time refreshment in Lynch Hall after Mass.

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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

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

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Live out your faith with renewed enthusiasm!

Come and join the:

Couples for Christ Christian Life Program (CLP)
"An opportunity to better understand God's call to us as Christians"

Starting September 16, 2017, 6-9pm in the library. The CLP is for everyone, it is free and Kids Watch is available. Please contact Jojo and Rosa Dizon at 416-434-9381.

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Monday, September 4th is a Labour Day. Our Parish Office will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend and we'll see you during our regular Office hours, 9am to 5pm on Tuesday September 5th.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

If in times of dryness in prayer we make acts of humility, self-knowledge, protestations of our own inability to help ourselves, and petitions for God's assistance, all this is real and substantial prayer. ~ St. Philip Neri

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of August 27 – September 2

Sun 27	Mon 28	Tues 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 1	Sat 2
21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feast of St. Augustine	The Passion of St. John the Baptist			Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament First Friday Mass 7:30pm	