



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 6:40 pm

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am

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

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



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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brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@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 30 to FEB 4

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Judy Murphy – John & Margie McElroy
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Dianne & Mark Flood – Friends
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Renata Zalewska
FRIDAY Westhill	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Jack Cassidy – Joan Cassidy +Gray Oestreich – Family
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary + Lucien & Bibiane Marceau – Mario & Joanne Duchaine
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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 10**

6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession

7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be joined by **Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger** Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.



Starting Feb 2nd until Feb 11th please join us in a novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

You are invited to join a parish **MEN'S GROUP** that focuses on PRAYER, FAITH FORMATION, and FELLOWSHIP. Meet with other catholic men and strive to strengthen your spiritual life and relationships to become better husbands, fathers, leaders, and friends. The commitment is to meet with a small group of men for approximately one hour every other Tuesday evening after Mass at the parish for 7 sessions. Meetings will include prayer, a short video on virtue from the Catholic Streaming Service FORMED, followed by a discussion and a closing prayer. Men who are 19 years of age or older are welcome to join. If you are interested in more information or participating please contact Mike (mgmateyk@rogers.com or 519-572-8818) or John (jm.gamble@ualberta.ca or 226-792-5420). The launch date is Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

BOOK STUDY: Listening to Indigenous Voices A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. **When:** Saturdays, February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Where:** WCDSEB Catholic Education Centre - 35 Weber St. W. Kitchener. **Topics:** The Kairos Blanket Activity, Beginnings: Sharing Circles, A Tale of Two Communities: Racism, The Land is Us. **Cost:** \$40 includes course materials (*financial assistance available*) To **REGISTER**, contact the parish office at 519-576-3860 / stmarys@rogers.com by **February 10th**

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - Saturday, February 3rd - Waterloo Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Monthly Budget Review as of Jan 21, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$10,424.20	
E-transfer	\$40.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$12,643.00	\$23,810.20
Building fund		\$15.00



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 parishioners using **PAG only** will have their tax receipt reissued due to a program error, new copies have mailed, please we ask you to destroy the previous tax receipt, only for parishioners using the preauthorized giving program. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, it was something we could not control. We appreciate your patience in this matter, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our parish office at any time.

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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed; Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

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

Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3
Rev. Michael Bennett	Rev. James Curtin	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God	Rev. Ralph Diodati	The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life	Rev. David Lewis

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

THE WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is hosting an evening of food and dance to raise funds for our many charities. Join us on Friday February 16th, 2024, at the hall at 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Dinner is our famous fish and chips, or chicken if you wish, served at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the local band Leap of Faith will entertain us and play songs we can dance to. The cost is only \$30 per ticket and can be purchased by calling our manager Martin at 519-884-2060. Seating is limited so don't be disappointed!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY

continues each month. Each person who joins will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.



Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

If you would like to join the group or pray for special intention, please contact our parish office.

VOCATIONS SEEDS - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If 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

CHRISTAIN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family

Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner is provided at 6pm and program runs from 7 to 8:30pm. This program is opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers as well as those separated and divorced. Come and be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. There is no cost and childcare will be provided. To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

Thomas Toast – January 26th, 2024 – St. Jerome's University

The Communion Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on January 26th at 7:00pm at St. Jerome's University, 290 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, in the Notre Dame Chapel in SJ1 (at the south-east corner of the SJU campus, on the path leading to the main campus and the other church colleges). We will pray Vespers, socialize, and toast St. Thomas Aquinas. Wine and canapes provided. Freewill donations gratefully received. If arriving by vehicle, park for free in Lot B. For more information visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2024

For the terminally ill
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.





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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