



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: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

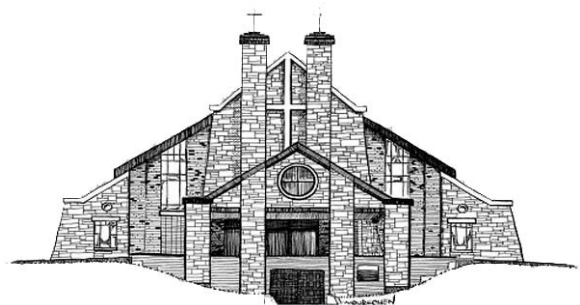
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 20 to FEB 25

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Alice Gagne – Jimmy & Jessie Cairney
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Greg Hill – Joan Cassidy
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Carmelle Garant – Mario & Joanne Duchaine
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Family Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish 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.

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 (mgmateyk@rogers.com or 519-572-8818) or John (jm.gamble@ualberta.ca or 226-792-5420). The launch date is **Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

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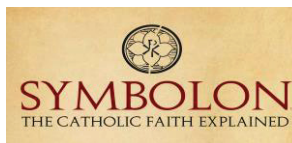
If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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



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 Friday's	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
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 Share Lent Collection March 17	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.
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).



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.

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!



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the "right words" to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the "St. Agnes Education Cafe" talk: **"Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free"**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Sunday March 3rd, 1:30 p.m. St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

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.



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

Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24
Rev. Robert Bulbrook	Rev. Ron Cote	Disalced Carmelite Sisters	Rev. William Foote	Rev. Michael Isabelle	Consecrated Virgin Candidates

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

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 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.

VOCATION SEEDS – February 18, 2024, Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.** email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

KW RTL FISH DINNER at the K. of C. on Friday, March 8th, 2024. Located at 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo ON, to dinner tickets can be purchased at the Door. The bar opens at 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Speaker at 7:00 p.m. Giveaways and prolife items for sale. Call 519-744-8330 to reserve a table. Jane Richard

BAPTISM: During the month of **February**, the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:

Lian Alexander Leinonen	Evelyn May Benoit
Isla Marie Leinonen	Charlotte Eden Benoit
Lucas James Leinonen	Charles William Allison

NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms can be found on the table at the entrance of the church, labeled "Parish Registration". We are most blessed to have you join our Parish Family.





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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