



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

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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 28 to FEB 2

TUESDAY – JAN 28 Memorial – St. Thomas Aquinas	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
WEDNESDAY – JAN 29 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+Anthony Costa – Miriam Jayasundera
THURSDAY – JAN 30 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Bruno Marceau – Joanne & Mario Duchaine
FRIDAY – JAN 31 Memorial – St. John Bosco	8:30 a.m.	+ Jim Watchorn – Donna Schultz
SATURDAY – FEB 1 Feast – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Suja & Earnest Biber
SUNDAY – FEB 2 Presentation of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Jack Cassidy – Joan Cassidy Living & deceased members of our parish

Parish Finance Report Week of 		<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

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE, FEBRUARY 2ND.

The purpose of this day is “to help the entire Church to esteem every more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” (St. Pope John Paul II, 1997).

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 January 25/26** in the parish hall.

****Please note that there will be no Tuesday 7:00 p.m. evening Mass, this Tuesday, January 28th and the following Tuesday, February 4th. ****

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. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Rev. Ralph Diodati	Rev. David Lewis	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate	Rev. Robert Sims	St. John Bosco, Priest	Rev. Arpee Urquico

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. 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.



Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel.

His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase “Dear Reader” might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as “lover of God.”

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll that contains the words of the prophet Isaiah.

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This reading defines his ministry in continuity with Israel's prophetic

tradition. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year and Jubilee every 50th year, which is even more relevant for us today as we, too, celebrate a Jubilee year of Hope. A year of favor, renewal and reconciliation. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is God who visits His people. He is filled with the spirit of God and in that presence, the Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection and he will further send his Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. (*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. JOHN BOSCO - In 1859, Fr. John Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group and their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world. In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco eventually expanded his mission and died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate.

Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929.

St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth." he is also known as the Angelic Doctor because of his work on celestial beings and angels.

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and he journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented

glimpse of the early liturgical life and celebrations of the Church. Among the celebrations she describes in her journal are the Feast of the Nativity, and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple in which she describes a gala procession of lights.

Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, and she would have to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice for her purification: a pair of turtledoves or two pigeons. That is why today's feast is also known as the Purification of Mary.

The primary emphasis on this Feast, however, is Christ and his first appearance in the temple. The observance of this feast is ancient that spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries, and assigned to February 2nd, being 40 days after Christmas Day. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. Traditionally at this Mass a candlelight procession opens the Mass and candles are blessed, giving the Feast its popular name, Candlemas Day. Since this Feast falls on a Sunday this year, there will be a blessing and procession of candles before all Masses next Weekend. If you have candles that you would like to be blessed, you may bring them with you at Mass next weekend.

Candles can also be purchased at the parish office this week, Tuesday to Friday morning. The cost of a box of 2 candles is \$5.00. We ordered a limited supply of candles, and any remaining will be placed at the back of the church at next Sunday Masses.



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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