



THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2019

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



Catholic Women's League May Event - Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha

What better place to have our meeting than at the Carmelite Monastery, a place of peaceful solitude. Enjoy the beauty of nature on the way there and back. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. offered for the living and deceased members of our Council. After Mass we will go downstairs for refreshments, mingle and meet new

friends. During the evening 3 winners of Gr. 8 Essay Writing competition from Our Lady of Lourdes parish will read their essays and be presented with their certificates and awards. Our heartfelt gratitude to the Carmelite Sisters for opening this venue to us. In consideration we ask for a donation of canned foods (No Meats please). Items such as canned soups without beef broth, canned salmon and tuna, evaporated milk, canned vegetables and fruit or fresh fruit are a few suggestions.

We look forward to seeing many of you join us.



CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Message from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for the 2019 National March for Life
In communion with the Holy Father, the Bishops of Canada support the sanctity of life

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), in profound unison with Pope Francis, affirms that all human life should be respected and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. The Bishops of Canada have and will continue to advocate and collaborate with organizations across the country, many of which are not Catholic, in endeavours to bring together people from different perspectives who believe in the sanctity of life. Events such as the annual and regional Marches for Life are meaningful opportunities to unite thousands of people speaking with one voice to proclaim the dignity of all human life. In full communion with the Holy Father, Catholic Bishops and all faithful are united in declaring, as the Church has believed since its beginning, that the "distinctiveness of human life is an absolute good," and that "abortion and euthanasia [are] extremely grave evils that contradict the Spirit of life and plunge us into the anti-culture of death". Likewise, Pope Francis has recently observed that the "threshold of basic respect for human life is being crossed, and brutally at that, not only by instances of individual conduct but also by the effects of societal choices and structures" (15 January 2019 letter from Pope Francis to the President of the Pontifical Academy for Life). Today, the Bishops join their prayers with all those who stand up for life.
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**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community
Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month



Announced Mass intentions for May 13 to May 19, 2019

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Vern Dorscht – Dorscht Family
Tuesday... .	7:00 p.m.in Thanksgiving – Earnest Biber
Tuesday... Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	+Adrien Rousseau – Claudette Rousseau
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.+Mildred Hewitt – Anita & Glenn Roach
Thursday	7:00 p.m.+Egidio Volpini – Charmaine & Frank Volpini
Friday	8:30 a.m.+Lorraine Gleiser – Cliché Family
Friday..... West Hill	10:00 a.m.+Marjorie Schmuck & Marion O'Grady – Barbara Schmuck
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.+Patricia McCarthy – Peter & Marian McCarthy
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, May 5, 2019: \$6,079.80
 [Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:
 Mary-Therese Fedy & Jared Yantzi.....Saturday, May 25, 2019 1:00 p.m.

"**WHY@Breakfast** event on May 18th has to be *rescheduled* due to an unforeseen health problem of our speaker. Please keep Fr. Denis in your prayers. New date to be announced later. Thank you for your interest and support of the event."

BEST FRIENDS CARD PARTY – Thursday, May 23rd at 12 noon at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener. ALL PROCEEDS support our local youth especially the girls. Tickets are \$25 and you can contact Shirley at (519) 746-8373 to purchase tickets. Lots of prizes, draws and a light lunch.



Today is Mother's Day and Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to participate in the 20th anniversary of the Baby Bottle Campaign! Marillac Place relies heavily on the generosity and assistance from our community to keep its doors open. Volunteers will be handing out baby bottles at the back of our Church today. Please support this significant cause by filling it with your spare change and return it to the Church on Father's Day! All proceeds from the campaign will go directly to the operations of Marillac Place and creating an immediate impact on the residents.



High Tea Brunch

The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, on **May 26** at 12:00 p.m.

in the church hall. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters, nieces, goddaughters **are all welcome** (8 years and older).

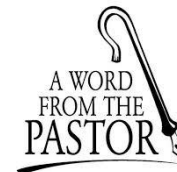
Tickets are \$20 (first come, first served). Please call Patrycja Wiecek at 519-502-6917 or email ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com if interested or you may fill out the following form and deposit it and your money in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Tickets are also now available in the parish office.

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Name of each person: _____

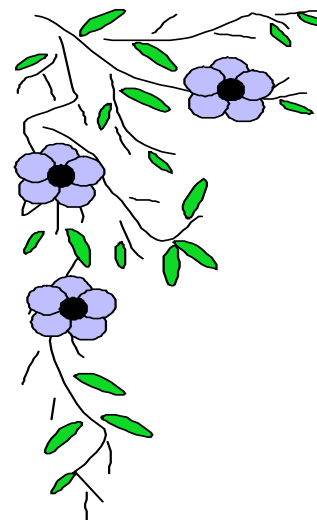
Age of child (children): _____

Total included: Cash _____ Cheque _____ Please put CWL High Tea on the envelope. Tickets will be held for you at the parish office; please pick up before the event.



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.
 "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord", and she told them that he had said these things to her". (John 20, 18)
 Every Sunday we gather together in our church to be with Our Risen Lord. Like Mary Magdalene we are witnesses of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God who grants us peace. We are sent to share that joyful News with everyone by our words and actions, which you have been doing very well as very faithful disciples who have seen the Risen Lord. I would like to say thank you to all who tremendously shared their time and talents in making the liturgies of Holy Week very unique: our Deacon Phong and his wife Jocelyn, our parish secretary Patrycja, our custodians Jerry and Christa, Sister Barbara, our choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, those who helped to decorate our church, and those who prepared the reception after the Easter Vigil, and all who gathered in our church to pray together and to take this powerful News to those at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

Thank you also for your great support of our parish (Easter collection: \$12,585) and those who are in need (Share Lent, to date: \$11,034). Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. With prayers, Fr. Rafal



Prayer for Mothers

Holy God,
 you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on all mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families.

Listen to their prayers,
 and bless them in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven.

Father,
 we ask this grace through Christ our Lord.

