



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

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.

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of the hospital admissions to request anointing or pastoral visit.

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 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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OCT 8 to OCT 13

TUESDAY – OCT 8 Ferial, Ordinary Time	7:00 p.m.	+Albin Perko – Olga Perko
WEDNESDAY – OCT 9 Ferial, Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m.	+Noel Pereira – Naomi & Nevelle de’Rozario
THURSDAY – OCT 10 Ferial, Ordinary Time	7:00 p.m.	+John Lariccia – Fama Family
FRIDAY – OCT 11 Ferial, Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m.	+Joseph & Ethel de’Rozario – Naomi & Nevelle de’Rozario
SATURDAY – OCT 12	7:00 p.m.	+Nikolaj Zunic – Nick & Erin Zunic & Family
SUNDAY – OCT 13	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Rapacki Family Living & deceased members of our parish

GUARDIAN ANGELS The truth that each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel who protects us from both spiritual and physical evil has been shown throughout the Old Testament and is made very clear in the New. Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane and in his temptations, and it was an angel who delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says, “See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10). We all have a guardian angel, and they are there to protect and guide us through life. “Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

ST. FRANCIS was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church’s patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis’ brotherhood included all of God’s creation. Much has been written about Francis’ love of nature, but his relationship was deeper than that. We call someone a lover of nature if they spend their free time in the woods or admire its beauty. But Francis really felt that nature, all God’s creations, were part of his brotherhood. The sparrow was as much his brother as the pope. In one famous story, Francis preached to hundreds of birds about being thankful to God for their wonderful clothes, for their independence, and for God’s care. The story tells us the birds stood still as he walked among him, only flying off when he said they could leave.

Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 29, 2024	
Weekly contributions year to date	\$125,978.14
E-transfer	\$6,706.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$108,815.00
	\$241,499.14
Building fund	\$7,389.00

STRUGGLING MARRIAGE? Find hope with *retrouvaille* does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is *retrouvaille* – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next *retrouvaille* weekend is Oct. 18-20, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Oct 13, 2024
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



Sept 8, 2024, funds \$196.00
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.

I'm a volunteer for Canadian Food for Children's doll/stuffy project. I'm in need of donations of dolls, stuffed animals (12" or bigger"), cotton/flannel fabric, and thread. Please call me at (519) 885-0109 if you can help. Thank you. Maryke Mior

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For a shared mission
We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



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

Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
Rev. Jeff Bergsma	Rev. Michael Anderson	Felician Franciscan Sisters	Rev. Patrick Ohl	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka	Chancery Staff

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

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



Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.
You must include your mailing address, if not registered in the parish, to receive an income tax receipt.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 25, 2024**, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until October 23rd. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928, or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) by calling the Parish Office at 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus asks about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for parish ministry and to be a member of one of our committees and you will be contacted soon within the next month.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

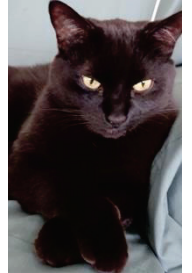
WELCOME: to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.

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FOOD DRIVE: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having a Thanksgiving **Food Drive on Oct. 12th & 13th**. Your donations of non-perishable goods would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the baptismal font on Oct. 12th and 13th. If you are going to be out of town, you may leave your food items at the baptismal font the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thank-you for helping us serve those who are in need.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, and the loves we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing and we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our brother. Amen.



Happy Thanksgiving Day to everyone. Fr. Steve and Nicholas (my cat).

DIOCESAN CHOIR – ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL The Diocesan Choir will present an Advent Hymn Festival on **Sunday, December 1, 2024**. If you enjoy singing, consider joining the choir for this event. Auditions will occur during the first rehearsal on Monday, October 7th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For further information, please get in touch with Sharon Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from **November 6th to December 11th, 2024**. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL DURING MASS. If you are currently sick and would like to be included by name in the Prayers of the Faithful during Sunday Mass when we pray for the sick, you may call the parish office and request to have your name included in the prayers.

Forward together in Christ

As I spoke about in my homily last weekend, the following link from the Diocese of Hamilton will bring you to the results of the synod sessions held within the Diocese. This will be the roadmap for the Diocese and the parish over the next several years concentrating on three of these topics: Liturgy, youth and outreach. There are limited copies of the booklets available upon request. Here is the link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/forward-together-in-christ/>

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father, we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation. The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.



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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