



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

The Lord's Day: Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Wednesday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary 20 minutes before Mass
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 p.m.

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

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month. For information on food distribution call 519-886-0342 ext 2.

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: Rev. Rafal Tomon
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Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 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.



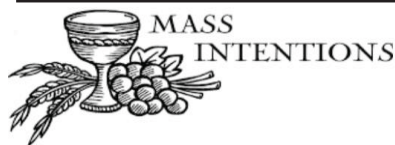
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Apr 17 to Apr 23

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Bill Hanlon – Peter & Barb Whitby
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Randy Ellig – Anne Ellig
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Fred Kirvan – Marie Kirvan & Family
FRIDAY West Hill	8:30 a.m.	+ Tommy Logan – Stephen & Geri Dowling
	10:00 a.m.	+ Gary Oestreich – Family
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Lisa Reitzel – Burns Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	

Monthly Budget Review as of April 2, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 14 weeks @ \$7,500	\$105,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$47,815.20
E-transfer	\$590.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$35,591.97
Over (under) objective	<u>\$84,007.17</u> (\$20,992.83)

THANK YOU!

Saying “thank you” seems so ordinary when it comes to expressing appreciation to so many for such extraordinary participation throughout the season of Lent and the Sacred Triduum but know that these two small words are used with utmost sincerity as you read the following. Your response to the suggestions that were placed before you at the start of Lent were accepted by so many, namely participation in the Stations of the Cross, generosity to the appeal for pasta and tomato sauce for Canadian Food for Children, Easter parish dinners, Easter Floral tribute, embracing the idea of one toonie a day for the hungry in developing countries so that your offering to the Share Lent collection would be forty dollars, dedication to reading the daily reflections in the booklet “Lent with the Saints”, attendance at daily Mass, and participation in the Holy Week liturgies (the Sacred Triduum). All of this was truly a sign of how you continue to strive to deepen your faith.

To all who so generously shared their time and talents in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special, I am very grateful. I would also like to express my gratitude to the choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers who gave outstanding service. Thanks to all parishioners who participated in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, those who assisted with the Easter Alleluia, and finally, to Sister Barbara and Patrycja for their total dedication to all the behind-the-scenes details. To one and all, thank you, and may the joy and peace of the Risen Lord abide with you, with prayer
Fr. Rafal



OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY – Members of the Small Faith Group invite you to pray a decade of the rosary daily for the needs of the parish and the community this month. It will take less than 5 minutes daily. Our Living Rosary prayer intentions for April are as follows:

1. **We pray for all school children and catechumens, together with their sponsors, as they prepare for their Sacraments to be received into our church family.** May all the baptized treasure the love of Christ, journey on to deepen their faith with the grace of God particularly through regular participation in the Eucharistic Feast and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. **Pope Francis’ prayer intention for a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.
3. **The sick and their caregivers.**
4. **The living and deceased members of our parish.**
5. **The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/uBUJsiBHFV84NvdV9>

"JOIN CRITICAL MASS FOR THEIR "SERENITY CONCERT" at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, April 22nd, 2pm. This is a concert with a focus on supporting those going through divorce or separation, parental alienation and mental health issues. Critical Mass has won 2 Canadian Gospel Music Association Awards and features parishioner and cantor, David Wang, and 9am choir director, April Philpotts. Tickets (\$15 door, \$12 advance) will be available after Mass on April 12th and 19th, as well as online at www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates."

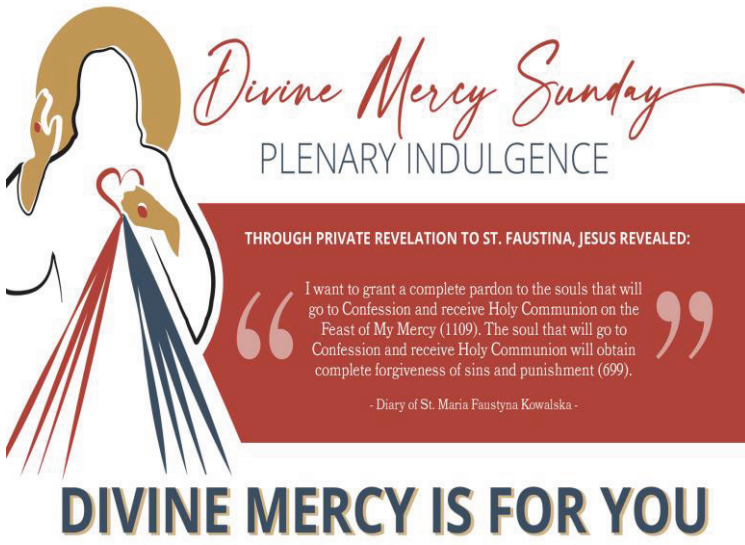
"LOVING OUR GROWN CHILDREN WHEN BELIEFS COLLIDE": Sometimes our beliefs about our faith can clash with those of our grown children. We may wonder *"Where did we go wrong?"* When choices clash, divisions run deep & tension exists, how do we trust God’s plan, keep communicatingand *HOW do we love our way through this?* **Sunday April 30th** from 2:00 to 3:30pm at St. Agnes Parish with guest Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton. For event details visit the Events section at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

please
join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **April 16, 2023**
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS
Sales from March 12, 2023, were \$230.00
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.
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.



**Mercy Sunday's Special Graces, Plenary Indulgence:
Are They the Same?**

What is the difference between those special graces promised by Jesus for devout communicants on Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday devotions that was instituted several years ago by St. Pope John Paul II? Are they the same thing? Or are they different?

Simply put: They are NOT the same thing!

The main difference, of course, is that an "indulgence" is something offered to the faithful by the Church, as the keeper of the keys of the kingdom, with authority to "bind and loose" (see Mt 16:17-19). The special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, on the other hand, were promised directly by our Lord, through a prophetic revelation given to St. Faustina (see *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 699). The Church has not officially ruled that this particular promise was an authentic supernatural revelation (and no Catholic is required to believe it as a matter of faith), but the Church has discerned, in various ways, that there is nothing that violates Catholic doctrine in this promise.

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgent work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.

3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

As you can see, this is no easy topic. However, you can find a more in-depth treatment of this same subject in the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy section of this same website, in the document entitled "Understanding Divine Mercy Sunday."

What are the conditions for a plenary indulgence?

- Sacramental confession (within about 20 days before or after)
- Eucharistic communion (preferably on the day, or the days before or after)
- prayer for the pope's intentions.

What are the specific conditions for the Divine Mercy Sunday indulgence?

- on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16, 2023), in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy.
- Or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. " Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.")
- a partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who at least a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus.

SHAWL MINISTRY: these beautiful

shawls can be given to anyone who is ill physically or emotionally or in difficult circumstances at any walk of life and can be used for events such as births, marriages, bereavements, etc. All shawls have a medal depicting Our Lady of Lourdes and are accompanied by a bookmark prayer. We have been very blessed with donations to cover the cost of our yarn and thank our parishioners from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make this ministry a prayerful and loving part of Our Lady of Lourdes Community. If any parishioner would like a shawl for a loved one, please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847.



650 SHAWLS COMPLETED

THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and
citizens.



BEYOND THE PEW – WHAT NOW?

Come join us as we take the dialogue to the next level. In our winter speaker series, we heard from local speakers, with boots on the ground, about homelessness, addiction, mental health, our youth. What did these mean for you? To your Parish? To our community? What is your heart calling you to do? Father Ed Hinsperger will guide us through a process that will help us emerge with a clear vision of action. Whether you wish to be part of the solution with a group, with your family, or on your own, these conversations will help determine positive action steps forward in faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in the company of like-minded people. Whether you attended the Beyond the Pew sessions, or not, you are welcome. The only requirement is that you wish to work towards a more just and caring community. We hope to see you there.

**Tuesday April 18, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the church hall.
St Clement Parish, 745 Duke St, Cambridge
Contact the office to register.
519-653-6123 or stclements@rogers.com**



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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