



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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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.



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FEB 13 to FEB 18

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Stefan Szczepaniak – April Philpotts & David Wang
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention – Rapacki Family
Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Wiecek Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Deceased Maley Family – Maley Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Lorna Kurera – Nimini Kurera Weerasinghe
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Piyadasa Kurera – Nimini Kurera Weerasinghe
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 4, 2024			
Weekly contributions year to date	\$18,340.30		
E-transfer	\$488.00		
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$12,070.00	\$30,898.30	
Building fund		\$321.00	



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. March 10, 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

Feb 4, 2024, funds \$274.00

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 2nd Sunday of the Month.

E-TRANSFER

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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



You are invited to join a parish **MEN'S GROUP** that focuses on PRAYER, FAITH FORMATION, and FELLOWSHIP. Meet with other catholic men and strive to strengthen your spiritual life and relationships to become better husbands, fathers, leaders, and friends. The commitment is to meet with a small group of men for approximately one hour every other Tuesday evening after Mass at the parish for 7 sessions. Meetings will include prayer, a short video on virtue from the Catholic Streaming Service FORMED, followed by a discussion and a closing prayer. Men who are 19 years of age or older are welcome to join. If you are interested in more information or participating please contact Mike (mgmatevk@rogers.com or 519-572-8818) or John (jm.gamble@ualberta.ca or 226-792-5420). The launch date is Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Lent 2024 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

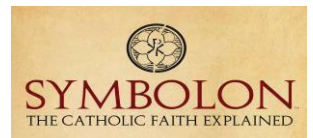
Daily Lenten Mass	Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent, starting Feb 16
Friday's	
Daily Reflection Booklet	Lifted up in Love – Christ lifted up for us on the cross, these inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers for everyday of Lent, as we come to experience more fully the everlasting compassion of God shown to us in our Savior.
Fast & Abstinence	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
Almsgiving	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, March 17 with an offering of \$1/day of Lent (\$40) for those who are able to make such an offering. Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May this long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.
Share Lent Collection March 17	
Canadian Food For Children Collection	We will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. Please bring the rice and pasta to the church in a reusable cloth bag (which will also be given to Canadian Food for Children to be used for the distribution of aid). Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 24).

**+ASH+
=Wednesday=**

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, February 14th. Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is traditionally one of the most heavily attended non-Sunday Masses. Catholic are not supposed to eat meat on Ash Wednesday. The choice to give up meat on Fridays during lent is a personal choice. **Our Ash Wednesday Masses & Ash Services will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

NEW PARISH GROUP SYMBOLON:

The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith, it will lead you through the “big picture” of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Please join us for sessions provided by Formed. **Starting on Friday February 23, 2024**, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall. Workbook, coffee, and snacks provided; all are welcome. Contact our parish office if you are interested.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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

Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17
Rev. Michael McHugh	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman	Ash Wednesday	Rev. William Trusz	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan

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

Please continue to prayer for our **38** students and their families: from Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Rosary and other area schools who prepared and received their sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m.** May Jesus be their strength as they continue to draw closer to Him.



Dearest Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me. Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day. Happy Valentines' Day.

CHRISTAIN 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 6pm and program runs from 7 to 8:30pm. 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.

THE WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is hosting an evening of food and dance to raise funds for our many charities. Join us on Friday February 16th, 2024, at the hall at 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Dinner is our famous fish and chips, or chicken if you wish, served at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the local band Leap of Faith will entertain us and play songs we can dance to. The cost is only \$30 per ticket and can be purchased by calling our manager Martin at 519-884-2060. Seating is limited so don't be disappointed!

HIGH SCHOOL – YOUNG ADULT GROUP join us Thursday Feb 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm Mass, followed by a meeting and social. Please email our parish office if you are able to attend. All are welcomed.

ALPHA AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH, KITCHENER Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? Why and how do I read the bible? Who is Jesus and why did He die? Does God heal today? How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? How can I be sure of my faith? Explore these and other questions at **Alpha 2024**. Alpha is open to adults who are curious about Jesus, are exploring Christianity, have questions about life, or want to strengthen their faith. Join us Thursday Evenings (starting with dinner) **Feb. 22 to May 2** from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. at **St. Mark's Parish** (55 Driftwood Drive) Kitchener. **There is no cost to attend**, unless you'd like to make a small contribution for dinner. For more information, email Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com. Plan to join us ... and bring a friend ... all are welcome!



THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For the terminally ill
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.





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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