



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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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 21 to JAN 26

TUESDAY – JAN 21 Memorial – St. Agnes	7:00 p.m.	Special intention of Nunes Family – Geraldine Mahood & Family
WEDNESDAY – JAN 22 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Angelika Rapacki – Naomi & Nevelle de’Rozario
THURSDAY – JAN 23 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Peter DaCosta – Family
FRIDAY – JAN 24 Memorial – St. Francis De Sales	8:30 a.m.	+ Karl Friedrich – Olga Perko
SATURDAY – JAN 25 Feast – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	7:00 p.m.	+ Lucien Marceau – Joanne & Mario Duchaine
SUNDAY – JAN 26 Word of God	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Paul Latchana–Maureen Schaus Living & deceased members of our parish

		<i>Jan 5, 2025</i>	<i>Jan 12, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	\$ 2075.00	\$ 2520.00
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	\$ 738.15	\$ 417.50
	<i>E-transfer</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 637.00
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 3,037.50
	<i>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</i>	\$ 6,250.65	\$ 6,612.00
	<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	\$ -249.35	\$ 112.00

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. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
Rev. James Curtin	Rev. Edward Hampson	Youth Ministers	Rev. Scott Whitfield	Rev. Michael Bennett	Rev. Ron Cote

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



Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus, - St. Alphonsus

O my Jesus, thou art the Savior who hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me, I pray Thee to write Thy adorable name on my poor heart; so that having it always imprinted in my heart by love, I may also have it ever on my lips, by invoking it in all my necessities. If the devil tempts me, Thy name will give me strength to resist him; if I lose confidence, Thy name will animate me to hope; if I am in affliction, Thy name will comfort me, by reminding me of all Thou hast endured for me. If I find myself cold in Thy love, Thy name will inflame me by reminding me of the love Thou hast shown me. I have fallen into so many sins, because I did not call on Thee; from henceforth Thy name shall be my defense, my refuge, my hope, my only consolation, my only love. Thus do I hope to live, and so do I hope to die, having Thy name always on my lips.



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Feb 9, 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

Jan 12, 2025, funds \$142.00
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 we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and today’s Gospel is from St. John, which describes the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and his first miracle. The event is situated after Jesus calls his first disciples, and the story tells that Jesus with his disciples, along with his mother, we invited to a wedding. The story is only contained in John’s Gospel.

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

It is recorded as his first miracle, and far from his impending passion and death, the language he uses anticipates his passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. (*Loyola Press*).

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).



St. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER: During the month of December, we helped 30 families and 7 singles with emergency food support in our cupboard. In addition, we assisted 44 families and 12 single clients with Christmas support. This included 87 children who were provided with toys by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for supporting us with toys for the children again this year! We received \$1,126 in donations in December and an additional \$3,106 in the toonies and loonies collection. Thanks for your generosity! These funds are vital in helping us continue supporting those in need in our community.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S AFRICA PROJECT COMMITTEE is hosting another **Harambee Pub Night on Thursday February 6th** at the Jazz Room in the Huether Hotel (Uptown Waterloo – 59 King St. N.). This is a fundraiser for the construction of the **Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre – Phase II** in Nyalieng'a Kenya. There will be live music with Michael Kelly Cavan from 7 till 9:30 pm. Lots of fun games! Door Prizes! Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets (\$20) are available at the St Michael's parish office or by calling Isabelle at 519-746-7202.

ST. FRANCIS DESALES was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877. Francis insisted that every Christian was called to holiness and sanctity, lived within their own state in life. In holding that belief, he reflected the teaching of Jesus and the early Church Fathers. He laid the groundwork for the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on what is now called the universal call to holiness.

ST. AGNES died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on January 21st in the year 304. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in a church in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Rejecting the advances of men and killed for that reason and her faith, she is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms. On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.

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



OLOL 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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