



# *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  
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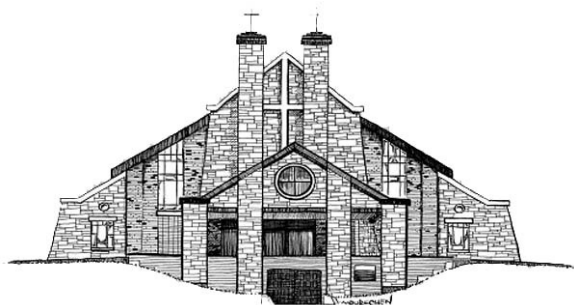
**Administrative Assistant:**  
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek  
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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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 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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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



**Mar 21 to Mar 26**

<b>MONDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	<b>St. Joseph Feast Day</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Danielle Pilon – Diane & Richard Brenner
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Joan Ironside Happy 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday – Geoff, Pat & Chantal Wall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Colm Dignam – Mary & Gerry Mulhern
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Frieda Cole – Barbara Dunn <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b> + Croce Antonio & Ida Radocchia – Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

### Monthly Budget Review as of March 5, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 10 weeks @ \$7,500	\$75,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$35,859.35
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$23,684.98
Over (under) objective	<b>\$58,834.33</b> <b>(\$15,165.67)</b>

### Lent 2023 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

<b>Daily Lenten Mass</b>	Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent, <b>starting Feb 24</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	
<b>Daily Reflection Booklet</b>	Lent with Saints – Wisdom from Church Holy Ones. Lent with the Saints gives us the opportunity to allow a bright and shining light to guide us on our Lenten journey. Learning about their exemplary lives, we are emboldened each day by their example.
<b>Fast &amp; Abstinence</b>	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
<b>Almsgiving</b>	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, March 26 with an offering of \$1/day of Lent (\$40) for those who are able to make such an offering.
<b>Share Lent Collection</b>	
<b>March 26</b>	Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May this long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.



### Canadian Food For Children Collection



This year we will be collecting **PASTA** and **TOMATO SAUCE** (only cans or plastic jars) for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (April 2).

**THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** - Time is running out! 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 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

please join us

### Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next  
on Sunday, **April 16, 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 March 12, 2023, were \$230.00  
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.



**EASTER DINNERS:** March is here and that means spring and Easter are just around the corner. This year we are excited to again offer Easter dinners to our shut-in parishioners and those in need. Currently, we are **looking for people willing to sponsor** a single, couple or family by providing them with an Easter dinner. Each dinner will cost **approx. \$20**. We hope to provide a minimum of 40+ dinners to families in need during the holidays. Please help us make this possible. Donations can be dropped into the collection basket after Mass. Please indicate on the envelope "Easter Dinner sponsor" in the subject line. Thank you for your generosity.  
\*If you are in need and would like to receive an Easter dinner, please contact the parish office, or speak to Fr. Rafal directly.\*

**CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2023**  
of \$35.00 due date has been extended to end of March, if you have **not** submitted your membership dues, please do so as these funds support National CWL, please send \$35.00 by March 24.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)*

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

**The Seniors' Euchre Group will resume on Tuesday March 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All seniors are welcome.**

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

- Mar 20 **Saint Joseph Feast Day**
- Mar 21 Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
- Mar 22 Franciscan Fathers ( O.F.M.)
- Mar 23 Rev. Piotr Golinski
- Mar 24 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
- Mar 25 **The Annunciation of the Lord**



**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 POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2023**

**For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



**EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTE:** During the Holy Time of Easter, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.



**LITURGICAL PUBLICATION:** Are you a business owner? We will be collecting business contact information from businesses who would like to advertise in our new parish bulletin. We would greatly appreciate your support for our parish initiative, by calling Liturgical Publication directly at **1-800-268-2637**, or email our parish office with your contact information.



*Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

*New parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.*

*Volunteers are needed for parish hall events*

- to plan and organize parish events - to wash dishes*
- to prepare tables for events - to launder tablecloths*
- to serve and prepare refreshments in our parish kitchen*
- to sell tickets for our events*

*If you are able to help join our social committee, please call the office (519)-886-0342 ext. 3*

**NEW!!!!!! E-TRANSFER**

Exciting news! We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners.

For E-Transfers which are automatically deposit (no password needed), 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.**





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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