

Our Lady of Lourdes

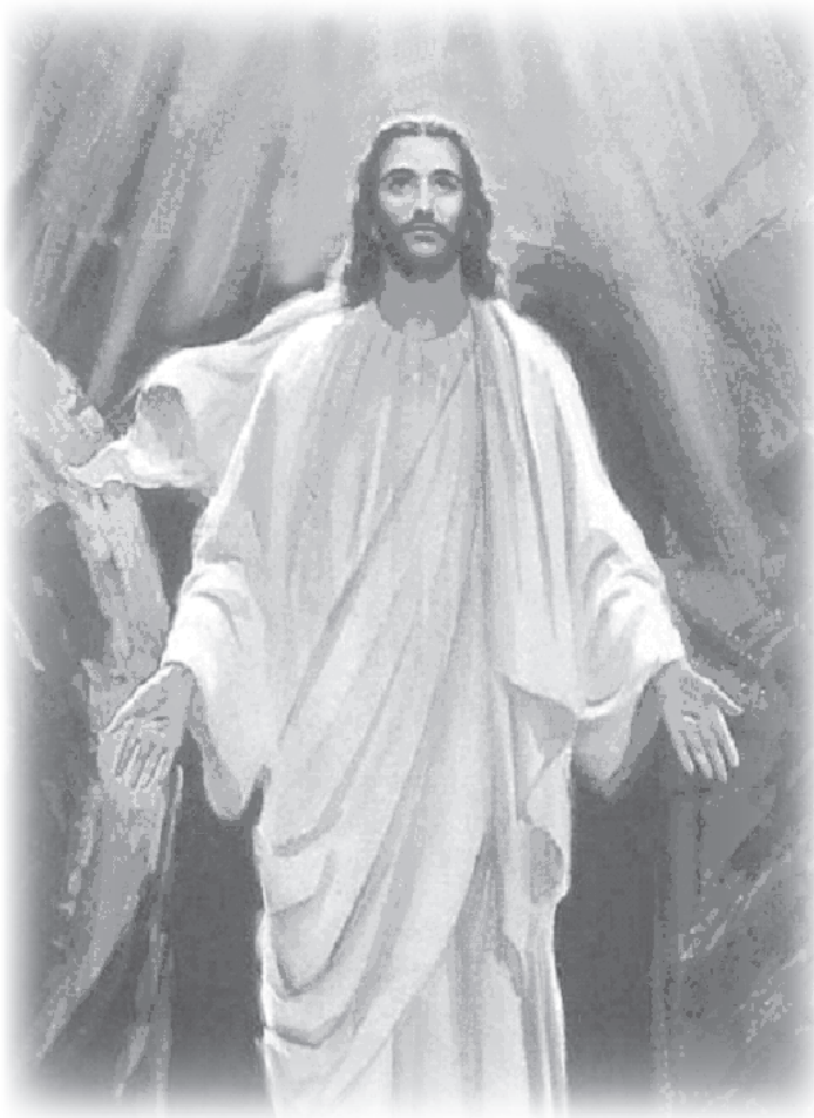
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Christ is Risen!



APR 2 to APR 7

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Christopher Roque – Carmen Hammond
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Rohan Jayasundera – John Family
THURSDAY	7:30 p.m.	+Christopher Walraven – Walraven Family
FRIDAY West Hill	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Barbara Schmuck – Kathie Mulhall & Family
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotions +Roger Lindsay – Mary & Len Friesen
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of March 17, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$39,973.15	
E-transfer	\$1,461.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$36,460.00	\$77,849.15
Building fund		\$1,607.00



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. April 14, 2024

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

March 10, 2024, funds \$233.00

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

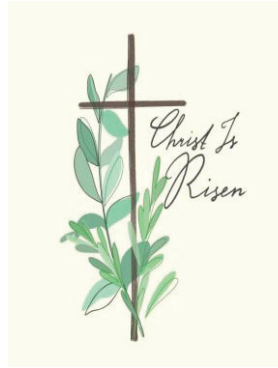
Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY will continue in April. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no

meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.

Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins."



Easter Sunday

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. (Sequence of Easter Sunday)

Reflection

On Easter Sunday, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at

the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life. Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried his cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you."...

... Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith, and witnessed to in life...

—Pope John Paul II

Prayer

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY

Blessing for Easter Dinner

*We have put on Christ, alleluia!
In Christ we have been baptized, alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Joyfully do we praise you,
Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave,
and give you thanks.
Remain here in our midst
as we share this Easter meal.
May we receive you as a guest
in all our brothers and sisters
and be welcomed by you
to share the feast of your Spirit,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen. Alleluia!*



Seniors' cards (euchre) will resume on 'Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome. My heartfelt thanks for all the cards, good wishes and prayers for my recovery. It meant so much to me that my parishioner friends were thinking of me.
S. Barbara

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, This pasted Sunday, Canadian Food for Children received a wonderful gift, pasta, and rice for the poor in impoverished countries. Brad and Cecilia Caesar were so kind as to arrange to drop off your donations and we were thrilled to receive them. We loved that all your packages came in re-usable shopping bags which the poor will use in so many different ways. Pasta and rice are essential to the hungry and they provide much-needed nourishment. In the villages and isolated areas where Dr. Simone and his fellow workers travel, children and their parents are starving and without the necessary supplies to live a healthy life. You bring them new life. Thank you! The Volunteers at Herb Wittich Depot



Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	Apr. 6
Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.	Very. Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.	Oblates of Mary Immaculate	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.	Rev. David Avila

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

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THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for such a great participation in our Lenten prayers, alms giving, and fasting and Sacred Triduum Liturgy. Christ is Risen, Risen indeed. Thank you to all who: brought pasta and rice for Canadian food for Children, who made offering for Vincent de Paul Society, Share Lent, Holy Land, Easter Floral Tribute, and for our parish.

I would like also to express my gratitude to all volunteers: ushers, lectors, cantors, choirs, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, decoration team and to our custodians, musicians, and administrative assistant for their outstanding dedication to our community.

Christ is Risen. Let's be ready to proclaim a joyful Alleluia wherever we are sent. Thank you very much for your kind and gentle hearts and your thoughtfulness which I've experienced by serving you for the last few years. This June you will welcome a new Pastor at Lourdes – Fr. Stephen Murrin, while I have been appointed to St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. I will keep you in my prayers, being thankful to you for making me to feel here like at home. Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us.

With prayer, Fr. Rafal



Please join in for **The Divine Mercy Novena** is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, March 29, 2024. "Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives, too," he continued, "and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish." One special way to bring about this transformation in our lives is to undertake the Divine Mercy novena, which begins each year on Good Friday.

THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.





Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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