



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
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Apr 4 to Apr 9

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Tadeusz Spiewak – Halina Spiewak
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Schmuck – Kathie Mulhall Special Intention
LENT ENDS – SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS		
HOLY THURSDAY	7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Easter Basket blessing Easter Vigil & Reception
EASTER SUNDAY	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Living & deceased members of our parish

Monthly Budget Review as of March 19, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 12 weeks @ \$7,500	\$90,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$40,244.20
E-transfer	\$315.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$35,591.97
Over (under) objective	<u>\$76,151.17</u> (\$13,848.83)



Explanation of the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

The most sacred night of the
Church year.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. *We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at this table (cf Luke 12:35ff).* All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. The vigil is divided into four parts: 1) service of light, 2) liturgy of the Word, 3) liturgy of Baptism, and 4) liturgy of the Eucharist.

1) Service of Light The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared with these words while the priest marks the candle: *Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega all the time belongs to him and all the ages to him be glory and power through every age for ever.* The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

The candle is then processed through the church, with the priest lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (Lumen Christi) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (Deo gratias). Everyone lights their individual candle from

the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: The Exsultet (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells the man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us." This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

2) Liturgy of the Word During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

3) Liturgy of the Baptism During the time of Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through baptism, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

4) Liturgy of the Eucharist the Mass resumes, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with glorious... The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Thanks to be God, alleluia, alleluia.

Why is Saint Joseph not mentioned at Christ's crucifixion?

The last time we hear about St. Joseph in the scriptures is when he is separated from his family and found in the temple. The fact no mention is made of Joseph during Jesus' adult life, Scripture scholars presume that Joseph had died by the time Jesus began His ministry as an adult.

When Jesus was on the cross, with His grieving Mother there, He says to the Apostle John, *"There is your mother... there is your son."* If Joseph had still been alive, then the scenario would not have taken place. Jesus did that because, in Jewish society at the time, a widowed woman with no husband or male children would not have had a lot of income, and she would have been in danger of not having a home. So, for that and other pieces of evidence that are in Scripture, it is assumed that Saint Joseph had died at some point between (the Finding of Jesus in the Temple) when Jesus was about 12-year-old, and when Christ began His ministry.

Good Friday collection for the Holy Land

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all Catholics in Canada. Your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites, as well as the formation of future priests. Donations to this special collection will be gratefully accepted at the Good Friday Services. A special envelope is included in your envelope box.

Saturday April 8, 2023, Easter Vigil Mass with **Reception**, starts at 7:30 pm for **Tickets**, please click the link and make a reservation. On Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/holy-saturday-easter-vigil-reception-tickets-585829681347?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



EASTER DINNERS: March is here and that means spring and Easter are just around the corner. This year we are excited to again offer Parish Easter dinners. Currently, we are **looking for people willing to sponsor** a single, couple or family by providing them with an Easter dinner. Each dinner will cost **approx. \$20**. We hope to provide a minimum of 40+ dinners to families in need during the holidays. Please help us make this possible. Donations can be dropped into the collection basket after Mass. Please indicate on the envelope "Easter Dinner sponsor" in the subject line. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are in need and would like to receive an Easter dinner, please contact the parish office, or speak to Fr. Rafal directly.

Currently we have received donation for 21 dinners

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!!!**



EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Time of Easter, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life.

Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA for have currently collected a sum of \$7,530.00.

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."

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.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2023, the Waterloo Knights of Columbus will be doing our Annual Fish Fry, with seatings from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 p.m. at 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo, Please call Martin for tickets for the seated dinners at 519-884-2060 and Derek at 226-748-8378 for takeout orders.

Dinner Prices:
One piece with fries, roll and slaw \$15.00.
Two pieces with fries, roll and slaw \$ 20.00.

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.



*Volunteers are needed
for parish hall events*

-to plan and organize parish events - to wash dishes

*-to prepare tables for events - to launder tablecloths
-to serve and prepare refreshments in our parish kitchen*

-to sell tickets for our events

If you are able to help join our social committee

please call Patrycja (519)-886-0342 ext. 3



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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