



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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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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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.



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FEB 27 to Mar 3

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Pasqualino Niccoli – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Holy Souls – Joan Cassidy
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving – Bill & Chris Belleth
FRIDAY West Hill	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Olga Perko +Christine Giglio – St. Louis Team Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Don & Mark Fedy – Fedy Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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).

Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 20, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$24,563.40	
E-transfer	\$646.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$24,265.00	\$49,474.40
Building fund		\$566.00



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

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.



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!



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed, and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus' rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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. The 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.

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. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	Mar. 2
Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski	Rev. Timothy Higgins	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Rev. Michael King	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot	Rev. Ronald Voisin

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 25, 2024, if you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

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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