



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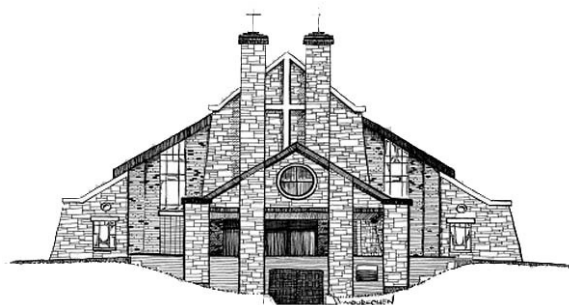
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 6 to FEB 11

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Angelo Maddapuli – Angela Maddapuli
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Jim Gorloff – Joan Cassidy Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+John Wang – April Philpotts & David Wang
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Family
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Norma Herchak – Thathi & Ammi
SUNDAY Feast Day	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes!

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858.

Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 10**



6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession

7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be joined by **Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger** Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.



Starting Feb 2nd until Feb 11th please join us in a novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

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.

BOOK STUDY: Listening to Indigenous Voices A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. **When:** Saturdays, February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Where:** WCDSB Catholic Education Centre - 35 Weber St. W. Kitchener. **Topics:** The Kairos Blanket Activity, Beginnings: Sharing Circles, A Tale of Two Communities: Racism, The Land is Us. **Cost:** \$40 includes course materials (*financial assistance available*) To **REGISTER**, contact the parish office at 519-576-3860 / stmarys@rogers.com by **February 10th**

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - Saturday, February 3rd - Waterloo Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Monthly Budget Review as of Jan 21, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$10,424.20	
E-transfer	\$40.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$12,643.00	<u>\$23,810.20</u>
Building fund	\$15.00	



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Feb 4, 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

Jan 14, 2024, funds \$169.10

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.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS have been mailed. Please note parishioners using **PAG only** will have their tax receipt reissued due to a program error, new copies have mailed, please we ask you to destroy the previous tax receipt, only for parishioners using the preauthorized giving program. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, it was something we could not control. We appreciate your patience in this matter, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our parish office at any time.

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.



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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

Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10
Rev. Robert Sims	Rev. Charles Galea	Missionaries	Rev. Robert Kiffman	Rev. Pablito Labado	Rev. Edward Mahony

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

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!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY

continues each month. Each person who joins will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.

Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

If you would like to join the group or pray for special intention, please contact our parish office.

VOCATIONS SEEDS - February 4, 2024, Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is 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**

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.



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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