



# 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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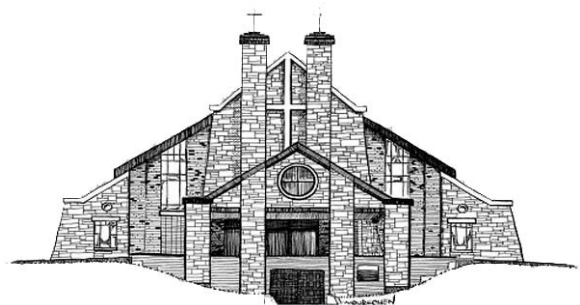
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.



## CONTACT US

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MAR 26 to MAR 31



**Explanation of the  
Easter Vigil Mass at  
7:30 p.m.**

The most sacred night of the Church year.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. *We are awaiting our master's return with our lamps full and burning, so that he will find us awake and seat us at this table (cf Luke 12:35ff).* All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. The vigil is divided into four parts: 1) service of light, 2) liturgy of the Word, 3) liturgy of Baptism, and 4) liturgy of the Eucharist.

**1) Service of Light** The atmosphere in the Church is different: The Holy water fonts are empty, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the Church or at the back of the Church. A ceremonial new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal Candle is prepared with these words while the priest marks the candle: *Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega all the time belongs to him and all the ages to him be glory and power through every age for ever.* The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

The candle is then processed through the church, with the priest lifting the candle at three different times, singing: Christ our light (Lumen Christi) and the congregation sings in reply: Thanks be to God (Deo gratias). Everyone lights their individual candle from the Easter candle and continue until the whole church is alight. The Paschal candle symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. Next follows the glorious Easter song of the Catholic Church: The Exsultet (Easter proclamation). "This magnificent hymn, which is remarkable for its lyric beauty and profound symbolism, announces the dignity and meaning of the mystery of Easter; it tells the man's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us." This is usually sung by the deacon or choir leader.

**2) Liturgy of the Word** During the Easter Vigil, nine readings, (seven Old Testament and two New Testament) are provided. Not all are required to be read due to time constraints, but at least three Old Testament readings must be read. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. The Gloria is sung before the reading of the Epistle of the Romans, and the Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

**3) Liturgy of the Baptism** During the time of Easter water is blessed, new members who have been studying Catholicism in the RCIA program are welcomed into the Church through baptism, and the faithful are blessed with the new Holy Water and renew their baptismal promises.

**4) Liturgy of the Eucharist** the Mass resumes, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharistic Prayer. The whole congregation is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. The Mass ends with glorious... The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia. Response: Thanks to be God, alleluia, alleluia.

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Henryk & Wanda Szczepaniak – Grace & Tony Capa
<b>LENT ENDS – SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS</b>		
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Easter basket blessing Easter Vigil & Reception
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

<b>Monthly Budget Review as of March 17, 2024</b>			
Weekly contributions year to date	\$39,973.15		
E-transfer	\$811.00		
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$24,265.00	\$65,049.15	
Building fund		\$1,607.00	



*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

When: Sun. April 14, 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**

March 10, 2024, funds \$233.00

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**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.



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### Why is Saint Joseph not mentioned at Christ's crucifixion?

The last time we hear about St. Joseph in the scriptures is when he is separated from his family and found in the temple. The fact no mention is made of Joseph during Jesus' adult life, Scripture scholars presume that Joseph had died by the time Jesus began His ministry as an adult.

When Jesus was on the cross, with His grieving Mother there, He says to the Apostle John, "There is your mother... there is your son." If Joseph had still been alive, then the scenario would not have taken place. Jesus did that because, in Jewish society at the time, a widowed woman with no husband or male children would not have had a lot of income, and she would have been in danger of not having a home. So, for that and other pieces of evidence that are in Scripture, it is assumed that Saint Joseph had died at some point between (the Finding of Jesus in the Temple) when Jesus was about 12-year-old, and when Christ began His ministry.

### Good Friday collection for the Holy Land

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all Catholics in Canada. Your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites, as well as the formation of future priests. Donations to this special collection will be gratefully accepted at the Good Friday Services. A special envelope is included in your envelope box.



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE COMING!

Please consider volunteering for the  
following opportunity:

### HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET:

Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord, and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). **12 Volunteers of all ages are needed** to participate in this ritual at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.** Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com).



**Big Thank you** to all our parish volunteers who helped prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after our St. Patrick Feast Day Breakfast last Sunday. It was a huge success, we served 700 pancakes and 450 sausages. Thank you to the parishioners who also baked desserts. If you would like to get

involved in our next parish event which will be the Easter vigil reception on (March 30) and the next will, be our Mother's Day Lunch (May 12). Contact our parish office, if you can set up, prepare, cook or if you are able to help us clean up.

### THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2024

#### For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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

Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22	Mar. 23
Rev. Ken Miskiewicz	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada	Franciscan Fathers	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon	Rev. Donlad Sanvido	Permanent Diaconate Candidates

**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

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

The **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be prayed on Saturday May 11, 2024, at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30am, and we anticipate the devotion will finish by 7:30 pm. Join us for all or part of the day. For information contact Marilynne at [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com)

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

**MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER** – Maryhill Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) GOOD FRIDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup> 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for @ \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! ADVANCED orders for Take out orders strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939. For more information please check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

**ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL** is hosting a Card Party in April. Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

### **NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME**

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms can be found on the table at the entrance of the church, labeled "Parish Registration". We are most blessed to have you join our Parish 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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