



# 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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**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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brucecameron57@gmail.com

**Organist:** Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

**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.



## CONTACT US

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SEPT 10 to SEPT 15

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Carmela Cappelino – Fama Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Luther Village</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Katarina & Nicholas Schuster – Kathy & Bill Steffler & Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Flora Niccoli – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Mark Flood – Rick & Maryann Potvin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Jack & Maryann Meagher – Phonsine Morrison
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Rapacki Family Living & deceased members of our parish

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. 9	Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15
Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.	Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate	Rev. Robert Love  The Most Holy Name of Mary	Rev. Rafal Tomon	Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**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 1, 2024**

Weekly contributions year to date	\$110,254.24	
E-transfer	\$3,596.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$96,715.00	\$210,565.24
Building fund		\$7,111.00

**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 received a income tax receipt.



**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

Big Thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, and bakers

Sept 2023 – June 2024, in total we have raised total funds of \$2254.55

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Café will return Sept 8, 2024

**SAVE A DATE: A BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON - MILTON,**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**



**Mass in Hamilton - Milton Outlet Mall - Elements Casino Mohawk**

To book a seat or for additional information, please contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342 ext 3. Or by sending an email to our parish office to:

[lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com). Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to

purchase your tickets now.

**ONLY 50 TICKETS available.**

**Cost of the trip, including transportation, lunch and bus driver gratuity \$90**

**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 Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three- and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

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

Gospel Reading  
Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

**DOLL/STUFFY PROJECT:** I volunteer for Canadian Food for Children. We are in need of used/new dolls, stuffies, cotton or flannel fabric, and thread. Please contact me for important details at 519 885 0109. Thank you. Maryke Mior

### 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)**
- **Finance Council**
- **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.

**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.

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisement for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2024 & support the bulletin printing service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637. **Our Lady of Lourdes parish is grateful to all who advertise at the back of our parish bulletin, this service allows the parish to receive complimentary printing of our parish bulletin each week.**

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following **Formation Workshops** in September, October, and November 2024. If you are a current Minister or you would like to sign up to be a Children's Liturgy leader, Lector or Eucharist minister please speak to Fr. Rafal to register for the **all-day workshop**. Please email [liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com) to register.

<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Saturday, October 5, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Saturday, October 26, 2024, at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, ON



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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