



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.

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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brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com
Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday 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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JAN 14 to JAN 19

TUESDAY – JAN 14 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	Special intention of Gerry Mulhern – Geraldine Mahood & Family
WEDNESDAY– JAN 15 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+ Karl Friedrich – Miriam Jayasundera
THURSDAY– JAN 16 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Josephine Pirri– Peter & Barb Whitby
FRIDAY– JAN 17 Memorial – St. Anthony Abbot	8:30 a.m.	+ Stan Kus – Olga Perko
SATURDAY– JAN 18 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Rita Banerjee – Miriam Jayasundera
SUNDAY– JAN 19	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Joan Voll– Geraldine Mahood Living & deceased members of our parish

Parish Finance Report Week of		Dec 22, 2024	Dec 29, 2024
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>		\$ 2,880.00
<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>		\$ 320.90	\$ 2396.25
<i>E-transfer</i>		\$ 610.00	\$ 1,940.00
<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>		\$ 3,037.50	\$ 3,037.50
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>		<u>\$ 6,848.40</u>	<u>\$ 12,983.75</u>
<i>Budgeted</i>		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
<i>Net Income /Loss</i>		\$ 348.40	\$ 6,483.75

Thank you for your generosity and continued financial support to the Parish.

Christmas collection \$20,400

Christmas Floral collection \$ 3,385



ST. LOUIS PARISH - Bible Study: The Book of Revelation with Jeff Cavins. 11-part DVD course running concurrently on Sundays at 12:30 PM (lunch included), or on Mondays at 7:30 PM (with refreshments). This study program shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.” Course is free. Handouts provided. If you wish to have your own workbook (\$38) please contact the office. Start: Jan.19/20 in the St. Louis Large Hall (Entry via the elevator door). 53 Allen St. E. Waterloo. For schedule see stlouisparish.ca or contact the office at 519-743-4101, stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2024 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass **beginning February 1/2** in the parish hall.

ST. AGNES PARISH Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable hope despite the struggles? Join us for the next St. Agnes Education Café: “Our Families: Signs of Hope Amid the Challenges” with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Sun. January 26th 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes Parish.

E-TRANSFER

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com



Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Rev. Allen Varlaki	Rev. Rejesh Dsouza, O.C.D.	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B	Rev. Jerzy Tomon	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen	Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.
					Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25

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



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Jan 12, 2025

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

Dec 8, 2024, funds \$142.25

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.



This Sunday, with the Feast of Our Lord’s baptism, the Liturgical Season moves to Ordinary Time. And, there are two Ordinary Time’s celebrated: one after

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christmas lasting to Ash Wednesday and the other after Easter up to the season of Advent. The word comes from the Latin word meaning to number or order so it does not mean ordinary in the usual sense that we often use the word.

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the Risen Lord. (*Loyola Press*).

THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be

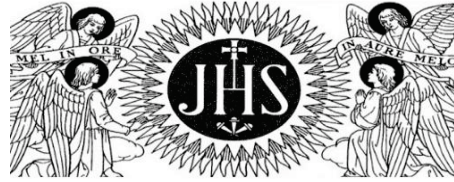


ALPHA 2025 St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 to May 1, 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, please contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

St. Anthony the Abbot, the father of monks, retired to the desert at about the age of eighteen in order to live in perfect solitude. He laid the foundations of community life and gave to his disciples that profound broad and sane instruction, the mature result of solitude and prayer, which forms the surest basis of Christian asceticism.

Here are a few of his famous sayings to monks. "Let it be your supreme and common purpose not to grow weary in the work you have begun, and in time of trial and affliction not to lose courage and say: Oh, how long already have we been mortifying ourselves! Rather, we should daily begin anew and constantly increase our fervor. For man's whole life is short when measured against the time to come, so short, in fact, that it is as nothing in comparison with eternity. . . For our life is by nature uncertain and is daily meted out to us by Providence. If we are convinced of this and live each day as the apostle suggests, then we

will not fall into sin; no desire will enslave us, no anger move us, no treasure bind us to earth; we will await death with unfettered hearts."



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of

those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is also chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that means God Saves and calling on His name has great power. As Catholics, we reminded not to take the name of Jesus in vain and bow our heads when we say his name.

MEN'S GROUP: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has a men's group. It is open to all men 18 and older. We meet every other Thursday after Mass (around 7:30 pm) in the meeting room in the church hall. We will commence this session on Thursday, January 9th. This session we will continue with the Kapaun's Men program on Formed. We will be studying the Stewardship series, a 10-part series. Through this series we will discover how stewardship teaches us to recognize God's gifts in the ordinary circumstances of our lives and respond in a way that is truly extraordinary. Please join us! For further information you can contact Mike Mateyk (mgmateyk@rogers.com) or J.M. Gamble (JM.Gamble@uwaterloo.ca).

2025 ENVELOPES, please pick up your new 2025 box of envelopes, located at the back of the church. Reminder to parishioners using preauthorized giving to please pick up your small box of envelopes for this year. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes and you do not see your family name at the back of the church. Please stop by the parish office for a new box of envelopes to use for 2025. We ask you to please not use envelopes from previous years, as envelopes numbers change each year.

VOCATIONS SEEDS - A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think 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

LOL CAFE: Are you looking for a way to get involved at our parish this New Year? Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve at our parish Café (Every second Sunday of the month), and clean up afterward. If you can help, please email our parish office to be added to the list. We are looking for 5 -10 volunteers to join the team.



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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