



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 6:40 pm

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
20 minutes before weekday Masses.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of the hospital admissions to request anointing or pastoral visit.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



Welcome New Members

Welcome! We're glad you want to join our parish! Please fill out a form from the church lobby or website, drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office.

Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

Offertory Envelopes / Pre-Authorized Debit

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

PARISH TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Rafal Tomon

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parish Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive.

Remember **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.



CONTACT US

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APR 30 to May 5

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Lofaso Family – Family
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m.	+George Latchana – Maureen Schaus & Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Joan Sichewski – Jackie Gonsalves
FRIDAY West Hill	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Jennifer & Daniel – Naomi & Nevelle de’ Rozario
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First Saturday Devotions +Carole Reitzel – Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention First Holy Communion – Holy Rosary School

THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May. 1	May. 2	May. 3	May. 4
Rev. Guillermo Diaz	Rev. Paul Edmondstone	International Worker's Day	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek	Grandparents & the Elderly

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

E-TRANSFER If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email:

lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



Monthly Budget Review as of April 14, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$52,439.90	
E-transfer	\$2,171.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$36,460.00	\$90,070.90
Building fund		\$3,713.00
Easter		\$15,578.00



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. May 5, 2024

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

April 14, 2024, funds \$336

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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RAFFLE

We are looking for donations to our raffle prizes table for our parish Mother's Day Lunch. If you have something you would

be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate your help, please get in touch with our parish office for further details. All proceeds will go to our parish ministries' groups. We need volunteers to set up, clean up and help with organizing this event. If you can help, please call the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

our parish celebrations of First Eucharist will take place on:

Sunday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Sunday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary School



We ask for God's blessing on these children and their families.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY will continue in May. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.

Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins ."

VOCATION SEEDS: Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com _ hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

NEEDED: People to join Action4Canada's PRAYER WALK seeking God's power to change the ideology harming our children **SUNDAY, April 28, 2:00 pm**, Waterloo Region District School Board office, Ardelt Drive.

Further information: on-kitchener@action4canada
Action4Canada: Faith. Family. Freedom



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo Invites you for Lunch in honour of

**Mother's Day, on
Sunday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m.**

in the parish hall.

Bring your whole family
(Tickets are limited)

For more information and to purchase tickets:
please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3
or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Ticket price \$20 each.

Includes hot lunch served buffet style.
Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes,
veggies, Caesar and Greek salad
with cake, coffee, and tea

Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold.

Tickets are on Sale Now !!!!

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or in need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm** – April 16, May 21, June 18. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo, invites you to join us in praying the **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Saturday May 11, 2024. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. We anticipate the Devotion will finish by 8:00 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring their water bottles and their own lunch and/or supper. A **light** Lunch and Supper will be available. You can download a copy of the devotion from www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org enabling you to pray with us in May or at your convenience. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer throughout the day, if even for only a short time. Come when you can, leave when you must. For information contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.



**Education Foundation of
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**



**Calling NEW or in need students attending
University and College this September 2024.**

Please contact our parish office at
lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com to APPLY for Education
Foundation of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish assistance program.

1. Attends and is registered member Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
2. Are enrolled in University or College program in September 2024
3. Has assisted our parish in a ministry in the past, present, and future.



Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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Eat in call **Manager 519-884-2060**

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