



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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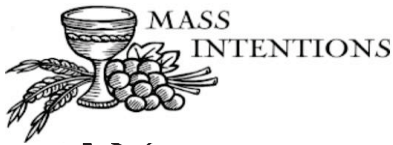
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Oct 3 to Oct 8

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for 25 th Wedding Anniversary of Kenn & Janine Belford – Family
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Ethel de' Rozario – Naomi & Nevelle de' Rozario
Beechwood	10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Thomas Shmuck – Kathie Mulhall
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Raja Rajapaksa – Miriam Jayasundera
West Hill	10:00 a.m.	+ Monica Cotter – Rita Strickland
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention – Wiecek Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive on Oct. 7th & 8th. Your donations of non-perishable goods would be greatly appreciated. If you are going to be out of town, you may leave your food items at the baptismal font the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for helping us serve those who are in need.

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following **Formation Workshops** in September, October, and November 2023. If you are a current Minister or you would like to sign up to be a Children's Liturgy leader, Lector or Eucharist minister please speak to Fr. Rafal to register for the **all-day workshop**. Please email liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com to register.

Minister of the Word	Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo, ON
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener, ON

Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Thank you to all who participated in the initial stage of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in October 2023 on the theme of *Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission*.



Over 2,000 submissions were received in the Diocese of Hamilton, including both individual and group responses. Every effort was made to include your thoughts in the Diocesan summary, which is provided below for your further reflection.

The Diocesan summary was forwarded to the Assembly of Ontario Bishops (ACBO) and is included in the summary of responses which were received from the Dioceses and Eparchies in Ontario. A copy of this summary report is provided below for your further reflection. <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 20, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 38 weeks @ \$7,500	\$285,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$129,745.80
E-transfer	\$2,083.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$106,458.92
Over (under) objective	\$238,287.95 (\$46,712.05)

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Oct 8, 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

BIG THANK YOU (Sept 2022 – June 2023) Funds raised for our parish ministries, such as youth groups, altar servers, prayer shawl group total \$ 2,191.35

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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place on **Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** on the eve of St. Francis of Assisi feast day. Please bring your pets to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto area, located just outside the main church doors where Fr. Rafal will follow St. Francis' example of preaching to all of creation, followed by a blessing.

The Seniors' Euchre Group gathers every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

All Seniors are welcome.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (1873-2023)

Please join us for the celebration of the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on **Tuesday October 3rd** with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery, Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St. Agatha.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY: Saturday October 14th from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. at Speaker's Corner (NW corner of King & Benton Street), Kitchener. Please come and pray with us during the 106th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, asking Her to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial and evil. The goal is for 800 public rosaries to take place in Canada that day. CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY - www.canadaneesourlady.org

DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO END ABORTION

From **September 27th to November 5th, 2023**, we invite you to join with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting an Hour a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign, and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Thank you and God bless!



Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities, the chief priests, and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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

Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7
Rev. Toby Collins C.R.	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros C.R.	Felician Francis Sisters (C.S.S.F)	Rev. Robert Love	Rev. Marian Gill, O.M.I.	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
					Our Lady of the Rosary

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

"ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ" EVENT: *Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear:* Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness & "order" one moment – then sadness & "chaos" the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus & not to let doubt, fear & anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our everyday lives, so we can earn the true peace that only a Christ-centered life can bring – an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away? Sunday October 1st, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes Waterloo.

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS: Join us for the final Marian Day for 2023 on Saturday, October 7th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information and to register: 1-519-824-3951.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY

will begin in **October** and continue to the last day of October. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.



Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

On Our Lady of Lourdes altar, you will find slips of paper with little tear-off pieces. Please take the next one available on the sheet. This is your mystery and decade for the month. Also on the altar will be a notebook in which you can write your prayer intentions. Everyone who is praying the rosary is praying with all those intentions in mind. At the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 a.m. on the First Saturday of each month until June, the Mass will be offered for those intentions as well.



MASS & RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST. AGATHA

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday **October 23, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by Oct 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.



SAFETY NOTE: Heart Starting Training Video: Any parishioners interested in viewing a brief training video on how to properly use our Automated external Defibrillator (located in the narthex (lobby) to the left of the washroom door), may view the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFz10>

ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADE 4 -8 AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH! Are you interested in meeting with friends, and making new friends in our parish community? If so, please consider joining the Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group. We will meet monthly during the school year starting in October. Our meetings include games and social time, a faith discussion time, and a snack. Please reach out if you are interested in finding out more by emailing tscott1201@rogers.com.

THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.





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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