

# *Our Lady of Lourdes*

## **Catholic Parish, Waterloo**

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### **PARISH TEAM**

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

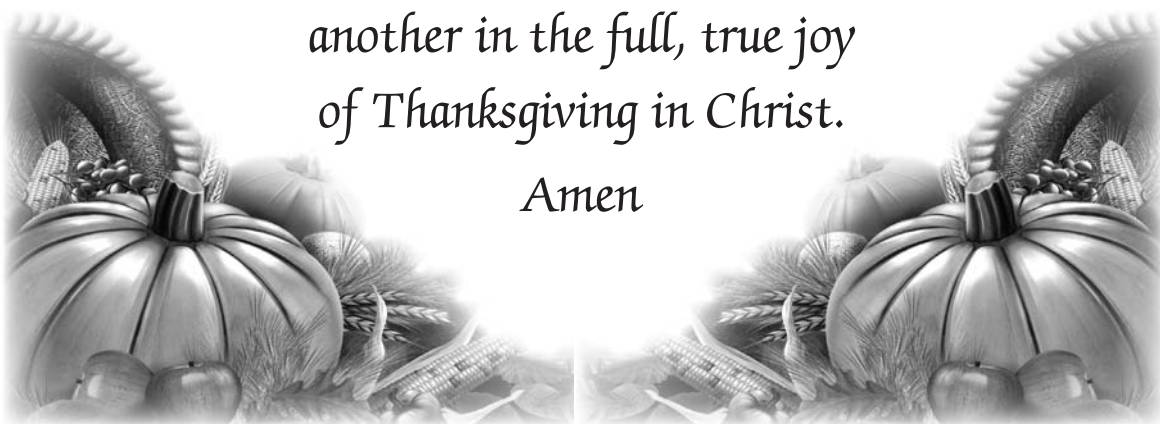
Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle  
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,  
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.  
And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy  
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



# 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Nov 1 to Nov 6



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES:

519 Community Collective and Waterloo Region Food Bank depends on the support and the generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for their grocery needs to help the needy of our area. Will start on **Thanksgiving weekend (Oct. 8-9), and will continue until END of October**, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. Food banks supply low at this time, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness to those in need.

This year the Feast of All Souls, November 2, falls on Wednesday and Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.

**IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION:** In our Catholic tradition, **November** is set aside as a month dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. As a parish, we will highlight this month of grace by preparing a book entitled "In Hope of the Resurrection" into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. This memorial book will be enshrined before the altar throughout the month of November and the recorded names will be remembered daily during the Mass. A special sheet on which to record the names of those you wish to remember may be found at the entrance to the church. The completed forms should be returned to the church this weekend. A special box for the page will be at the entrance to the church.

**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 calling the office to request a box, Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>All Saints</b>	7:00 p.m.	All deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>All Souls</b> <b>Beechwood Manor</b>	8:30 a.m.	All deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Repose of the souls of all deceased bishops, priests & deacons who have served in the Diocese of Hamilton.
<b>Friday</b> <b>West Hill</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Alphonsine Richard - Yves & Anna, Emilie Richard
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary + David & Elaine Kehn - Wally & Evelyn Weber
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Living & deceased members of our parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Special intention

**Offertory Collection for Sunday, Oct 9 & Oct 16, 2022: \$9,333.65**  
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

<b>Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 16, 2022</b>	
Cumulative financial objective – 42 weeks @ \$7,500	\$315,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$126,944.93
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$106,012.91
Over (under) objective	<b>-\$82,042.16</b>

### Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century, Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

Open Next  
on Sunday, Nov 13, 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 Oct 9, 2022, were \$219.00  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

- Oct 31 Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
- Nov 1 Feast of All Saints
- Nov 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- Nov 3 Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
- Nov 4 Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
- Nov 5 Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.



**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.



**COFFEE WEEKEND – NEXT WEEKEND**

On the weekend of November 5/6, you are invited to our first coffee weekend since before the summer. Plan to attend – there will be a lot going on! You will have an opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities and parish groups in the parish. Parishioners will be available to answer all your questions about . . .

- the music ministry (choirs at the 9 and 11 Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
- the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- children’s Liturgy of the Word (at 9 and 11 Sunday Masses)
- hospitality ministry (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
- prayer shawl ministry
- Fabulous Faith Finders (grades 4-8 youth group)
- High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)
- Altar Servers, lector, Eucharist minister, beechwood manor volunteer
- and, just for the ladies, you will be able to speak with members of the Catholic Women’s League to learn about the CWL’s mission and membership advantages.
- Hospitality, drivers, Café volunteers, special events set up, clean up



Please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents with the parish. Many volunteer positions have a minimal time commitment. Volunteering is very rewarding and the satisfaction that you get from helping out is well worth the effort! So, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.

**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 1 – Nov 21** to send in time for Christmas. Many thanks for anything you can donate.



**TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND HOUSEHOLD CLUTTER!!!!**

The spring FUNdrive at our parish raised \$3,100.00 for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Thank you for your support.

We are now having our second pick-up.

Be part of our team by contributing items that you no longer need.

**Date:** Saturday November 12, 2022

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Drop off Sites:**

- 1. Our Lady of Lourdes Church - 173 Lourdes St, Waterloo (back parking lot)
- 2. Lackner Woods Public School - 151 Zeller Dr, Kitchener

**Items Being Collected:**

- Clothing and soft household items, shoes etc. (placed in green in garbage bags)
  - Household Items (in medium sized manageable boxes with breakables wrapped in paper)
  - Items of value that can be sold on Marketplace (as identified by donors)
- If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Innes at [maureeninnes@hotmail.com](mailto:maureeninnes@hotmail.com)



**IN PREPARATION OF BISHOP CROSBY’S 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop we are invited to participate in a “spiritual bouquet” for the bishop’s anniversary. We are asked to participate by offering rosaries, morning offerings, acts of charity, acts of mercy, and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office with your information or **sign-up sheets** are available at the back of the church.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2<sup>ND</sup> PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

LOL Social club is hosting by popular demand our second ever parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40. Included a gourmet dinner, wine & dessert. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com) or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone’s welcome. Tickets are limited.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STUDENT COUNCIL** is hosting a Pro-Life charity dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>. The night will feature guest speaker Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. The event is hosted at the St. Michael’s parish hall located at 80 University Ave, Waterloo. All are welcome but seating is limited so get your tickets soon! You can find more information and how to purchase tickets on the parish Facebook page, or on the flyers at the back of the church. All proceeds go directly towards student pro-life initiatives.

**Catholic Women’s League Membership Form**



(For women of the parish ages 16+)  
It’s time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women’s League (CWL) Membership.

**Our Next event Christmas Potluck Nov 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

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)

**THE POPE’S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2022**

**Children Who Suffer** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.







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