



# *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  
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

### **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 Requests**



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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### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jan 24 to Jan 29

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Doreen Gagnon – Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Fergus James Feeney – The Dowling Family
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Kazimierz Kopiasz – Jerzy Kopiasz
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Lalani Pieries – Miriam Jayasundera
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	+ Dem O’Sullivan – The Dowling Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Living & deceased members of our parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention

*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**  
Open Next  
on Sunday, **Feb 5, 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 20, 2023**

Cumulative financial objective – 3 weeks @ \$7,500	\$22,500.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$5,613.70
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$11,931.99
Over (under) objective	<b>\$17,545.69</b>
<b>New Year’s Day – \$1,582.00</b>	<b>-\$4,954.31</b>
<b>SSND – Bowling Angel - \$346.45</b>	
<b>Christmas - \$1,180.00</b>	

**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 11** at Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish in Waterloo with



**Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger**

**6:00 p.m.** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

**7:00 p.m.** - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette relics

First 24 families will be asked to join in a procession of



followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please contact our parish office if you are able to help with the reception.

**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.

**HEALING STRESS/TRAUMA** We all experience stress from world, regional and possibly family or personal issues. This is normal. The body tells the truth about hidden stress. The body keeps the score as we discover, sometimes painfully, the impact of intergenerational and collective trauma within us. We invite you to join Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on **Saturdays, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30 am** to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress and to help others. We will not ask your personal stories. Come, ready to participate without judging. Sister Barbara will explain why this method of popular education is essential, at least to accompany talk therapy. To register, email St. Mary’s Parish office at [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com). This event will be held at the **Waterloo Catholic District School Board offices, 35 Weber Street, West, Kitchener.**

**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](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.**



**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

**Gospel Reading**  
*Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.  
(shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

- Jan 23 Rev. Francisco Sordo
- Jan 24 Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D
- Jan 25 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I)
- Jan 26 Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
- Jan 27 Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
- Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor



**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.

**THIS 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.

**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.

**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 drawing 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).

**ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP)** - 3rd Tuesday of every month following 7pm Mass at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit our website ([www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced)), or contact our Parish office for more information.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY CELEBRATION!** The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches welcome 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.

**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).

**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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