



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@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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Nov 14 to Nov 19

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Fr. Ted Hughes – Ada Harris
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Horace Mascurine, Peg & John Cullin – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Nancy Marie Busby – Peter & Barb Whitby
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Josephine Perera – Nimni Kurera Weerasinghe
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Vincent Morrison – Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11

Let us pray... Lord, many people we know and love have served in our Armed Forces to help make the world a more peaceful place. We lift them up to you – those who have died and those still with us. May our prayer today help bring them and their loved ones comfort, peace, and hope. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP: on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. parish hall. Sign up and learn how to arrange a Christmas centerpiece with a candle. Please bring a pair of flower shears. Register by emailing our parish office.



ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS - WATERLOO CHURCHES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to restore our hurt or broken relationship with God, the Church, one another and with ourselves. Everyone is encouraged to make frequent use of this Sacrament of Healing. Advent, a time of preparation in the Church, is not a penitential season like Lent, but is still an appropriate time for us to celebrate this sacrament. Each of the four churches in Waterloo will offer a Penitential Service during Advent. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend one of these.

Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Wed, Dec 20, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	St. Michael Church

SUNDAY MISSAL – LIVING WITH CHRIST (2023-2024) The new Sunday Missal that begins with the first Sunday of Advent (December 3) is now available. The price per missal is \$5.00. Limited quantity so don't delay in picking yours up. *Please write your name in your missal so that it can be returned to you in the event it is left in church.*

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL needs a small chest freezer for one of our families in need. If anyone has a small chest freezer that they no longer need or want and would like to donate it, please call 519-886-0342 extension 2. Thank you and God Bless.

The Annulment Process...the facts and myths - Presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Diocese of Hamilton Date: Thursday November 23 at 7:00 p.m. Place: St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo - Parish Centre (basement) Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts, and answer your questions. **To reserve your spot, please register by emailing – parish@stmichaelw.ca, or phone 519-884-9311.**

Monthly Budget Review as of Nov 8, 2023

Weekly contributions year to date	\$152,162.53	
E-transfer	\$3,111.23	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$118,163.92	\$273,437.68
Building fund		\$7,591.10

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Dec 10, 2023
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
Oct 8, 2023, funds \$158.25

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.

OLOL 3rd PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:

OLOL Social Committee is hosting by popular demand our third parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40. Included a roast beef dinner, wine & dessert, and raffle prizes, 50/50, beautifully decorated hall. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone's welcome. Tickets are limited. **We are also looking for donations for our raffle table. If you have something you would like to donate, please get in touch with our parish office, we would greatly appreciate your support, TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON NOV 12 & 19 AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Volunteers are needed for parish Christmas Dinner

- make floral centerpieces (Nov 25)
- donations for raffle prizes
- sell tickets – serve at dinner – clean up
- to prepare tables for events (set up Nov 24)

please call Patrycja if you can help (519)-886-0342 ext. 3



Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week lets us pray for...

Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18
Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.	Permanent Deacon Candidates	Deceased Members of our Parish Community	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Rev. Michael Isabelle

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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Catholic Women's League Membership Form 2024



(For women of the parish ages 16+)
It's time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women's League (CWL) membership.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community, and the world. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful, and fun-loving. Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of **\$35.00**, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by December 30th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash cheque
(payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Nov 14	Senior Social	1:30 p.m.
Nov 20	Prayer Shawl Group	1:30 p.m.
Nov 21	Senior Social	1:30 p.m.
Nov 24	Parish Dinner Set-up	2:00 p.m.
Nov 24	Junior Youth Group	6:00 p.m.
Nov 25	Flower arrangement workshop	10:00 a.m.
Nov 26	Parish Christmas Dinner	4:00 p.m.
Nov 28	Senior Social	1:30 p.m.

ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freleton for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

TWO TOONIES AND A LOONIE Dear Parishioners: This year's donations will, once again, be used to purchase Hygiene Products for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Cupboard. Envelopes will be included in the **November 18/19 bulletin**. Thank you for your generosity! The Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DID YOU KNOW... Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in **desperate need of more volunteers** to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

THE POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.





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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