



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.



CONTACT US

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT




Mar 28 to Apr 2

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| TUESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Bill Hanlon – Anne & Hans Lauridsen |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 a.m. | + Alice Bolger – Barbara Dunn |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention of Rosemary & Joe Paiva – Brenda & Ed |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | + Freddy, Nicholas, Bruno de'Rozario – Naomi & Nevelle Stations of the Cross |
| SATURDAY | 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary + Vern Gonsalves – Jackie Gonsalves |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention |

| <u>Monthly Budget Review as of March 19, 2023</u> | | |
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| Cumulative financial objective – 12 weeks @ \$7,500 | | \$90,000.00 |
| Weekly contributions year to date | \$40,244.20 | |
| E-transfer | \$315.00 | |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date) | \$35,591.97 | \$76,151.17 |
| Over (under) objective | | (\$13,848.83) |

| Lent 2023 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving | |
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| Daily Lenten Mass | Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. |
| Stations of the Cross Fridays | 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, starting Feb 24 |
| Daily Reflection Booklet | 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. |
| Fast & Abstinence | 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. |
| Almsgiving Share Lent Collection March 26 | 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. 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. This year we will be collecting PASTA and TOMATO SAUCE (only cans or plastic jars) for Canadian Food for Children throughout the |
|  <p>Canadian Food For Children</p> | |

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| <p>Collection</p>  | <p>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).</p> |
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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 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 **2nd 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. *

Currently we have received donation for 10 dinners

Please consider donating **cotton and flannel fabrics** for the cause of **CFFC**. I make fabric carry bags for donated dolls and stuffies. These get sent to over 20 countries for children to use. Please contact me at (519) 885-0109 if you can help. Donations must be clean/washed - they needn't be new. Small pieces can be simply seamed together; they needn't all be large. Thank you.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45 (shorter version John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)
 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Mar 27 Very Rev. Stephen Murrin
- Mar 28 Rev. Kevin D'Souza
- Mar 29 Sister's of St. Joseph of Canada
- Mar 30 Rev. Andrew Czarny
- Mar 31 Rev. Msgr. Martin Vallely
- Apr 1 Rev. Michael King



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 APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL CHEFS' GOURMET DINNER. This signature event, held in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region is a prestigious multicourse dinner gala prepared by the best chefs from 17 of our local restaurants. The evening includes champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception, live music and a sit-down dinner served with wine. There are currently **300 children** on a waitlist. You can help them out and have a great evening at the same time! Date: **Monday April 17, 2023**, Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Location: The Ball Rooms **Bingemans** (426 Bingemans Centre Drive Kitchener Cost: \$150.00 (\$75.00 tax receipt provided)

Tickets can be purchased at bbbswr.org/gourmet-dinner If you have any questions please contact Maureen Innes (Event Chair) at 519 577 4503 or innesbf486@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA for have currently collected a sum of \$7,530.00

ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 2023, the Waterloo Knights of Columbus will be doing our Annual Fish Fry, with seatings from 1, 2, 3 4, 5 and 6 p.m. at 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo, Please call Martin for tickets for the seated dinners at 519-884-2060 and Derek at 226-748-8378 for takeout orders.

Dinner Prices:

- One piece with fries, roll and slaw \$15.00.
- Two pieces with fries, roll and slaw \$ 20.00.



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 Patrycja (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

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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