



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
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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.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY



May 30 to June 4

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Jack & Mary Anne Meagher – Family
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Clare Reitzel – Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Travis Brunner – James O’Meara
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Doris & Sheldon Groce – Mary Lou & Milne Oakes & Nancy & Garry Collins
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Arlo Schnarr – Len Friesen
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of May 14, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 20 weeks @ \$7,500	\$150,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$71,487.50
E-transfer	\$950.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$47,470.96
Over (under) objective	\$119,908.46 (\$30,091.54)

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, we honour you O Mary, our dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Teach me what I ought to know, for what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God you are, and how utterly filled with Him! We invite you to pray the rosary daily, with the litany to Our Lady of Loreto.



JOIN US FOR PARISH BBQ on Sunday June 4, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. BBQ Menu:

Hamburgers & hotdogs (with all the fixin’s), juice, pop, water and potluck salads & desserts. Please pick up your tickets: free of charge at the entrance of the church or at the parish office. Donations are welcomed. Each family member will require a ticket, this will help us determine food requirements. **Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert.** (There is no refrigeration on site. To keep your salad or dessert fresh, be sure to keep it on ice in a cooler.) Don’t forget your lawn chairs!



WE NEED YOUR HELP - SPRING CHURCH PROPERTY CLEAN UP: We would like to have 6 to 10 parish volunteers to help with our church spring clean up on **Friday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.** If you have a

garden claw, gloves, or other garden tool to help turn the beds, pick out weeds, please bring them with you. With 6 or 10 people the time commitment will only be about 2 hours. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in the parish office. Please email our parish office if you are available, at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

please join us



Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **June 11, 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 May 7, 2023, were \$219.00
(Big thank you to the Finance Council, Mrs. Gisele & Mrs. Cecilia for helping with May Café)
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.

MINI EMMAUS - CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS, YOUTH GROUPS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GRADE 2 TO 12!

Join us on Saturday **June 17th** from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for the first ever “Mini Emmaus” - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. **Please contact our parish office to register by June 2nd**, and we hope to see you at this great event!



The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place’s most important fundraiser: Mother’s Day is here and

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be primarily virtual once again this year. Please provide your support for the campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place’s most important fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help make an immediate impact. To donate now, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and it will take you directly to our donate page. 109 Young Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4Z2



SAVE THE DATE: July 16, 2023

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- May 29 **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
- May 30 Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
- May 31 **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- June 1 Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
- June 2 Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
- June 3 Rev. Fidelis Umukoro, O.P.

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY – GRACES AND MISSIONS

All of us though the Baptism and Confirmation are instilled with the Holy Spirit – the very indwelling of God within our souls. The Holy Spirit renders us seven gifts that are known as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

WISDOM: it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

UNDERSTANDING: it allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we are not confused by all the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live because it perfects a person's speculative reason in the apprehension of truth.



COUNCIL: it is perfect gift to help us know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right. Through the gift of council, Christians with the right judgment avoids sin and lives out the values taught by Jesus in order to respond prudently, and happily to believe our Christ the Lord

FORTITUDE: we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with courage is willing to stand up for what is right in the sight of God, even if it means accepting rejection, verbal abuse, or even physical harm and death. The gift of courage allows people the firmness of mind that is required both in doing good and in enduring evil, especially with regard to goods or evils that are difficult.

KNOWLEDGE: With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God. The knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

PIETY: it really means the willingness to worship and respect for God and the Church because Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love. A person with reverence recognizes our total reliance on God and comes before God with humility, trust, and love.

FEAR OF THE LORD (WONDER AND AWE): With the gift of fear of the Lord we are aware of the glory and majesty of God because it puts our mindset in its correct location with respect to God: we are the finite, dependent creatures, and He is the infinite, all-powerful Creator. Therefore, this gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him.

MISSION: Let's pray in confidence for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives, that we too may have the courage and boldness to live out the Gospel as we are strengthened each day in becoming the person that God created each of us to be. We also permeate the Good News to all we encounter in order to draw them to Christ in the comunion with him.



Rental accommodation **wanted** close to Our Lady of Lourdes school. Please Contact Chris 519-746-8314.



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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