

Pastor’s Note:

When I commit some sin I can often feel that I’ve so let God down that I need to hide my face from Him. A sort of “don’t show your face around here” reaction. I forget the revelation of the Father in Jesus Christ. I forget the parable of the Prodigal Son. I forget the perfect expression of love and mercy in the crucifixion and the salvation offered in the resurrection. If you sometimes react in a similar way, when we read this Sunday’s gospel, we can see that we’re not alone. This week we hear about an early interaction between the Lord and Peter.

Jesus wants to speak to a large crowd which has gathered near the shore. It’s so large that he needs to change his location in order that his voice will travel better, so that more will be able to hear him. He decides to speak from a boat. After proclaiming the Good News, Christ tells the fishermen to go and to try and fish again, even though they had fished all night without any success. But they show a sort of respect to the Lord and reluctantly agree to try once more. This time, however, they catch so many fish that they needed the help of a second boat. Even then, both boats became so filled with fish that they were in danger of sinking. In this moment, the power of the Lord has been made clear. Indeed Jesus is Lord, the anointed one of God. I always assume that Peter and the others would offer exclamations of praise, would speak and shout with great joy! And yet, what do we see? Peter races to Christ, falls to his knees and asks the Lord to “go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” What? Peter’s response to God’s revelation in Christ seems so strange, so uncalled for, as if it’s “from left field.” But we remember how we respond when we commit some sin. Do we not hide our faces from him? Do we not think that it’s best not “to show our face” for a while? So Peter’s response to Christ doesn’t seem so strange after all. We do the same thing.

The saddest thing about our reaction of hiding ourselves from God is that Jesus has given us no reason to act in this way. On the contrary, he has proclaimed “a year of the Lord’s favour,” that is a jubilee in which our sins are forgiven. He has told and showed us that we are always the beloved children of the Father. And when he died on the Cross, our world was made right and straight – we are shown the incomprehensible love of God for us. It seems then that there is no need to hide ourselves from God. It is

not God’s will or desire. What then are we to do if we are not to ask him leave us in our sinfulness? We speak from our hearts. We speak from our heart in words similar to the Psalm:

I give you thanks, O Lord,
with my whole heart;
Before the Angels I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name
For your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Take Care and God Bless, Fr. John

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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Join us for an amazing celebration of our Parish Feast:

Monday, February 11 7:00 pm
Celebrating the

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Mass, an indoor Candle Procession
and Rosary

A FINGER FOOD Potluck reception in all of our Halls will end the evening. If you would like to drop off something to share, please bring it ready to serve to Lynch Hall before 7 pm.

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A Successful End to our Car Raffle! On Saturday, February 2, 2019, our February Fiesta was held at Our Lady of Lourdes School and the winning tickets were drawn in our Car Raffle.

Car Raffle 2019 Winners:

1st Prize: (KIA Sportage or \$24,195.00 Cash)
Valerie Walsh Ticket # 03320

2nd Prize: \$3,000.00 Bella Diokno Ticket # 06220

3rd Prize: \$2,000.00 Mary Miller Ticket # 06442

8 Prizes of \$100.00

- 1. Efren Dimayuga Ticket # 04531
- 2. Edgardo Carta Ticket #03962
- 3. Serafin Guevarra Ticket # 00253
- 4. Chad Hillis Ticket # 02232
- 5. Jovie Lopez Ticket # 02411
- 6. Victor Jacob Ticket # 00644
- 7. Raina & Livia Ritcey Ticket # 07092
- 8. Eleanor Daquita Ticket # 01350

We raised \$70,000 through ticket sales. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who distributed and sold tickets and encouraged everyone to help us out. And a special thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. We could not have done it without you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 11

8:00 am Elpidio Saavedra + [Family]
 12:10pm Felipe Calapatia + [Calapatia Family]
 5:15 pm Restituto & PURIFICACION Guevara + [Servos Family]

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 am For Successful Surgery of AMELIA SAGUINSIN [Josie]
 12:10 pm Demetrio & VALENTINA Ranara + [Ruth Buslon]
 5:15 pm Jose T. Tolentino + [Estrella Tolentino & Family]

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 am PASTORA ANTOLIAGA + [Estela Antoliaga]
 12:10 pm Antero & SIMEONA Agner + [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm CASILDA & Gregorio Flores + [L. Ninahuilca]

Thursday, February 14

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10 pm John Yeuk Yee Cheng + [Anne Cheng]
 5:15pm Joseph Kaposi's Intention [Mike & Lydia Sherlock]

Friday, February 15

8:00 am CHARLENE OGLE + [Sr. Hazel]
 12:10 pm Lawrence Lynch + [Martha Lynch]
 5:15pm Rosalio de Ramos + [Araceli de Ramos]

Saturday, February 16

8:00 am Olympio Guerrero + [Gloria Torio]
 12:10pm JOAN MARIE YARETZ + [Dian Williams]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Pedrito Las-ay Algozo, Bienvenida Dizon
 Brian Tracey*



Edge is a Catholic youth ministry program that provides a safe, fun for youth to find solid Catholic community, get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Beginning this week,

**EDGE Meets
 Every Thursday evening
 6:30 pm to 8pm
 Upstairs Halls**

For more information: Michael: 416-458-8119,
 Madelaine: 647-453-1925, or Lorenzo: 647-291-8380

Family Day – Monday, February 18th

The 3rd Monday in February is a statutory holiday called “Family Day”. Schools will be closed, as will many offices, including our Parish Office. While it is a civic holiday it is an opportunity to reflect on the gift and importance of families. It is from our families that we first learn about our faith and about the faithful and merciful love of God. In our families we are the Body of Christ, called to be the face of Christ for one another and for our world, and to participate in service of God’s Kingdom. Let us keep in our prayers those families suffering from difficulties and loss as well as those burdened by poverty and violence. Blessings and Peace to all families – may they reflect the love of God in our world.

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**AFRICAN HERITAGE/BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 CELEBRATING “YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH,
 and VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT”.**

Sunday, February 17th, 2019

Praise Songs: 4:00 pm; **HOLY MASS: 4:30 pm**

DAY OF REFLECTION, SHARING, PRAYER on:

Preliminary Meetings and Synod of Bishops on Youth!

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME,
 ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE!**

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Tax Clinic: The Our Lady of Lourdes Volunteer tax clinic is on March 16, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 2018 tax year. Please call the parish office @ 416 924-6257 for an appointment.

For those unable to attend the clinic, we have the “Drop-Off Service”. This service is now available all year!! Please call the parish office @ 416 924-6257 for more information.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

“Why does Jesus say ‘I thirst’ [from the cross]? What does it mean? Something so hard to explain into words--.... ‘I thirst’ is something much deeper than just Jesus saying ‘I love you.’ Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you—you can’t begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of February 10 to 16, 2019						
Sun 10	Mon 11	Tues 12	Wed 13	Thurs 14	Fri 15	Sat 16
4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kids at Mass RCIA 1 st Confessions Class 1:30 pm	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 7pm	Alpha: How and Why Should I Read the Bible?		Happy Valentine’s Day! EDGE 6:30 pm		