



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

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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 7 to Nov 12

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Patrick Harrigan – Margaret & Michael Girodat
WEDNESDAY Luther Village	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Jordan Fricker – Family Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Nancy Marie Busby – Peter & Barb Whitby
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Nancy Marie Busby – Peter & Barb Whitby
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Harris Family– Ada Harris
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

ST. AGNES PARISH, WATERLOO: Sunday November 12th, 2:00 p.m.
The experience of suffering may have us wrestling with common questions: Why would God allow suffering? Does He hear my plea for help? Once again, these “storms” in life invite us into that place of "trust" where sometimes God allows a suffering to bring about a good that we cannot see. **Attend the next St. Agnes Education Cafe event: "The Struggle to Find Meaning in Suffering"** with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, & Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton.

LIVING ROSARY: Thank you very much to those who took part in Our Lady of Lourdes living rosary. We had 63 decades of the rosary prayed every day during the month of October for all of our intentions. We will continue to pray for these intentions at our First Saturday Masses (8:30 a.m.) until June. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us



Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 29, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 44 weeks @ \$7,500	\$330,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$152,154.95
E-transfer	\$3,033.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$273,352.10
Over (under) objective	(\$56,647.90)

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
When: Sun. Nov 12, 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 5, 12 & 19 AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**



‘FORMED’ PROGRAM FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS:

‘FORMED’ is a Catholic Online Resource that is presented by Augustine Institute. It is like a **Catholic Netflix** and yet it is much more than that. It is a collection of materials for study, entertainment, spiritual growth, and nourishment. It contains material for study, watching, listening, or reading.

OUR PARISH HAS PURCHASED A PARISH WIDE SUBSCRIPTION. This means each family, everyone in the parish has access to all these resources. To sign up you go to <https://formed.org/> and sign up. Remember to enter our parish postal code N2L 1N5. If you need assistance figuring out how to access or are uncertain about resources, the link: <https://help.formed.org> has all you need. Once you are registered you use the app or web browser to access the resources.

In 2015 Lighthouse Catholic Media merged with the Augustinian Institute, so many of the lighthouse resources are available through ‘FORMED’. **EACH WEEK there is a video available with a brief teaching for the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. There are sections for Sacramental preparation, Bible Study, current topics and youth resources. Under the movies there are sub-sections for movies, documentaries, apologetics, and youth. The audio section contains talks, audio dramas and audio books. The book section contains nonfiction, fiction, and youth resources.**

As our parish has purchased a parish wide subscription, that means each family and individual in the parish has access to all of these resources.



SUNDAY MISSAL – LIVING WITH CHRIST (2023-2024) The new Sunday Missal that begins with the first Sunday of Advent (December 3) are 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.

Volunteers are needed for parish Christmas Dinner

- make flowers centerpiece (Nov 25)
- donations for raffle prizes
- sell tickets – server 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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading
Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. To appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church. Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

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

Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11
Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.	Consecrated Virgin Candidates	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton	Dedication of Lateran Basilica	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

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)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share details about the situation without having you provide judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year but remind your children of the intricate way God created the worlds so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan, and their gifts and talents are life food for the world to thrive. And remind that that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their life. There is so much to be thankful for and an attitude of gratitude has provided a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS BACK! Join us on Saturday November 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and enjoy some baking, pies, crafts, raffles, treasures, and famous Hungarian Crepes! The Church is located at 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. We hope to see you there!

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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