

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:

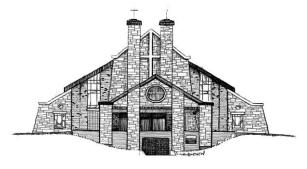
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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 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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June 13 to June 18

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Frank Ciccarelli
		 Charmaine & Frank Volpini
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Philip & Leah Martin
		 Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	+Regina Maloney
Luther vinage		– Norma, Sheila & Phonsine
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Ellen Hughes
	•	 Marie Kirvan & Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m	+ Jack Cassidy
		– Joan Cassidy
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Alex Murray
	•	– Vivian Rickert
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased
		members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention
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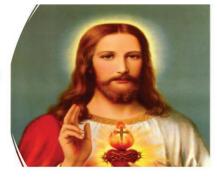
Monthly Budget Review as of May 28, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 22 weeks @ \$7,500 \$165,000.00 Weekly contributions year to date \$76,226.15 E-transfer \$950.00

Pre-authorized giving (year to date) \$59,639.95 \$<u>136,816.10</u> Over (under) objective \$**28,183.90**

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus June 16, 2023

8:30am Mass





vour tickets.

SAVE A DATE: A BUS TRIP TO TORONTO, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 to St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica,

downtown followed by a stop at

Eaton Center and Ripley's Aquarium. At our first stop, we will attend Mass at the Cathedral at 12:15 p.m., followed by time in the afternoon to enjoy the nearby shopping center in downtown Toronto. We will end our trip by stopping at Ripley's Aquarium.

The bus trip will take place on Monday, October 16th., 2023. The cost of \$85 for seniors (65+), and \$95 for adults, includes deluxe motor coach transportation, an entrance ticket to the aquarium, and lunch provided. To book a seat or for additional information by September 29, contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342 ext 3. Or by sending an email to: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. Don't miss out on this minipilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to purchase

An information session will be held in the parish office at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Waterloo on August 30 at 5:00 pm.

MINI EMMAUS - CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS, YOUTH GROUPS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GRADE 2 TO 12! Join us on Saturday June 17th from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for the first ever "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Please contact our parish office to register by June 2nd, and we hope to see you at this great event!

MARILLAC The Baby Bottle Campaign is
Marillac Place's most
important fundraiser: Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish is proud to participate in

the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be primarily virtual once again this year. Please provide your support for the campaign by donating

online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help make an immediate impact. To donate now,



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We would like to take this opportunity to THANK all our parish volunteers, that helped us with our 2nd Parish Social BBO, this

enabled us to put on this fantastic event. Thank you to all parishioners that donated and made a salad or dessert. Truly we are so grateful for all of you. See you all next year. If you would like to join our planning committee as known as Parish Social Club, please call the parish office. God reward you and we wish you a wonderful summer.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: JULY & AUGUST: Parish office will be open Wed & Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please note that the parish office



will be closed the week of June 16 and June 23 as Patrycja, our administrative assistant, will be on holidays.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 16</u>, <u>2023</u>, at <u>2.00 pm</u>. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58
Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

June 12 Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J.

June 13 Rev. William Clarke, S.J.

June 14 **Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D)**

June 15 Rev. Eric, Jensen, S.J.

June 16 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

World Day for Prayer for Priests

June 17 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY - Members of the

Small Faith Group invite you to pray a decade of the rosary daily for the needs of the parish and the community this month. Our Living Rosary prayer intentions for **June** are as follows:

- 1. May God grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate through all troubles in our time.
- 2. Pope Francis' prayer intention for the abolition of torture-We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.
- 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.

If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online https://forms.gle/oQWLzeW2ozg9jvMq8.



CORPUS CHRISTI – THE BEAUTY OF FORGIVENESS

This weekend, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ. This feast calls us to find the beauty of forgiveness and live out this forgiveness.

The first and foremost representation of the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ draws our attention to what the Eucharist is. However, there is another representation of this feast, which is no less important than the Eucharist, known as the crucifixion. This depiction reminds us of the suffering and death of Jesus, who forgives us who are sinners and reconciles our relationship with his Father. In addition, the crucifixion is not a shameful image but a beautiful and honourable one since it demonstrates the offering of his body and blood, which serves in the Church as a lasting memorial of his saving death for us and manifests his love toward us in his death to forgive our sins.

Therefore, the crucifixion is a crucial image to help us understand the beauty of his forgiveness. Forgiveness through the crucifixion is truly beautiful when we live it out and show others how to recognize and embrace it. Everyone should recognize that forgiveness of sins exists for us because God continually loves us, and God forgives everything and always.

Furthermore, according to Pope Francis, "We ask the Lord to forgive our debts, our sins, "as" we forgive our friends, the people who live with us, our neighbours, the people who have done something bad to us." This statement by Pope Francis demonstrates that forgiveness is not only from God to us but also from us to others. Therefore, the beauty of forgiveness in the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is that when we receive his forgiveness, we extend it to others.

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." (Matthew 6:14)

THE POPE'S JUNE INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their

families.

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