



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Catholic Parish, Waterloo

### MASS TIMES

#### Lord's Day

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.

#### Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need and requesting anointing or pastoral visit, please contact our parish office or see Father after Mass. If the person is in the Hospital and it's an emergency, please have the hospital contact the priest on call.

#### 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:** Fr. Stephen Murrin  
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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.



### CONTACT US

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DEC 3 to DEC 8

<b>TUESDAY – DEC 3</b> Memorial – St. Francis Xavier	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Asia Turski – Renta Kochanowska
<b>WEDNESDAY– DEC 4</b> Ferial – Advent	8:30 a.m.	+Jean Patricia de’Rozario – Naomi & Nevelle de’Rozario
<b>THURSDAY– DEC 5</b> Ferial – Advent	7:00 p.m.	+John D’Costa – Rita & Horace Coelho
<b>FRIDAY– DEC 6</b> Memorial – St. Nicholas	8:30 a.m.	+Fr. Ted Hughes – Ralph & Venilia Sperling
<b>SATURDAY– DEC 7</b> Memorial – St. Ambrose	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion +Lena Latchana – Maureen Schaus & Family
<b>SUNDAY– DEC 8</b> Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Ida Rosa Fogal – Shelagh Kirvan Living & deceased members of our parish

Parish Finance Report Week of 		Nov 17, 2024	Nov 24, 2024
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 1,765.10	\$ 1,580.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$ 406.15	\$ 240.10
	E-transfer	\$ 145.00	\$ 730.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 3,037.50
	TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 5,353.75	\$ 5,587.60
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	-\$ 1,146.25	-\$ 912.40

**St. Francis Xavier ...** Francis became a priest in 1537. Three years later, Pope Paul III confirmed Ignatius and his companions as a religious order, the Jesuits. During that time, the king of Portugal asked the Pope to send missionaries to his newly acquired territories in India. From Venice, where he was ordained, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

**St. Nicholas ...**The great veneration with which St. Nicholas has been honoured for many ages and the number of altars and churches all over the world that are dedicated in his memory are testimonials to his wonderful holiness and the glory he enjoys with God. According to other traditions St. Nicholas was not only there during the Council of Nicaea in 325, but so far forgot himself as to give the heresiarch Arius (against the divinity of Christ) a slap in the face. He showed great generosity to children, and, for example, he is said to have provided dowries for three girls who would have been sold into slavery if they could not make good marriages.

**St. Ambrose** was a wealthy, successful lawyer and governor who called for peace at the time of the Arian controversy (heresy) that denied the divinity of Christ. For this plea the people called him to be bishop. Not even baptized, Ambrose reluctantly accepted the demands and was forced into becoming the Bishop of Milan. According to legend, when Ambrose was a baby, a swarm of bees settled on his mouth, an omen that he would be a great orator. St. Ambrose is the patron of beekeepers, bees, candle makers, domestic animals, learning, Milan Italy, and students.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Cookies Project**



It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver and share with others a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with others. How special it will be for someone when they receive a tin of homemade Christmas cookies from Our Lady of

Loules parishioners! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering others at this special time of giving.

To continue to do this, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish. Thank you for your support.

	Your cookies should be brought to the <u>parish office</u> on Tuesday, <b>Dec 10</b> between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, <b>Dec 11</b> between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.
	Volunteers will be needed to arrange the cookies on Thursday, <b>Dec 12</b> at 9:00 am. In the parish hall. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies on Friday, <b>Dec 13</b> at 12:00 p.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to prepare the cookie tins, on Friday, <b>Dec 6</b> at 9:00 a.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.

**Volunteers needed!**

**Things to sign up for during this Christmas season.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS		
Dec 1	Christmas shoe boxes	12:00 p.m.
Dec 6	Prepare cookie tins	9:00 a.m. after Mass
Dec 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass	9:00 a.m.
Dec 8	LOLOL Café	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dec 10	Cookie drop off / parish office	9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Dec 11	Cookie drop off / parish office	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Dec 12	Arranging cookie tins	9:00 a.m.
Dec 13	Deliver cookies	2:00 p.m.
Dec 14/15	2024 Parish envelope pick-up	Before or after Mass
Dec 14	Cutting Tree of Life & Set up	10:00 a.m.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 15	Christmas decoration setup	12:00 p.m.
Dec 20	Deliver white poinsettias	12:00 p.m.
Dec 24	Pageant	4:30 p.m.

Please email our parish office at [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com)

## Ministers of the Eucharist Training

Saturday, December 7th following the 9:00 am. Mass. There will be a training session for all current and new Ministers of the Eucharist to discuss the ministry and new procedures during Mass. This is an important meeting, so if you will not be unable to attend, please notify Patrycja at the office.

## New Mass time for First Saturday Mass will be 9:00 am

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. (*Loyola Press*).

## THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



**TRANSPORTATION TEAM:** The Tree of Life "Tree Cutters" need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck on **Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

**485 Heatherhill Place, Waterloo.** Come experience this parish tradition! The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to handle this task, so if you can spare a couple of hours followed by lunch, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 or email or call our parish office.

We also need some help cleaning up the church, after the Tree of Life is placed in the sanctuary, sweeping and mopping will be required.

## WHY@Breakfast ONLINE ADVENT PRESENTATION –

You are invited to a special presentation, HEALING IN ADVENT DARKNESS AND LIGHT, with Sister Barbara Paleczny, SSND, PhD/SThD, as our speaker. Sister Barbara sees the darkness as profoundly creative, and she will share with us her way of healing during Advent. The online presentation will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. For more information and free registration, see <http://whyatbreakfast.com>.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Once again, this year, students from grades one to eight, along with parent volunteers, are invited to become involved in the Christmas pageant which will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Registration online by filling out the google form. <https://forms.gle/rbvHtfuqLffnAah37>

Deadline to register for the pageant is Sunday, December 8.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Tuesday, December 10 & Tuesday, December 17  
from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church. *"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."* –

attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

## Season of Advent and Blessing of Wreath

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Although the liturgical color for advent is purple, Advent is a season of joyful expectation contrasted with the penitential season of Lent. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. One tradition of Advent is the Advent wreath, which marks each week with the lighting of a candle, symbolizing Jesus as the light in darkness.



**Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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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