



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
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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 Requests



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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Nov 29 to Dec 4

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Fr. Nick Marro – Ada Harris
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+ George Urbaniak – Len Friesen
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+ Nicholas Horeczky – Katalin Horeczky
Friday West Hill	8:30 a.m.	+ Ed Ruppe – Family Special intention
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+ Harry Van Nuland – Agnes Corke
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Spiritual Bouquet BISHOP CROSBY'S 25TH Anniversary of Ordination

Offertory Collection for Sunday, Nov 6 & Nov 13, 2022: \$5,335.85
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

Monthly Budget Review as of Nov 13, 2022

Cumulative financial objective – 46 weeks @ \$7,500	\$345,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$138,708.33
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$117,144.90
Over (under) objective	-\$89,146.77

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **Dec 11, 2022**
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.



MENU: Coffee, tea \$1
Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

Sales from Nov 13, 2022, were \$194.30
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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR



This week let us pray for...

- Nov 28 Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
- Nov 29 Rev. Brendan McGrath
- Nov 30 Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
- Dec 1 Most. Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.
- Dec 2 Rev. Romeliton Guillen
- Dec 3 Rev. Grayson Hope

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.



2023 Envelope Pickup – December 10/11

On the weekend of December 10/11, we will be holding our final OLOL Café service of 2022. We hope everyone will come down to the parish hall after Mass and enjoy some refreshments.

Coincidentally on that weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2023. If you are not registered for envelopes, please give this consideration. Members of our Parish Finance Council will be there to assist you as well as provide information about our pre-authorized giving (PAG) program. If you have yet to consider this method of giving, we encourage you to reflect on whether pre-authorized giving is a good option for you. The parish benefits from this method of giving by receiving regular, dependable contributions, by a reduction of paperwork, and in the ability to more effectively plan parish programs and activities. You benefit from the convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish and continuing to support the parish even when you are away.






At the present time, 131 families have chosen PAG!



Christmas Cookies for Our Parish Shut-ins

It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.

Because of your generosity we have also been able to lift the spirits of the 22 men who reside at the Underhill Residence at Erb and Avondale by providing each with a container of cookies. To continue to do this, however, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish.

-  Please bring only cookies – other baking is very difficult to include in the tins for the shut-ins.
-  Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on **Tuesday, December 13 between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Labeled containers will be returned to you.
-  When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.
-  Volunteers will be needed to arrange the cookies on **Wednesday, Dec 14 at 9:00 a.m.** in the parish all. If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at the parish office.
-  Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies to the shut-ins on **Friday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.** If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at the parish office.

Volunteers needed!

Things to sign up for during this Christmas season.

- Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)*
- Pageant (grades 1 to 8)*
- Minister of Hospitality (Usher)*
- Deliverer of Christmas flower (Dec 16)*
- Deliverer of cookies to our shut-ins (Dec 16)*
- "Tree of Life" tree-cutters (Dec 17)*
- Christmas decoration set up (Dec 18)*

Please email our parish office at lsurdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Starting Dec 1, we are continuing a parish family Christmas tradition. It will focus on giving and the true meaning of Christmas. **The Giving Manger** will help families shift their focus of Christmas back to giving. You will be asked to place a piece of straw in the manger located at Mary's altar, for each kind deed or act of service performed. On Christmas Day, Baby Jesus will be placed in the Church manger filled with service and love. We ask each family to work together to give gifts of service to one another, and you will find your hearts and home filled with more joy during the holiday season than ever before.



Christmas Pageant

Once again, this year, students from grades one to eight, along with parent volunteers, are invited to become involved in the Christmas pageant which will be held at **5:00 p.m.** on Christmas Eve.

Registration online by filling out the google form.

<https://forms.gle/26jjhpnN8FSxLd9dA> Deadline to register for the pageant is **Sunday, December 11.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Wednesday, December 14
& Wednesday, December 21
from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church. *"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."* – attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

WITH THE CHRISTMAS season coming up quickly, some may begin to feel anxious about looming family gatherings due to fractured family relationships. Conflicting feelings of stress, anxiety - even anger - can accompany the joy of the season. **How do we love & forgive despite hurts & conflict?** Join us December 6th at 7:45pm after Mass, for the first of a "2-part event": *"Loving our Dysfunctional Families"* December 6th features guest speaker Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Part 2 welcomes back Fr. Mike King on January 15th, *just following* our gatherings, for a repeat of his highly attended 2020 session. All part of the return of the "St. Agnes Education Cafe series for 2023". Further details under "Events" at: saintagnescatholicchurch.org

BIG THANK YOU – for the collection of the Christmas shoe boxes for children in need. 77 filled boxes, and some food and clothing, were delivered to Canadian Food for Children this past week, our shoe boxes are on a container on its way to Zambia



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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