



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

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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 23 to JAN 28

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Henryk Szczepaniak – April Philpotts & David Wang
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Friends
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Family
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Bruno Marceau – Mario & Joanne Duchaine
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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 2:00 pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

Monthly Budget Review as of Jan 7, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$5,917.20	
E-transfer	\$40.00	<u>\$8,917.20</u>
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)		\$0.00
Building fund		\$10.00
New Year’s Day Collection		\$1,715.00
Christmas Collection		\$855.00



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 St. Vincent de Paul will provide you with their own tax receipts as they are a separate charity. Please also consider using our Automatic Giving program in which your weekly donations are combined into one transaction, once per month on the 20th. This saves us a lot of time and paper while giving you the flexibility to make changes as needed. For more information, contact our parish office, or pick up a PAG form at the lobby of the church. Thank you for your generosity and your support to our parish.

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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading
Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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

Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27
Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate	Rev. Edward Hampson	Rev. Robert Dunn	Rev. George Stortz

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. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER Thank you to all our parishioners for your generosity throughout the year. The 2023 tax receipts are being mailed this week. Please include your full name and address when making a donation. If you do not receive a tax receipt by mail, please call us at 519-880-0342 ext.2 as we have a few donations without complete contact details. With grateful thanks, your friends at St. Vincent de Paul

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 LUNCHESES: 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.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 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 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2024/> for more information.

VOCATIONS SEEDS - January 21, 2024, the call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life, or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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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