



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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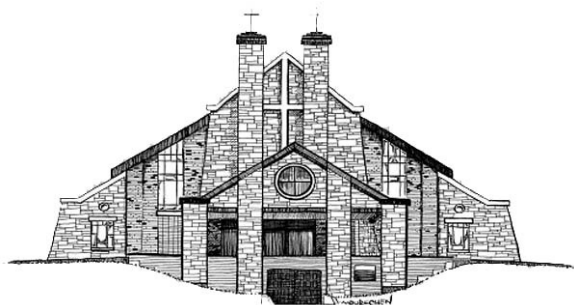
Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
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OFFICE HOURS

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 Requests



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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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feb 21 to Feb 26

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Elizabeth MacDougall-Senft – Mary & Gerry Mulhern
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Mark Flood – Olga Perko Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Fred Kirvan – Marie Kirvan & Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Pasqualino Niccoli – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Mary Friedmann – Phonsine Morrison & Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 5, 2023		
Cumulative financial objective – 5 weeks @ \$7,500		\$37,500.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$22,216.05	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$11,871.99	\$34,088.04
Over (under) objective		-\$3,411.96

Lent 2023 – 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 24
Daily Reflection Booklet	Lent with Saints – Wisdom from Church Holy Ones. Lent with the Saints gives us the opportunity to allow a bright and shining light to guide us on our Lenten journey. Learning about their exemplary lives, we are emboldened each day by the examples.
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 26	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, March 26 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

This year we will be collecting **PASTA** and **TOMATO SAUCE** (only cans or plastic jars) for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (April 2).

LENTEEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Saturday Feb. 25th: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. Michael CWL is hosting a Lenten retreat at our parish the morning of February 25th. This retreat is open to all women, both CWL members and non-members are welcome. Charlie Van Alphen will lead our retreat and focus on the theme “The Spirit within us”. This is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves as we embark on our Lenten journey with a sense of renewal and spiritual growth. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:30am in the parish. All women are welcome -- *bring a friend*.

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **March 12, 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 Feb 5, 2023, were \$222.00
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.

+ ASH +

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, February 22nd. 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.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL! Bishop Crosby has released a letter expressing his gratitude for the Spiritual Bouquet he received for the 25th Anniversary of his ordination as Bishop. The full letter, which includes a recap of his special day, can be found on the Diocese of Hamilton website. Thank you to all who submitted their spiritual gifts!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

Background on the Gospel

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP 2023 ENVELOPES Please pick up your new envelopes, located at the back of the church until Feb 26. Please note any envelopes **not** picked up and used for 2023 will have their envelope number reassigned.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Feb 20 Rev. James Link, C.R.
- Feb 21 Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday**
- Feb 23 Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
- Feb 24 Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
- Feb 25 Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.



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

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL is hosting a Card Party: Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 26th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. 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.

THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

FOR PARISHES

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



NO PASSPORT REQUIRED: A BUS TRIP TO MONTREAL – JULY 7- 9

Montreal is historic and cosmopolitan at once, and is full of joie de vivre, gorgeous architecture, great shopping, and unforgettable

dining. We will spend two nights at our downtown hotel, conveniently located within walking distance of Ste, Catherine St. with its plethora of exciting stores. A guided city tour is included during our stay. Visit Old Montréal and perhaps pay a visit to the incredible Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory, or just enjoy some relaxation at a sidewalk cafe amidst the historic and stunningly beautiful architecture. You may try your luck at the Montréal Casino or visit the many cafés and restaurants along Crescent Street, there's something to suit every taste.

The bus trip departs on **Friday, July 7th, 2023**. Cost of \$665+ per person (when booked with a 4-person room occupancy). To book a seat or for additional information, send an email to Patrycja at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. Don't miss out on this mini pilgrimage and adventure. **Information session will be held on Feb 24 at 6:00 p.m. at our parish office.**

E-TRANSFER

Exciting news! We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners.

For E-Transfers, 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.



“TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM” - March 5th 2:00 p.m., St. Agnes: Life’s circumstances can sometimes feel overwhelming: relationships, finances, health, family issues & loss...we may feel fearful & anxious when the future looks so uncertain. We might wonder what could *possibly* be God's purpose in all of this? This event will focus on trusting in God, relying on Him to calm our internal storms of fear, doubt & uncertainty. **Sunday March 5th, 2:00pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo with guest Fr. Vivek Trindade. Full details: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events**

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

Audrey Maria Teper	Rafael Jordan Young
Richard Chi-Sang Lee	Leon Peter Stern
James Lorey Douglas Hilker	Noah James Rederer
Aiden Hugh Harley McCallum	Monroe Lilly Hunter



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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