



# 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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## 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.



## CONTACT US

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SEPT 24 to SEPT 29

<b>TUESDAY</b> Ferial, Ordinary Time	7:00 p.m.	+Teresa Klek – Wiecek Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Ferial, Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m.	+Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
<b>THURSDAY</b> Ferial, Ordinary Time St. John De Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions Feast	7:00 p.m.	+Dominic Fama – Fama Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> Memorial, Saint Vincent de Paul	8:30 a.m.	+Wally Weber – Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Sookdeo Joseph Kasse – Elizabeth Kasse
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Paul Schaus – Maureen Schaus & Family Living & deceased members of our parish

**Thursday, St. John De Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions, Feast**  
Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years, Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed. This day honors the eight martyrs of North America, six Jesuit priest and two lay assistants who died between 1642 and 1649.

**Friday, St. Vincent De Paul, Memorial**  
St. Vincent De Paul was born to a poor peasant family in France in 1581. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1600 and five years later, he was captured and sold as a slave in Tunis. Two years later, he escaped and returned home where he continued studies in theology and was assigned as a chaplain responsible for distributing money to the poor. From that point on, preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts and founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.

Seniors' Progressive Euchre will resume on Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All senior parishioners are welcome.

**THE POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2024**

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



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

Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28
Rev. Hayden Starczala	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B)	Rev. Robert Hetu	Very Rev. Ian Duffy	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
				World Tourism Day	

**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

**Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 18, 2024**

Weekly contributions year to date	\$116,706.39
E-transfer	\$5,806.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$96,715.00
	<b>\$219,227.39</b>
Building fund	\$7,364.00

**E-TRANSFER** If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email:

[lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto: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.



**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](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

**“40 DAYS FOR LIFE”** campaign runs from Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> thru to Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Please consider signing up for *one hour per week*, online at: [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or phone (519) 607-1550.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** is started on September 10, 2024, after the 7:00 pm Mass. We are continuing with the Kapaun's Men program. Discover the true blessings of Christianity with the group as we explore Jesus' Beatitudes with our fellow men. Father Kapaun's was a heroic Catholic priest who spent his life in service to his fellow men on the battlefields and prison camps of Korea and witnessed to the truth of the Beatitudes in his daily life. The Parish will be hosting the Kapaun's Men Beatitude Series on Formed.org beginning on September 10th. Meetings will occur every two weeks. All men of the parish are invited to join us. For additional information contact Mike Mateyk at [mgmateyk@rogers.com](mailto:mgmateyk@rogers.com) or JM Gamble at [JM.gamble@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:JM.gamble@uwaterloo.ca).

**Gospel Reading**  
*Mark 9:30-37*

**Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.**

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. (**Loyola Press**)

**CATHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:** Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school for students not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. They are supported by our parish catechists who review the students' assignments. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out their website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information and registration forms. If your child will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please also contact the parish office immediately so that important information regarding the reception of the sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes can be sent to you. Thank you.

**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.*

**SEPTEMBER 28/29 – COFFEE**

**WEEKEND to**

**WELCOME to Fr. Steve**

On the weekend of September 28/29, you are invited to our coffee weekend. Plan to attend – there will be a lot going on!



You will have an opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities and parish groups in the parish. Parishioners will be available to answer all your questions about .

- the music ministry (choirs at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
- the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass
- hospitality ministry (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
- prayer shawl ministry
- Fabulous Faith Finders (grades 4-8 youth group)
- Altar Servers
- Social Committee (parish events, Christmas dinner, Mother's Day lunch, Parish BBQ, OLOL Cafe, bus trips)

Please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents with the parish. Many volunteer positions have a minimal time commitment. Volunteering is very rewarding and the satisfaction that you get from helping is well worth the effort! Please plan to attend our coffee weekend, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.

**CANADA'S NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

is Monday, September 30. That morning, the annual "Every Child Matters" rally will be held in Victoria Park. Ahead of the gathering, a Mass for Reconciliation will be offered at 8 am at St Joseph parish (Courtland and Madison). Following Mass, all are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a walk up Courtland Ave to join the gathering in the park. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St Anne and St Joseph parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT** - Saturday, October 5th – Hamilton Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to participate in our Diocesan Vocations Month under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary by attending an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 5th at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**YOUTH MINISTERS RETREAT** The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or contacting [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**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.



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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