



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

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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

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OFFICE HOURS

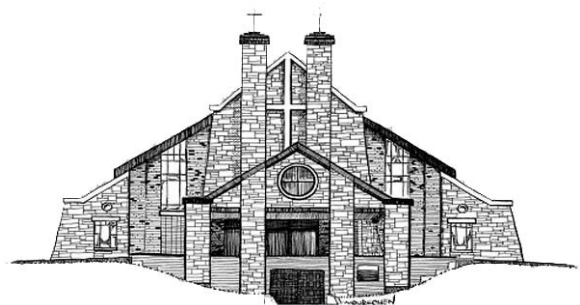
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 14 to MAY 19

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Hannah Perera – Angela Madappuli
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Lorraine Gleiser – Brenda Cliche
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Holy Souls – Olga Perko
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Egidio Volpini – Charmaine & Frank Volpini
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ron & Rita Hickey – Joan Cassidy
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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...

May. 13	May. 14	May. 15	May. 16	May. 17	May. 18
Rev. Marko Stefanec	Rev. Joseph Akanbi	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate	Rev. Charles Jordan	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

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 an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

Monthly Budget Review as of April 28, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$57,273.95	
E-transfer	\$2,291.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$48,570.00	\$108,134.95
Building fund		\$3,788.00
Easter		\$15,628.00

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.



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. May 9, 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

May 5, 2024, funds \$174

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.



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."



The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser: Mother's

Day is here and *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish* is proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be primarily virtual once again this year. Please provide your support for the campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support.

All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help make an immediate impact. To donate now, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and it will take you directly to our donate page. 109 Young Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4Z2



DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, we honour you O Mary, our dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Teach me what I ought to know, for what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God you are, and how utterly filled with Him! We invite you to pray the rosary daily, with the litany to Our Lady of Loreto.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL YOUTH TRAINING DAY The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a day of training for those young people who are assisting in their parish's Vacation Bible School this summer. Join us on Saturday, May 25th at Mount Mary Retreat Centre for a day of leadership development. Parishes are requested to complete the registration form on behalf of their young people attending. Registration and additional information are available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/vbsmay2024>

NEW TO YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORKING EVENT The Office of Youth Ministry is hosting a networking evening for those adult leaders who are new to parish youth ministry. Join us on June 6th at St. Benedict Parish in Milton for an evening of conversation and fellowship. Registration and additional information is available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/ymnetwork>

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

Background on the Gospel Reading

(In places where the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is not designated as a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast is moved to the following Sunday.)

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection. Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

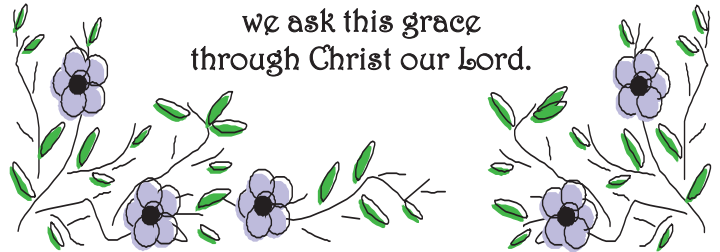
Prayer for Mothers

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.



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND A Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held in Deemerton from Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2nd. For information or application forms, please contact Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Weekend Coordinator) rmkirkconnell@gmail.com.

RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE VISIT HAMILTON DIOCESE

The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, [Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://saintbrotherandre.in.thedioceseofhamilton.com) for dates and times.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.



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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