



# 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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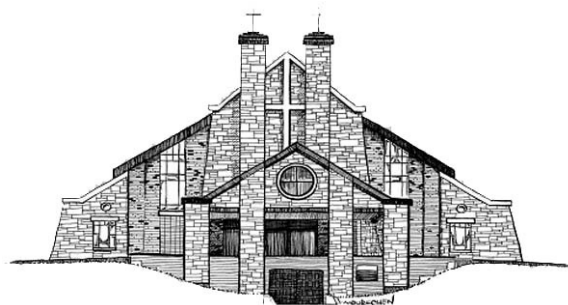
**Organist:** Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com  
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## OFFICE HOURS

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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OCT 1 to OCT 6

<b>TUESDAY – OCT 1</b> Memorial, Ordinary Time St. Therese of the Child Jesus	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY – OCT 2</b> Memorial, Ordinary Time Holy Guardian Angel	8:30 a.m.	+Senake Colombaga – Miriam Jayasundera
<b>THURSDAY – OCT 3</b> Ferial, Ordinary Time	7:00 p.m.	+Francesca Montecristo – Fama Family
<b>FRIDAY – OCT 4</b> Memorial, Ordinary Time St. Francis of Assisi	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de’Rozario
<b>SATURDAY – OCT 5</b>	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>First Saturday Mass</b> +Thomas Schmuck – Kathie Mulhall
<b>SUNDAY – OCT 6</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Wiecek 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 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

**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).

**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.

**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...**

Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Rev. William Clarke, S.J.	Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.	The Holy Guardian Angels	Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Ch.	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

**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:  
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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.**

**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).

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel Feast Day, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Be our protection against the snares and wickedness of the devil, may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, thrust into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before the renewal of the Second Vatican Council, this prayer to St. Michael was recited at the end of Mass. In 1994 Pope John Paul II requested the faithful to take up again the praying of the Prayer to St. Michael in the battle of our times "against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

### Prayer of Blessing for our pets.

On Friday, we celebrate the feast of St. Francis who is known for his love of animals and is the patron saint of the environment, animals and birds because of the respect he gave to all God's creatures.

In your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when You created the Universe, You blessed us with living creatures. We especially thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. We ask your blessing on (name of your pet). Keep them healthy and safe, and may we care for them as companions in life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

**Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.**

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. (Loyola Press)

### 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.*

*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.*

**FOOD DRIVE:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Your donations of non-perishable goods would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the baptismal font on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**PREPARING FOR JUBILEE 2025:** In preparation for the Jubilee year of 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to revisit the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. One of the most important documents is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: Lumen Gentium (The Light of the Nations). Join us for a study/reflection on this seminal document of the Council. Saturday Mornings, October 19, 26, November 2, 9. 9:00 am Mass followed by a presentation in the Parish Life Centre (finish by 11:00 am) The document can be found on the Vatican Website at [https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/docs/vat-ii\\_const\\_19641121\\_lumen-gentium\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/docs/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html), or by visiting our website: [www.stanthonydaniel.ca/jubilee-2025](http://www.stanthonydaniel.ca/jubilee-2025). (Please note, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Mass will be the special All Souls Mass) All are welcome.

### 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.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE** will be celebrated in the Church throughout 2025. The theme of the year, established by Pope Francis, is Pilgrims of Hope! To prepare, Pope Francis has invited Catholics to pray and to revisit the four Apostolic Constitutions from the Vatican II Council. To assist in this study, our Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has developed a five-part video series and a study guide to explore the history and content of the four documents. It is available free digitally on our Diocesan website. Hard copies are available through the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Thanks to the guest presenters who have shared their expertise in creating this important resource for adult faith formation in the Diocese and beyond!

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH - OCTOBER 2024** Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday we will have an intercession for vocations and before the end of Mass we will pray together a prayer for vocations. You are also encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. Moreover, if you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood or consecrated virginity lived in the world, be sure to tell that person. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us! For more information about vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

**"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. Sign up form is available at the back of the church.**

**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.



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