



# *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.

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### **PARISH TEAM**

**Pastor:** Rev. Rafal Tomon

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**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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.



### **CONTACT US**

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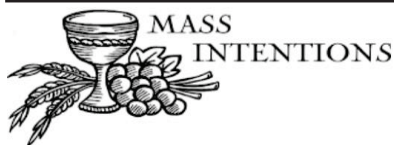
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Nov 21 to Nov 26

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Julianne Kubnivelle – Maria & Roger Lycke
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Antonio Orlando – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Angela Ianni – Carmela Garasto
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Jack Cassidy – Joan Cassidy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention



**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

**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](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca), or phone 519-884-9311.**

<b>Monthly Budget Review as of Nov 8, 2023</b>	
Weekly contributions year to date	\$152,162.53
E-transfer	\$3,111.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$118,163.92
Building fund	\$7,591.10
	<b>\$273,437.68</b>

*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**  
Nov 12, 2023, funds \$205.70  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**OLOL 3<sup>rd</sup> PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

84 tickets sold. 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](mailto: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, **THE LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS ON NOV 19 AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** **THE 7<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** will be observed on November 19, 2023. This year's theme "Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, and God's face will not be turned away from you." It is the phrase in bold which Pope Francis has chosen for the theme of his message for World Day of the Poor.

**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.

*Volunteers are needed for parish Christmas Dinner*

- make floral centerpieces (Nov 25)
- donations for raffle prizes
- to prepare tables for events (set up Nov 24)

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

**Gospel Reading**  
*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Considering last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25
Catholic Youth	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters	Rev. Felix Nwatu	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan	Rev. Robert Bulbrook

**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 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 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED**

We would like to send Christmas shoe boxes to poor children with Canadian Food for Children. If you have empty shoeboxes, leftover Halloween candy, small toys (no batteries please), paper, crayons, markers, rosaries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks. Please bring your filled shoe boxes to Mary's altar from **Nov 19 – Dec 10** to send in time for Christmas. Many thanks for anything you can donate.

**Empty shoe boxes are available to pick up at our parish office.**

**PARISH 2024 ENVELOPES PICK UP:** on Dec 9 & 10 in the parish hall. Before going to the parish hall, please remember your previous envelope number, as boxes are sorted by number. Preauthorized giving envelopes start with the number 1000. We will have a directory binder where you can look up your envelope number if needed. Please remember that e-transfer is paperless. We thank you for your continued support to our parish.

**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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