



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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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

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Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

Organist: Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

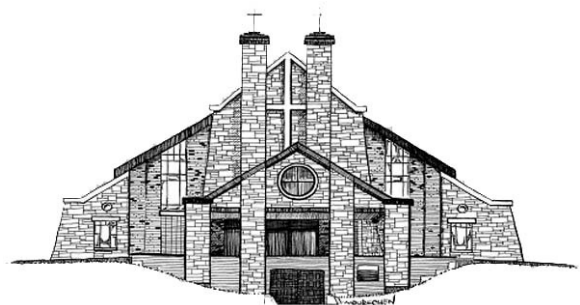
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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MAR 5 to MAR 10

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Albin Perko – Olga Perko
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Miriam Jayasundera
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Payeur – Helena Cox
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Alponso Weerasinghe – Nimini Kurera-Weerasinghe Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Marlene Nowak – Donna Schultz & Family +Freddy, Nicholas, Bruno de’Rozario – Nevelle de’Rozario
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Lent 2024 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving	
Daily Lenten Mass	Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Friday’s	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 16
Daily Reflection Booklet	Lifted up in Love – Christ lifted up for us on the cross, these inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers for everyday of Lent, as we come to experience more fully the everlasting compassion of God shown to us in our Savior.
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 17	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, March 17 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.
Canadian Food For Children Collection	We will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. Please bring the rice and pasta to the church in a reusable cloth bag (which will also be given to Canadian Food for Children to be used for the distribution of aid). Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 24).

Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 20, 2024

Weekly contributions year to date	\$24,563.40	
E-transfer	\$646.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$24,265.00	\$49,474.40
Building fund		\$566.00



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. March 10, 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

Feb 4, 2024, funds \$274.00

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 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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.**

E-TRANSFER If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com
Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.

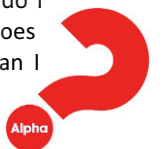


NEW PARISH GROUP

SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith, it will lead you through

the “big picture” of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Please join us for sessions provided by Formed. **Next session Friday March 8, 2024**, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall. Workbook, coffee, and snacks provided; all are welcome. Contact our parish office if you are interested.

ALPHA AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH, KITCHENER Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? Why and how do I read the bible? Who is Jesus and why did He die? Does God heal today? How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? How can I be sure of my faith? Explore these and other questions at **Alpha 2024**. Alpha is open to adults who are curious about Jesus, are exploring Christianity, have questions about life, or want to strengthen their faith. Join us Thursday Evenings (starting with dinner) **Feb. 22 to May 2** from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. at **St. Mark's Parish** (55 Driftwood Drive) Kitchener. **There is no cost to attend**, unless you'd like to make a small contribution for dinner. For more information, email Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com. Plan to join us ... and bring a friend ... all are welcome!



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL is hosting a Card Party in April. Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 24th 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.

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. 4	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 9
Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	Rev. Edward Hinsperger	Disabled Persons	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.	Rev. James Link, C.R.

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



First Penance Celebration. Please continue to prayer for our **53** students and their families: from Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Rosary and other area schools who prepared and received their sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m.** May Jesus be their strength as they continue to draw closer to Him.

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.

MINISTERS OF MUSIC RETREAT The Liturgy Office is pleased to offer a Ministers of Music Retreat on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Hamilton from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Glenn CJ Byer will lead the retreat with the theme of **Near Occasions of Grace**. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

KW RTL FISH DINNER at the K. of C. on Friday, March 8th, 2024. Located at 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo ON, to dinner tickets can be purchased at the Door. The bar opens at 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Speaker at 7:00 p.m. Giveaways and prolife items for sale. Call 519-744-8330 to reserve a table. Jane Richard

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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