



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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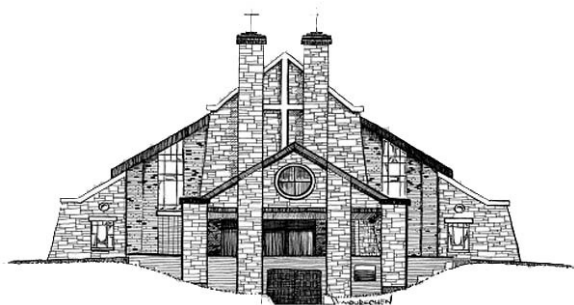
Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
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OFFICE HOURS

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 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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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT




Mar 7 to Mar 12

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Ellen Lam – Angela Madappuli
WEDNESDAY Luther Village	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Mark Flood – Potvin Family Special Intention Rousseau Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Frank Voisin – Kelly Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Lillian Lebrooy – Miriam Jayasundera Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+Hari & Rita Banerjee – Miriam Jayasundera
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

<u>Monthly Budget Review as of Feb 19, 2023</u>	
Cumulative financial objective – 7 weeks @ \$7,500	\$52,500.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$27,722.90
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$23,684.98
Over (under) objective	(\$1,092.12)

Lent 2023 – 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	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	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.
Share Lent Collection	
March 26	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	

<p>For Children Collection</p> 	<p>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).</p>
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Solemnity St. Joseph - Mass on Monday March 20, at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **March 12, 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 Feb 5, 2023, were \$222.00
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.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA for those wishing to support the relief effort, the Diocese of Hamilton is encouraging contributions to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. **Special envelopes will be available at the back of the church** if you are able to extend your support.

CNEWA Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria emergency shelter. <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International the International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and **support services**. <https://www.caritas.org/>

Catholic Relief Services CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

ACN Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria. <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

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
Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL for our fun family screening of *Coco* **March 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM!** This delightful film follows young Miguel as he dreams of becoming an accomplished musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. Themes of Family and Community, Dignity of the Human Person, Forgiveness, and Cultural Diversity are explored. The screening will be hosted online. **R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/.** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Mar 6 Rev. Michael Downey
- Mar 7 Rev. Pawel Jamroz
- Mar 8 Disabled Persons
- Mar 9 Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
- Mar 10 Rev. Pablito Labado
- Mar 11 Rev. Duy Van Nguyen



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 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.

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.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY – Would you like incorporate the rosary into your Lenten practice?

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. It will take less than 5 minutes daily.

Our Living Rosary prayer intentions for March are as follows:

1. **We ask God to give us the courage and wisdom to respond to the cultural pressures of our day. In light of the many reported incidences at our local schools, we pray especially for the students and their families.**
2. **Pope Francis' prayer intention 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.**
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/3Y5awyFdQHQpmYdv8>.

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.



HELP FOR EVERY MARRIAGE – Are you frustrated or angry at each other, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times and allows you to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples find a better way for their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, happening the weekend of March 10, 11, 12, 2023 please call **905-664-5212** or email: 1013@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Don't be late for church next Sunday!! Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring next Saturday night.





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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