



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: Rev. Rafal Tomon

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Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

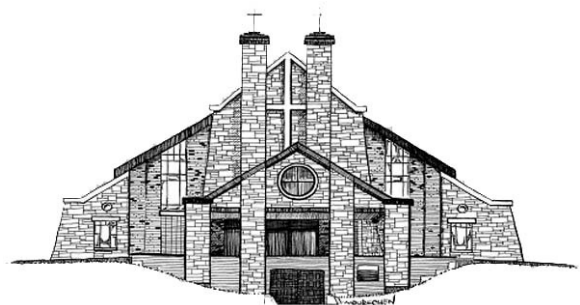
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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APR 23 to APR 28

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| TUESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | +Christopher Walraven – Walraven Family |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 a.m. | In Thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de' Rozario |
| THURSDAY | 7:30 p.m. | +Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 a.m. | +Ronald Nugara – Miriam Jayasundera |
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| SATURDAY | 7:30 p.m. | +Pauline Latchana – Maureen Schaus & Family |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention |

Monthly Budget Review as of April 14, 2024

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Weekly contributions year to date | \$52,439.90 | |
| E-transfer | \$2,171.00 | |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date) | \$36,460.00 | \$90,070.90 |
| Building fund | | \$3,713.00 |
| Easter | | \$15,578.00 |



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. May 5, 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

April 14, 2024, funds \$336

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 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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RAFFLE

We are looking for donations to our raffle prizes table for our parish Mother's Day Lunch. If you have something you would

be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate your help, please get in touch with our parish office for further details. All proceeds will go to our parish ministries' groups. We need volunteers to set up, clean up and help with organizing this event. If you can help, please call the parish office.

THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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

| Apr. 22 | Apr. 23 | Apr. 24 | Apr. 25 | Apr. 26 | Apr. 27 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu | Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico | Jesuit Fathers | Rev. James Petrie | Rev. Donald Wilhelm | Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I |

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:

lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



ST. AGNES PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is now open!

We are running a fun-filled Olympics-themed Vacation Bible School this year from July 8th to 12th, 2024. Vacation Bible School runs from 9-12pm each day and is open to campers born between 2014 and 2019. Youth volunteers are also needed to help as camp counselors. More information and the registration forms can be found on the parish website under the Youth/Children tab.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner is provided at 6:00 p.m. and program runs from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This program is opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, and widowers as well as those separated and divorced. Come and be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. There is no cost and childcare will be provided. To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

VOCATION SEEDS: Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024,

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton** at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

THE CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN doll project is in need of gently used/new dolls, stuffies, and fabric (cotton or flannel ONLY). Please contact Maryke Mior at (519) 885-0109 for further important details, if you have any such items to donate. Thank you.

DIOCESAN CHOIR The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo
Invites you for Lunch in honour of

Mother's Day, on Sunday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m.

in the parish hall.

Bring your whole family

(Tickets are limited)

For more information and to purchase tickets:
please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3

or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Ticket price \$20 each.

Includes hot lunch served buffet style.

Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes,
veggies, Caesar and Greek salad
with cake, coffee, and tea

Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold.

Tickets are on Sale Now !!!!

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or in need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month** - 7:30-8:30 pm – April 16, May 21, June 18. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL is hosting a Card Party in April tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 24th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL APRIL 25th Join us from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. for the screening of **Bigger Than Us**. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at:**

<https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



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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Eat in call **Manager 519-884-2060**

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