



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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## 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME — 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. Fundamentally - it centers on the 'trilemma' of the question of "Who is Christ Jesus?" Is he indeed the Lord; our Lord? Today's Gospel reminds us also of the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships). In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship. Renounce too much attachment to family, giving priority to God and His commandments. Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others. Accept the hard consequences of discipleship which include daily sacrificial service done for others and even the giving one's life for them. We need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it. We do so: by daily spiritual renewal through prayer. By talking to God, and by listening to Him through the meditative reading and study of the Bible. By sharing in God's life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. By practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of harmful or evil habits. By giving our time, talents and resources generously, for the Lord's work in the Church universal, and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By loving all God's children, especially the less fortunate ones, through humble and selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness and service. By showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, like fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice and charity in our work and vocation to holiness.

~ In Christ, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. G.Young

### Adult Faith & Sacramental Preparation RCIA

Thursdays 7:30pm (beginning Oct. 3)

**Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?** Please contact Fr. Geoffrey or the parish office to register for RCIA. Even if you have spoken directly to anyone before, please call (639-471-3246) to register and confirm further details. The program for those preparing for the Sacraments & Full Communion with the Catholic Church will begin next month. Also call if you are interested in being a sponsor, family prayer partner, or to assist with the RCIA team in any way.

### SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

If you have a **child going into Grade 2 (or is 7 years or older) they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and 1st Communion.**

Please add the parents names, phone number, child's name and email address to the sign up sheet on the back table. A baptismal certificate for each child is required. You can give the certificate to copy to Brenda Tryhuba or the JoAnn (Parish Secretary). We look forward to working with your children. Sacramental team: Sr. Cindy, Michelle Gaucher and

### MASSES THIS WEEK

*Contact Office or Pastor to Request Mass Intentions*

- Tuesday (Sep 10) (7pm) — Votive Mass: Farmers & Favourable Harvest (Int. †Cajetan Ojukwu)
- Wednesday (Sep 11) (7pm) — Votive Mass: Holy Spirit (Int. †Mary Ngozi Ojukwu)
- Thursday (Sep 12) (7pm) — **The Most Holy Name of Mary** (Int. †Dennis Nagy)
- Friday (Sep 13) (11am Luther Care Home) — St. John Chrysostom (†Michael Obrigewitch)
- Saturday (Sep 14) (5pm) — **24th Sunday O.T.** (Int. †Michael Iba)
- Sunday (Sep 15) (10:30am) — **24th Sunday O.T.** (*Pro Populo*)

Consider joining a parish small group BIBLE STUDY this Fall! Everyone is welcome to participate. New study groups will begin in October.



*As you begin to understand the Bible, you will develop a greater understanding for your faith, a deeper experience of the sacraments, and a closer relationship to Christ.*

Interested? Like more information? Please call the parish office (306) 343 0289, and leave your contact information.

### Fundraiser for Emily Mase

NET Ministries, Ireland

Jelly Bean Count Contest

Prizes- Baby Quilt and Jelly Beans- Each Guess- \$5.00

Children's Jelly Bean Contest

Prize- Jelly Beans- Each Guess- 0.25 cents

Contact: June Rivard

### FAST4FOOD

**A corporal work of mercy for every Christian.  
Thank you for continuing to share with our brothers  
and sisters. God bless you in abundance.  
*Please make gifts of non-perishable foods (green bin)***

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND MINISTRIES

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YOUTH GROUP AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all Youth! The Lord wants you to come and join the youth of our parish on **Monday nights 7-8:30pm**

Junior Youth ages 3-10 — Senior Youth ages 11 and up.

Be a part of our youth group evenings of fellowship, fun and foundations in music. Do you need to be a singer to join? Absolutely not!

Do you need to be willing to learn and have fun? Absolutely!

**Join us for our first Youth Group evening— Monday Sept 16th at 7pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

*For any questions please call Danielle Mase 306-227-1304*

### CHALLENGE CATHOLIC GIRLS YOUTH PROGRAM

**Resumes in Mid-September and runs throughout the school year. Friday nights at Our Lady of Lourdes.** Registration required and fees to be covered by participating families (Parish sponsorship available for those in financial need—contact Pastor/Office). Contact: Erin Hickey erindeannehickey@hotmail.com

### CONQUEST CATHOLIC BOYS YOUTH PROGRAM

**Resumes in Mid-September and runs throughout the school year.** Friday nights at Georges Vanier School. Registration required and fees to be covered by participating families (Parish sponsorship available for those in financial need—contact Pastor/Office). For boys Grades 3-8, **registration night is Friday, Sept. 20** at Georges Vanier School. Contact: Andrew Novecosky 306-241-0214

## Retrouvaille Saskatchewan

What Retrouvaille is.....

### A Lifeline For Troubled Marriages... Is Your Marriage Struggling?

The Retrouvaille Program is a 7 week program that focuses on healing, rebuilding and strengthening your marriage. It begins with a weekend to be held on **October 18, 2019** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. It is followed with one 4 hour Post Session each of the following six Saturdays. There we focus each week on specific topics and tools presented during the weekend. Topics include Building Blocks to a Healthy Marriage, Effective Listening, Family of Origin/Personality Assessment, Needs, Expectations, Interests, Values, Commitment, Forgiveness and Trust, Conflict Management and Intimacy.

Retrouvaille, pronounced (Retro-vi), is a French word meaning "rediscovery".

To learn more about the Retrouvaille Program or to register for the **October 18, 2019 Weekend** visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org), email [retrouvaille@sasktel.net](mailto:retrouvaille@sasktel.net) or call 306-652-7155. Retrouvaille requests a non-refundable deposit of \$200. per couple at the time of registration. Retrouvaille is a non profit organization. The cost for the entire program (based on cost recovery) is \$1200. to \$1400. depending on the number of registrants which covers the cost of meals, rooms, workbooks and supplies for the program, as well as travel costs for presenters. Team members as well as our presenters all volunteer their time and efforts to Retrouvaille.

### CWL

All ladies of Lourdes Parish are invited to join the CWL and attend our Sep. 12 meeting following the 7pm Mass.

Guest speaker will be Margaret Schwab from Holy Spirit Parish who is our diocesan president. She will speak on the relevance of being a CWL member and give an update on the National Convention that was held in Calgary this Aug.

We will be celebrating our members by awarding pins to those members who have reached membership goals. These include Betty Boehm, Joan Boehm, Janis Dale, Helen Dasiuk, Susan Dosman, Donna Dupuis, Joan Hoerd-Lukan, Sr. Theresa Horvath, St. Marie Jeanneau, Noha Karam, Geraldine Keen, Virginia Keen, Diane Kotschorek, Sylvia Kowblich, Rita Lawrence, Carolyn LeBlank, Ollie Mazurek, Kathy Molnar, Emilie Shira, Angelea Shenher and Philipinne Schaan-Dumont. We will be selling 2020 memberships at this meeting as well .

### MENTAL WELLNESS GROUP

Do you experience mental health challenges and would like a welcoming community to support and encourage you in your healing journey? **STRIDE** is a mental wellness group that currently meets out of Elim church every other Monday at 7pm. All are welcome to join!

Please contact [strideyxe@gmail.com](mailto:strideyxe@gmail.com)  
or like us on Facebook at Stride YXE for more information