



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

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

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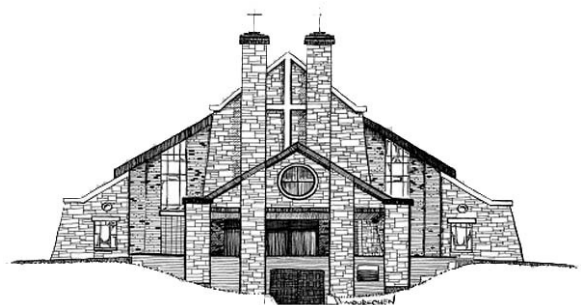
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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MAY 7 to MAY 12

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Richard Biber – Earnest Biber & Family
WEDNESDAY Luther Village	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Morris & Lily Lee – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Ted Walraven – Walraven Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Lloyd Clarence Haffner – Carmen Hammond
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Joan Roga – Vivian Rickert
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

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



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.



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.

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. 6	May. 7	May. 8	May. 9	May. 10	May. 11
St. Francois de Laval Patron of the Bishop of Canada	Very Rev. David Wynen	Sisters of Charity of SVDP of Zagreb	Rev. Mark Morley	Very Rev. Adrian Lee	Rev. Fadi Rizk

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.



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/

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

PRAYER WALK: Sunday, May 2nd, 2:00 p.m. at Kitchener Main Public Library, on Queen St. Join us as we circle the library building, praying for the removal of the pornographic books targeting children and the presence of drag queens. on-kitchener@action4canada

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.



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS

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 !!!!

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>

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.the.Diocese.of.Hamilton.hamiltondiocese.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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