

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

We always say it’s good to be honest. And so, I have to be honest with you, for half of this Sunday’s Gospel, I’m not sure what Jesus is teaching. When Jesus says “And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light,” I am left more than a little confused. So if you have any insights, please let me know when you see me. That being admitted to, the second half of the Gospel may be helpful for us.

When I was in Jamaica, the parish was in a very violent area, with regular gun battles between different gangs or between gangs and the military. Several times we had to run through gun fire. Upon my return to Canada, I thought the Jesuits would welcome me back as something like a hero for having been involved in dangerous work. Men begin men, however, no one asked me about it. I still get a good laugh over this. I made the mistake of equating Christian action and service with the doing of big, dramatic things.

In the Gospel Jesus says, “whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.” We can sometimes think that Christian action necessarily implies that we do these great things and because most of us live relatively “ordinary” lives, we can suspect that the living of our faith is not necessarily pleasing to God. Our Tradition says something different. We have the example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who speaks of her “little way.” Blessed Theresa of Calcutta talks of doing “something beautiful for God.” It isn’t about how dramatic something may be, rather it is about how we seek to be faithful and seek to love in all that we do.

In our daily life we may not encounter those opportunities to something big or heroic, but we always have innumerable opportunities to love. For example do we speak with people with gentleness? Do we make eye contact and perhaps stop and speak with a beggar on the street? Do we defend a person who may be the target of the ‘group’s’ disdain? Do we give a positive interpretation to a person’s words and actions? All of us could add our own situations. If we say that we are a community of love, then it means that we seek to love. Echoing St. Thérèse we seek to be faithful to who we are in the little things that occupy our day. In a way, we can say that what’s most important is not what a Christian does, but why he or she does it. Our motivation is not to be heroic, not to be impressive, it is only to love. And by loving, by being who we truly are, we indeed something beautiful for God.

God Bless & Take Care, *Fr. John*

***Blessing of Teachers and Students
Sunday, September 22, 10am Mass***

School is back in session and students, teachers and support staff are all hard a work. We are truly thankful for the gift of learning and education and in support of all the good things that happen at our Parish School of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will bless all students, teachers and staff at our 10 am Mass today, Sunday, September 22nd. Please keep all of them in your prayers throughout the year.

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**Our Lady Of Lourdes
Fall Rummage Sale ~ Saturday, October 5**

Join us on **Saturday, October 5** 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, October 3 and Friday October 4 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! See you there!

We’re looking for volunteers to help with our Fall Rummage Sale! We need people throughout the day, to help set up in the morning, help out during the day and clean up in the afternoon. 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 interested, please call us at 416-924-6257.

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Send Us Your Photos

We are looking for community pictures for our website and we need your help! **We are looking for current pictures of the community, photos from our many different celebrations, parish events, and of the different meetings and events of our parish groups. We also welcome archival photos from years gone by.** You can send them to us in digital format or lend us prints which can be scanned. It would also help to have a brief description of the events, including date and who is in the photo. For more info please call 416-924-6257 or e-mail us at parish@ourladyoflourdes.ca. Thank You!

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Lourdes Shutterbug Club

Do you like taking pictures? Do you enjoy parish events, big and small? We are looking for a few individuals who might be interested in being our parish photographers for parish events and celebrations. You don’t need a lot of experience. You don’t even need your own camera. We will provide what is needed. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 416-924-6257.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday September 25 at 7pm in the Library. All most welcome. We will also have fair-trade coffee and tea for sale after Mass on Sunday, October 6. Taste the difference that fair wages make.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23

8:00 am Julia Magdalene Banci's Intention [Banci and Chavez Family]
 12:10 pm Maria Agda + [Agda Family]
 5:15pm Angela Goggin's Intention [Colette]

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 am Giovanni Paolo + [Anna]
 12:10 pm Edmund Casey [Eileen Casey]
 5:15 pm George Nedanovski + [Lily Errazo]

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 am
 12:10 pm Manuel Navarro + [Mary Carpenter Smith]
 5:15 pm Birthday Thanksgiving to St. Joseph and
 Our Lady Of Perpetual Help [Annabelle Israel]

Thursday September 26

8:00 am Isabel Magbujos + [Anna Paolo]
 12:10 pm Fr. Carl Matthews, S.J. + [Zenaida Galicia]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving & Personal Intention
 [Sylvia & Douglas McInnis]

Friday, September 27

8:00 am
 12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Ljubica Dolanski + [Millie Dolanski]

Saturday, September 28

8:00 am Angelamaria Paolo + [Anna]
 12:10 pm Jerry Corpuz + [Julie Corpuz & Family]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
*Gloria Chase, Elsie Campbell, Genoveva Corpuz Aquino
 & Sr. Mary Alban*

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YOUTH CORNER:

Join our gym nights! With great company, music and sports, a fun time is guaranteed. So if you are 13 - 17 years old, come join us on **Friday, September 27 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes School**. For more information please leave Zarah Benedicto a message at the Parish Office, 416-924-6257.

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The CWL will have a pot-luck lunch in Lynch Hall after the 12:10 pm Mass, which has been Offered for Fr. Carl Matthews on Thursday, September 26th. All are welcome!

**Our Lady Of Lourdes
 2014 Kia Sportage Car Raffle**

Our Car Raffle is on and the **grand prize is a 2014 Kia Sportage (or \$20,000.00 Cash). 2nd Prize is \$3,000.00 cash and 3rd Prize is \$2,000.00. There are also 8 additional prizes of \$100.00 each.** The draw will take place on Tuesday, December 31, 2013. You can pick up a book or 2 in Bernadette Hall, after Mass or from the Parish Office during the week. Tickets will be available for \$10 each from our Welcome Desk. Help us make this raffle a big success!
TICKET RECALL: We have had to recall our first batch of car raffle tickets due to a mistake in printing. We have had the tickets reprinted – this time on **blue** paper. If you picked up tickets to sell or if you bought a ticket last weekend, please come and exchange them. We apologize for any inconvenience!

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Novena to the Canadian Martyrs

Join us for the Novena to the Canadian Martyrs from Tuesday **September 17 until Wednesday, September 25 at 4:30 pm in the Church**. Our prayer will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

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All Inclusive Ministries (AIM) is having a special HIV Healing Mass at its regular 4th Saturday of the month Mass, September 28th at 7 pm in the Library. All are welcome.

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Lourdes Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Parish food collection in support of our local Food Bank will take place on Thanksgiving weekend, October 12 & 13. We will be collecting non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, packages) at the doors of the church at each of our weekend Masses. The Health department does not allow us to give any outdated products or partially used or opened packages. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Food Bank.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

Few souls understand what God would effect in them if they should give themselves entirely into his hands and allow his grace to act. ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of September 22-28

Sun 22	Mon 23	Tues 24	Wed 25	Thurs 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
Teachers & Student Blessing @ 10 am Mass Novena to the Canadian Martyrs 4:00pm (Church)	Novena 4:30pm (Church) Website group meeting 7pm (Lynch Hall)	Novena 4:30pm (Church) RCIA 7pm (Library)	Novena 4:30pm (Church) Social Justice Committee 7pm (Library)	Lector's Workshop (Church & Lynch Hall)	Legion of Mary 5:30 pm (Bernadette Hall) Charismatic Life in the Spirit Seminar 7pm (Church)	Baptisms 10:30am