



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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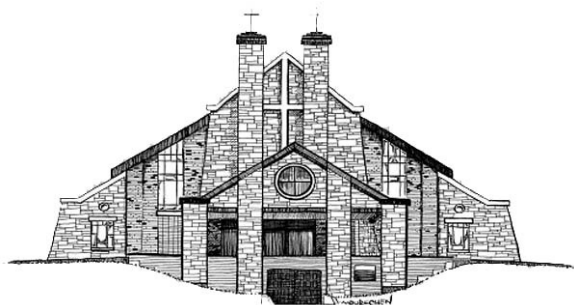
Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
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OFFICE HOURS

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 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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1st SUNDAY OF LENT



Feb 28 to Mar 5

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Jack & Mary Anne Meagher – Family
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Wilhelmine Walraven – Betty Ann Malleck
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Ellen Lam – Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Frieda Cole – Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans
West Hill	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Hour +James, Theresa, Bernard & Daisy Isaacs – Miriam Jayasundera
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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).

Solemnity St. Joseph - Mass on Monday March 20, at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

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.

Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 19, 2023	
Cumulative financial objective – 7 weeks @ \$7,500	\$52,500.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$27,722.90
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$23,684.98
Over (under) objective	\$51,407.88 (\$1,092.12)

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 their example.
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.



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA for those wishing to support the relief effort, the Diocese of Hamilton is encouraging contributions to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. Special envelopes will be available at the back of the church if you are able to extend your support.

- CNEWA Catholic Near East Welfare Association** (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria emergency shelter. <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>
- Caritas International the International Caritas** team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and **support services**. <https://www.caritas.org/>
- Catholic Relief Services CRS** is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>
- ACN Aid to the Church in Need**, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria. <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

Gospel Reading
Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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 27 Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
- Feb 28 Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
- Mar 1 Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Mar 2 Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
- Mar 3 Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
- Mar 4 Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C



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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