



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

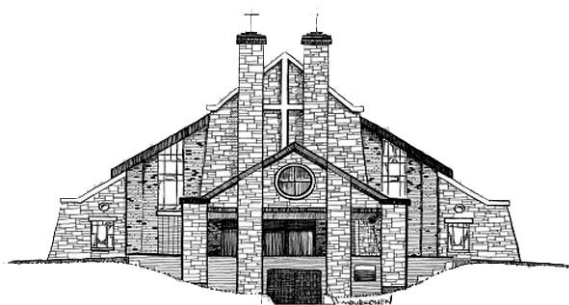
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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JAN 16 to JAN 21

**UPDATE ON CURRENT BUILDING PROJECTS
AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

Boiler

The church is heated by a Hydronic (Hot Water) boiler installed in 2003. Unfortunately, in late November of this past year, it developed an unrepairable water leak. The Property & Maintenance Committee and Fr. Rafal with the approval of the Diocese decided to replace the boiler which had already exceeded the normal 15-year life expectancy. The Diocese approved an estimated \$55,000 contract to replace the boiler. The new boiler installation will be completed by January 12th. The new unit will be less costly to operate as it is much higher in efficiency at 97% vs the old unit at 85%. In addition to the boiler, a water softener will be added to the church as required by the boiler manufacturer.

Parish Hall Kitchen- The kitchen was reviewed by the Diocese in 2022 and it was determined that a few improvements were needed. A budget of \$16,000 was set. The costs will be offset by a \$5,000 grant for kitchen improvements. Changes include

- Add Electrical receptacles to the island
- Replace the exhaust fan with a more powerful unit including improved airflow patterns within the kitchen
- Add dedicated receptacles in the Hall to allow plugging in the coffee urns along each wall
- updating other electrical issues
- add a dedicated faucet for unsoftened drinking water

Music and Children's Room Renovation- The existing rooms are small. It was determined that a single larger room would be more useful for the various programs. Proposed changes include

- Demolish the wall separating the Music Room and the Activity Room
- Add additional Electrical receptacles
- Carpet the floor and paint the walls
- Add new shelving and storage
- The cost of this project has not been fully determined as yet

Hall Air Conditioning- The current hall ventilation is inadequate for the size of the hall. A study is underway to bring fresh air into the hall and to provide air conditioning. We have received budget quotations that are being reviewed.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists & attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love & forgive despite it all, ... *just as we are called to do?* January 28th 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

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| TUESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Angelo Perko – Olga Perko |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 a.m. | + Rohan Jayasundera – Olga Perko |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Angelo Madappuli – Angela Madappuli |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 a.m. | + Henryk Szczepaniak – Miriam Jayasundera & Family |
| SATURDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Frank Ciccarelli – Charmaine & Frank Volpini |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention |

Monthly Budget Review as of Dec 29, 2023

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| Weekly contributions year to date | \$190,717.26 | |
| E-transfer | \$6,281.23 | |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date) | \$142,204.92 | \$339,203.41 |
| Building fund | | \$9,433.10 |
| SSND – School Project in Kenya | | \$4,715.00 |
| Christmas Collection | | \$23,952.00 |
| New Year's Day Collection | | \$1,892.00 |



*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Jan 14, 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

Dec 10, 2023, funds \$270.25

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.

WORK CREW: Volunteers are required on **Sunday, January 21**, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. to take down the Christmas decorations. As we will be carrying the parts of the manger scene to the basement storage area, the assistance of some younger volunteers would be very helpful. Refreshments will be served following the project.

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.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

John 1:35–42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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

| Jan. 15 | Jan. 16 | Jan. 17 | Jan. 18 | Jan. 19 | Jan. 20 |
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| Rev. Philip Cook | Rev. Luc Payette | Youth Ministers | Rev. David Weise | Rev. Tom Moisan | Rev. Louis Lensseen, C.R.S.P. |

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



RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: *We would like to extend our many thanks to Tony Capa, our parish office custodian, and our parish handyman. Tony has worked at our parish for the past 27 years and now is going to enjoy his retirement. I would like to extend our great gratitude and many thanks for all the great work which you have done for our parish, know that we are so blessed to had you here at Lourdes. We are thankful for your dedication and so many talents you offered our parish during your time here.*

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us. with prayer, Fr. Rafal

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

FUNERAL LUNCHEs: Are you looking for a way to get involved at our parish this New Year? Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve funeral lunches, and clean up afterward. If you can help, please email our parish office to be added to the list. We are looking for 5 –10 volunteers to join the team.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would like to advise that we supported 31 families and 64 children as well as 12 single persons, with food for their Christmas dinner and toys. The toys were supplied by the Knights of Columbus. These "angels" do a wonderful job of supplying toys to needy families each Christmas. The ability to support these neighbours in need with food cards was made possible by your generous donations to our Society throughout the year. Please accept our sincere thanks. God Bless you All!
Just a reminder when donating to St. Vincent de Paul, cheques must be addressed to St. Vincent de Paul, **not** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

VOCATIONS SEEDS - January 14, 2024, A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, 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



on Dec 28, 2023, our dearest Sister Barbara had surgery to replace one of her knees. We ask you for your continued prayers for Sister Barbara for a speedy recovery. If you would like to send a card to Sister Barbara, you can drop it off at the parish office or mail them directly to:

Sister Barbara Meinzinger
School Sisters of Notre Dame
1921 Snake Road, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0

THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.





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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