



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.



CONTACT US

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Nov 28 to Dec 2








Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Cookies Project

It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver and share with others 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 others. How special it will be for someone when they receive a tin of homemade Christmas cookies from Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering others at this special time of giving.

To continue to do this, WE NEED MORE COOKIES! When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish. Thank you for your support.

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Vincent Morrison – Family
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+Bob Gross – Gross Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ George Urbaniak – Len Friesen
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Croce Antonio & Ida Radocchia – Josie Radocchia
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

	Your cookies should be brought to the <u>parish office</u> on Monday, Dec 11 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec 12 between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	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 13 at 9:00 am. In the parish hall. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies on Friday, Dec 15 at 12:00 p.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to prepare the cookies tins, on Friday, Dec 8 at 9:00 a.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.

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
Building fund	\$7,591.10
	\$273,437.68

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 2nd Sunday of the Month.

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

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 cookies (Dec 15)**
- “Tree of Life” tree-cutters (Dec 16)**
- Church cleaning after tree install (Dec 16)**
- Church Christmas decoration set up (Dec 17)**
- Christmas floral decoration design (Dec 22)**
- Deliverer of Christmas flower (Dec 22)**

Please email our parish office at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

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

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

Date	Event	Time
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.

BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with our parish Christmas dinner: set up crew, servers, photographer, music band, cleanup crew, and especially all those who supported our parish dinner by buying a ticket and/or donating to our raffle. Thank you again, it is a great way to build our parish community and strengthen our friendships.

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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