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September, 2022

**Special Dates:**

*Plenary Assembly* / This month the Canadian Bishops are scheduled to meet in Plenary session September 26-30. All are invited to pray throughout the month especially in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and during Morning and Evening Prayer asking the Spirit of God to guide the Bishops in their deliberations and decisions for the people of God.

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1)

**Needs of the Church in Canada / World Day of Migrants and Refugees** (September 25)

**World Tourism Day** (September 27)

**Featured Feast:**      **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (September 8)

**St. Laurent Shrine:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm -- *Priests Available for Individual Confessions (Grotto)*

6:30 – 7:00 pm -- Marian Prayer, Rosary

7:00 - 8:30 pm -- Celebration of Eucharist, Candlelight Procession

8:30 pm - - - - - Birthday Cake and Coffee (*Food Booth*)

*(Please bring a long stemmed rose to present to Mary before Mass)*

*(For more details go to [www.padiocese.ca/stlaurentshrine](http://www.padiocese.ca/stlaurentshrine) or [www.saintlaurentshrine.com](http://www.saintlaurentshrine.com) )*

Donations to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine greatly appreciated.



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**Food for Thought!    The Assembly, a Community of Faith**

“If we are to be transformed by God’s love, we need to continually strive to deepen our relationship with God. Some periods in history have been marked by a strong separation between the sacred and the secular, between the world that we live in, and the prayer and worship of the church. We have not yet completely overcome this division. For many of us, the time that we take to come to mass or celebrate the sacraments is “time out” from our ordinary lives. We come to church for mass on Sunday and then we return to living our lives. We do not always understand that God is experienced in the whole of our lives: in our work, in our families, in our community, in the whole of the creation that surrounds us. God is with us in the ordinary events of our everyday lives. In the confusion of our fast-paced lives and the many distractions around us, God’s constant and loving presence often goes unnoticed... As human persons we are born into a family and a community. As Christians, we are baptized and born into a community of faith. We gather together because of our shared faith in the risen Christ... Active participation in the ritual action of the faith community provides us with a medium through which we may encounter and celebrate this presence and action of Christ in our daily lives.”

(Preparing for Liturgy Series / ‘Preparing the Assembly to Celebrate’ by Kim Aldi-Wanner)