



# 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

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**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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**Music Director:** Mr. Bruce Cameron

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

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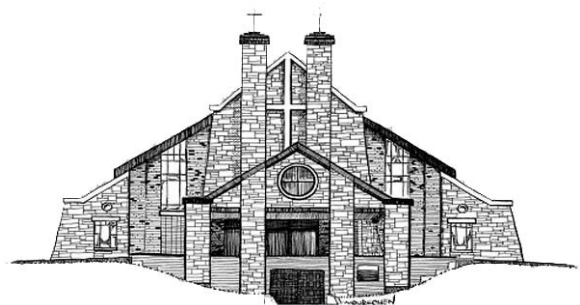
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 21 to MAY 26

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Bronislawa Zalewska – Renata Zalewska
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Deceased Hickey Family – Joan Cassidy
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Ida Albo – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention – Wiecek Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
<b>SUNDAY</b>	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. 20	May. 21	May. 22	May. 23	May. 24	May. 25
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Rev. Hanh Van, Tran, O.M.I.	Congregation of the Resurrection	Rev. Adam Voisin	Rev. Jeffery Oehring	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
				World Day of Prayer for the Church of China	

**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

**Monthly Budget Review as of May 12, 2024**

Weekly contributions year to date	\$63,647.55	
E-transfer	\$2,436.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$48,570.00	\$114,653.55
Building fund		\$4,415.00

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

[lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto: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. June 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**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.

**THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED** - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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>



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



## PENTECOST

### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to us that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Would you like to assist in planning a farewell celebration for Fr. Rafal? Please contact our parish office if you can help. Committee meeting Friday May 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish office.

**THE SERRA CLUB OF KITCHENER-WATERLOO** is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, May 29th at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener to revitalize and increase membership. This event will include prayer beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7:00. Refreshments and a speakers' panel from Serra Canada Council will inform us about what the Serra Club does around the world and in our local communities. For more information contact: Bill Zister at 519 578-2019 or [ma\\_zister@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_zister@hotmail.com) We hope that with the encouragement of pastors there will be parishioners from every parish in attendance.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pencil Case Project** After a long break due to COVID, our receiving countries are once again able to receive cargo containers filled with the very generous donations by our students, schools and Parish families. The collections consist of used and/or new school supplies. We are very fortunate to have the ability to buy our children new supplies each September. Most countries are not as fortunate. The used supplies are very welcomed and appreciated by those living in countries where a child cannot attend school unless they have their own supplies. Despite being used, your items enable these children to go to school. Over the past 10 projects, the SSVP in your community has collected and shipped 20' containers that were filled from top to bottom to countries such as, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Jamaica, Philippines x2, Peru, Nicaragua, and Rwanda. Our receiving country this year is Grenada. *Items we are collecting are:* used pencil cases, backpacks, sports bags, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, math sets, calculators, scissors, crayons, pens, pencils, markers, pencil crayons, lunch boxes, water bottles, gently used games and toys, craft supplies, sports equipment, blank notebooks. *Some special request items are:* toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, sanitary pads, soap), children's black shoes (various sizes for school uniforms), light blankets, bath towels, fabric and thread for sewing, tools such as measuring tape, screwdrivers, pliers, wood glue, children's clothing. For a complete list, please see the flyer on the bulletin boards. Collections from schools will take place the last week of June. Parishioner donations can be dropped off at Mary's altar. Collections will be sorted, counted and packed for shipping during the month of July by volunteers. The 20' container will depart the first week of August. We pray for another successful project! Thank you for your continued support of our SSVP initiatives and of our *youth helping youth*. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, Carmela Addante, at [carm199@hotmail.com](mailto:carm199@hotmail.com).

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join us on **May 23, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for the screening of **The Biggest Little Farm**. The film chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to develop a sustainable farm in harmony with nature. Guest speaker Lisa Conroy, Farm Educator from the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph will offer insight into their model of organic agriculture and the programs they provide. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at:** <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP** – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register before each session here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> or contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!



### 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](mailto: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.



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