



# *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  
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

**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.



### **CONTACT US**

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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jan 17 to Jan 22

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+ Leonard Mardian – Caesar Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+ Lynne Parkins – Miriam Jayasundera
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+ Doreen Gagnon – Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Bob McCann – Connie Connor
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+ Francis Olienick – Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention

*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 Jan 8, 2023, were \$203.05  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**Monthly Budget Review as of Jan 8, 2023**

Cumulative financial objective – 2 weeks @ \$7,500	\$15,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$5,613.70
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$0.00
Over (under) objective	-\$9,386.30
<b>New Year's Day – \$1,582.00</b>	
<b>SSND – Bowing Angel - \$346.45</b>	
<b>Christmas - \$1,180.00</b>	

**ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE:** Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2022 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass **beginning February 4/5** in the parish hall.

**BEYOND THE PEW** Speaker Series, St Clements Parish, located at 745 Duke Street, Cambridge 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Come join us as insightful speakers with “boots on the ground” experience share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity, to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion. Not to be missed.

- January 24, 2023**  
Joe Mancini, Co-founder, The Working Centre
  - February 21, 2023**  
Wayne Paddick, Executive Director, Bridges  
Bryan May, MP Cambridge
  - March 21, 2023**  
Lisa Legault, Society Saint Vincent De Paul  
Eva Vlasov, Executive Director, Argus Residence  
Region of Waterloo Police Officer
- Free will offering - Register at the parish office [stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com) or 519-653-6123

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP** – invites you to join in our living rosary and pray for the needs of the parish and the community in January 2023. Members of the Small Faith Group believe Christmas lights remind us for our need of light, both the physical light to see by and the spiritual light to live by. For the coming months, we would like to encourage everyone to actively seek our Light that delivers us from all darkness, so that darkness will not prevail but serves the Light! The prayer intentions of Jan 2023 Living Rosary are as follows:

1. We pray that God brings light into our darkness. May His light shine brightly in our broken world and bring hope to our hearts.
2. Pope Francis’ prayer intentions: For Educators (January 2023)
3. The sick and their caregivers.
4. The living and deceased members of our parish.
5. The special intentions of the members of our parish.

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming months. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/97uQaHrRmavZWpy86>.



**HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:** A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again, this year, all

donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children’s Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Currently we have collected \$3,420.65

**OUR PARISH SOCIAL CLUB:** We need your help, we are looking for new members, if you would be interested in planning and organizing parish events, setting up and cleaning up after events, decorating, fundraising for door prizes, Christmas Dinner, Mother’s Day Bruch, BBQ , movie night, Bus trips etc., and can share your talents with our parish, please send our parish an email for further information to [lourdreswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdreswaterloo@rogers.com) There is no monthly meeting, commitment to our group is very easy, many hands make light work. First event for 2023 is coming up on **Sat. February 11** our parish feast day.



**Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

**DETACHED HOUSE FOR RENT** for single family at Avondale Ave S, walking distance to Church. 2+2 bedrooms. 2 full washrooms. Large backyard. Parking. Available from 4 February 2023 (or earlier if necessary). Please contact: [ericavv@rocketmail.com](mailto:ericavv@rocketmail.com); (519) 722 2870.

**AGE WISE WORKSHOP** - Please join us Tuesday Jan 10 @ 10:00 a.m. for a free workshop geared to seniors and their caregivers. We will discuss a fresh approach to caring for our beloved seniors. All are welcome. registration is appreciated (but not mandatory) via email at [helo@agewisegroup.com](mailto:helo@agewisegroup.com). 75 Bluevale Street North in Waterloo.

**THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023, 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 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY** - Marian Consecration - Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your life? On January 24th begins a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to walking closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, (Tuesday mornings after the 9 AM Mass - from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East in Waterloo) we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a short video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. These videos will bring our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat for you. For more info. and to order your copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 or [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com).

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CELEBRATION!** The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches welcomes back our in person Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration! This event will include participation from Calvin Presbyterian Church, Forest Hill United Church, Highland Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church, and St. Steven's Lutheran Church as well as our hosts St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. This year's event has been adapted from the international program written by the Ecumenical Community in Minnesota concentrating on the current day descendants of enslaved African American and Indigenous peoples of Minnesota. The liturgy attempts to convey the emotions, struggles and hopes of a people considered apart from their communities and as Canadians struggle with our own response to the Truth and Reconciliation commission, it seems very appropriate for us in Canada today. The theme of the program is based on Isaiah 1:17 "Do Good, Seek Justice". All are invited to join us on **Sunday January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener)**. Contact 519-745-7301 if you have questions. A small reception will conclude the service.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

Jan 16	Very. Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Jan 17	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Jan 18	Youth Ministers
Jan 19	Rev. Luc Payett
Jan 20	Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei
Jan 21	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, 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.

**NEXT WEEK IS BIBLE SUNDAY JAN 22, 2023:** The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2023. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

**THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2023**



**True Human Fraternity** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human 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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