



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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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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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.



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DEC 10 to DEC 15

MONDAY – DEC 9	12:00 p.m.	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
TUESDAY – DEC 10 Ferial – Advent	7:00 p.m.	+Emilie & Walter Reichelt – Maria Reichelt-Smit
WEDNESDAY – DEC 11 Ferial – Advent	8:30 a.m.	+Soul of Thaganala – Earnest & Suja Biber
THURSDAY – DEC 12 Feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
FRIDAY – DEC 13 Memorial – St. Lucy	8:30 a.m.	+Sheldon & Doris Gross – Family
SATURDAY – DEC 14 Memorial – St. John of the Cross	7:00 p.m.	+Brian O'Brien – Markus & Jeni Poetzsch
SUNDAY – DEC 15 Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Cindy May Flynn – Claudette Rousseau 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

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 Lourdes 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, Dec 10 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec 11 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, Dec 12 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, Dec 13 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, Dec 6 at 9:00 a.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.

This Sunday, December 8th, is also the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and together with two other celebrations as Mother of God and her Assumption, ranks among the highest feasts in the church. To show their importance, if the celebration of her Assumption fell on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, it would suppress the Sunday celebration in favor of her feast day, which is August 15. This is not the case in the seasons of Advent and Lent, however, when a Solemnity falls on a Sunday. In this case, the Solemnity is suppressed to be celebrated on the next day.



Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 12 noon on Monday, December 9th.

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 st 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.
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

A sincere THANK YOU to all who donated to Canadian Food for children Christmas shoe box campaign. **100 boxes** were collected and taken down to Mississauga for shipment to El Salvador. May God bless you and your loving support for the poor.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. (*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.



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.

We need more help 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 email our parish



Merry Christmas from the Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our ladies have been busy. We have created over 700 beautiful shawls since the onset of this special ministry and have been blessed to be able to provide peace and comfort to many of our parishioners, both young and old. We have also given many shawls to those in need at different organizations, such as Innisfree, the Catholic Missions and, of late, St. Mary's Spiritual Care Dept.

We still have many wonderful shawls from which to choose for someone you know who can benefit from their warmth and prayers, especially during this Christmas season. There are shawls in many colours (for women, men, teenagers and children) and in different shapes (rectangles, triangles, lap blankets and even ones with sleeves).

Please call Marg Perrotta at 519-886-8258 if you would like a shawl or check out the shawl display by the office. Many thanks to all who have provided us with yarn and donations.

Immaculate Conception ... In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."

Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a venerated image enshrined within the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the venerated image a Canonical Coronation on 12 October 1895.

St. Lucy history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. "Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen"

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



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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