



THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Young People and the Example of Mary That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

SOLEMN BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS & PARISH COFFEE SOCIALS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 9, couples who will celebrate their marriage in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 2020 will have their engagement solemnly blessed. As these men and women prepare to speak words that will change their lives, it is our joy and responsibility to pray for them that once they have exchanged their marriage vows, they will be living signs of God's faithful love.



COFFEE SOCIALS: Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the church hall after all Masses on Sunday, February 9. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new parishioners.

WORK CREW: Volunteers are required on Sunday, January 12 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. to take down the Christmas decorations. As we will be carrying the parts of the manger scene to the basement storage area, the assistance of some younger volunteers would be very helpful. Refreshments will be served following the project.



ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2019 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass beginning January 18/19 in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes' altar .



EXODUS 90 is a spiritual exercise for MEN that focuses on PRAYER, ASCETICISM, and FRATERNITY. In 90 days you will get rid of habits that enslave you, find true freedom in Christ, and strengthen your spiritual life and relationships. Yes, Exodus 90 is all about freedom. Why? Because without freedom, we cannot love as we ought. It's about our wives, children, parishes and friends who suffer when we're not at our best. The goal is to achieve the freedom necessary to fully engage the love of God and the love of neighbor. Exodus 90 is based on a challenging 90-day period of purification, a dying to self, which is supported by a fraternity of like-minded men for greater interior freedom and, eventually, a more purified and selfless love. The commitment includes 90 days of at least 20-minutes daily contemplative prayer, consistent asceticism to purify desire, and weekly participation in your small group fraternity at the parish. If you are interested in more information or participating please contact our parish fraternity leader JM Gamble (jm.gamble@ualberta.ca). The launch date is Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020).



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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.

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



MASS
INTENTIONS

Announced Mass intentions for Jan 6 to Jan 12, 2020

Monday	8:30 a.m.	+Dawn & Mark Jones – Nevelle de'Rozario
Tuesday... Beechwood	10:00 a.m.....	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Special intention – Brenden Biber
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Marguerite La France – Emily Rodrigues
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Desta Tesfamariam – Lemlem Tesfamariam
Friday.....	8:30 a.m.....	+Leszek Michalczewski – Dorota & Andrzej & Pamela
Saturday	7:00 p.m.....	+Connor Brady – Barbara Kelly & Gray Hough
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 1, 2020: \$3,224.00

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Monthly Budget Review as of December 31, 2019

Cumulative financial objective – 52 weeks @ \$7,500		\$390,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date)	\$255,912.66	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	<u>141,451.88</u>	<u>397,364.54</u>
Over (under) objective.....		\$7,365.54

SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP

OUR SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP will resume Tuesday, January 7, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the parish hall. All are welcome!

THE 2020 LABYRINTH PROJECT: Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be hosting an indoor labyrinth on Saturday, January 18th from 9:30 AM to Noon. Is nurturing your spiritual life on your New Year's Resolution list? Come and give the spiritual practice of praying with a labyrinth a try! The single path to the centre of the labyrinth reflects our Christian understanding of the single path to salvation via Christ. The 2020 Labyrinth Project, a collaborative project between WHY@Breakfast and five Waterloo churches, aims to provide Christians in KW the opportunities to pray with a labyrinth on the second last Saturday of each month. An introduction to praying with the labyrinth will be provided at 9:30 AM. Those who are experienced with this spiritual practice may come anytime during the morning and pray. Instruction/Reflection booklets are available. Please note that no outdoor shoes are allowed on the labyrinth. For more information and the full schedule of this project, please see <https://whyatbreakfast.com/2020-labyrinth-project/>



Christmas 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Let us not be afraid to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ and share his peace with one another every day and be thankful. Thank you to all. To the following a very special thank you:



The ministers of the Word, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ministers of hospitality (ushers)



The music ministry – organists Bruce, April & Carolyn, choirs, family choirs, cantors, musicians



The "Tree Cutters" who cut the tree for our "Tree of Life" and brought it into the church, and George who donated the tree



The craftsman who made the angels and crosses, and the artists who painted them



The work crew who helped prepare the church on Sunday, December 15 and those who will help take down the Christmas decorations next weekend



Those who prepared the beautiful nativity scene



Sister Barbara and all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant, as well as all the volunteers who assisted



The support for the Notre Dame Children Outreach in Kenya. This year's total donation for the sisters, which includes the Bowing Angel, amounted to \$28,069.86.



The many bakers who provided an abundance of delicious cookies for our shut-ins and the residents of a nearby assisted-living residence for men, and those who prepared the tins for delivery



The ambassadors of goodwill who delivered the cookies, and the people who delivered the white poinsettias to the bereaved



The many who donated floral tributes in memory of loved ones (the gift box near the altar held their names and they were remembered during the liturgies throughout the Christmas season)



Our deacon Phong and his wife Jocelyn, administrative assistant Patrycja, collection counters, and church custodians Jerry and Christa.



The parishioners for your many gestures of kindness, including all those special treats that were brought for the parish staff



The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and visitors to our parish for your spirit of faith and goodwill and for the joy your presence brought to our Christmas liturgies

As we gather together in our wonderful church to be one with our Lord Jesus Christ, let us have courage to share joyfully our faith through this coming New Year.

with prayer,
Fr. Rafal