



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 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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Tuesday 7:00 p.m. + Flora Niccoli Sr.
 – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. + Pilbean & Bleskie Families
 – Bleskie Family
Luther Village 10:00 a.m. + Albert Kuntz – Gert Kuntz
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. + Joe Stumpf – Stumpf Family
 Friday 8:30 a.m. + Margaret Fisher & Omar Martin
 – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario

Saturday 7:00 p.m. + Guy Kirvan – Marie Kirvan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Living & deceased
 members of our parish
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory Collection for Sunday, Aug 28 & Sept 4, 2022: \$7,705.75
 (Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 4, 2022

Cumulative financial objective – 36 weeks @ \$7,500	\$270,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$108,158.98
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$94,837.92
Over (under) objective	\$202,996.90 (\$67,003.10)

UP COMING WORKSHOPS: including lunch, at no cost to the parish volunteer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Formation Workshop
 St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener
 Saturday, Sept 24, 2022, 10:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch included

Minister of the Word
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Cambridge
 Saturday, October 22, 2022, 10:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch included

Extraordinary Minister of Communion
 St. Gregory the Great Parish, Cambridge
 Saturday, November 12, 2022, 10:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch included

For information or to register:
 Deacon John Moss, Co-Ordinator of Liturgy, Diocese of Hamilton
 905-528-7988 ext. 223

Starting Sept. 13, the SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP will meet in the church hall every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for progressive Euchre followed by refreshments. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. All Lourdes seniors are welcome. Enter through the tunnel door.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH LISTOWEL is having a Roast Beef Dinner on Thursday October 13th from 4:30 -7pm at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel. Adults \$25, Children (5-11) \$10, and 4 & under Free. (Only 225 tickets available). For tickets please call: Judy Givens 519-291-2224, Barb Beier 519-343-5815, Mary Ann Hurst 519-418-8081 and the St. Joseph's Church Office 519-291-4400 ext 0.

please join us



Our Lady of Lourdes Café

on Sunday, Sept 18, 2022,
 after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee or tea \$1
 Cake \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

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 **every Sunday**.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.



Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So, he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?



NO PASSPORT REQUIRED: A BUS TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS, ON – to The Monastery of Mount Carmel and Niagara Falls downtown followed by stop at the Outlet

Collection at Niagara Shopping Mall. With our first stop we will have Mass at the Monastery at 11:15 a.m., followed by time in the afternoon to enjoy the grounds and gift shop of the monastery, and downtown Niagara Falls, and we will end our trip with stopping at the premier outlet mall to do some shopping and to have dinner. The bus trip will take place on **Monday, October 3rd, 2022**. Cost of \$55 includes deluxe motor coach transportation with lunch provided. To book a seat or for additional information by September 23, contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342 ext 3. Or by sending an email to: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. Don't miss out on this mini pilgrimage and adventure. Fewer than 11 seats are left.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Sept 12 Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I
- Sept 13 Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I
- Sept 14 Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B)
- Sept 15 Rev. Adam Voisin
- Sept 16 Rev. David Wilhelm
- Sept 17 Rev. Jeffery Oehring



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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP

invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community in **September**. Our prayer intentions are as follows:

1. May God grant Catholics the wisdom to cherish our unique opportunity to encounter Christ in the celebration of the sacraments at church. The Mass is where we may be present at the one sacrifice of the cross that transforms us, heals us, and takes away our sins. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith.
2. Pope Francis' September intention –Abolition of the Death Penalty
3. The sick and their caregivers.
4. The living and deceased members of our parish.
5. The special intentions of the members of our parish.

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming month. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up here <https://forms.gle/TdZsmuvnW2VeP5h16>.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

- Your marriage does not have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 21-23. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS WITH OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

BAPTISM: the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:
 Matthias Yohanes Aim– Sept 11, 2022
 Oliver Hendrik Corke-Wilson – Sept 11, 2022
 Shenal Kaymin Mudannayake – Sept 11, 2022
 Noah Bryson Tuka – Sept 11, 2022

ST TERESA OF AVILA'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on **Friday, September 16th, 2022**, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, freshly made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old - penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends with fireworks at dusk. All are welcome!

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Beginning September 14th St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo_***NEW*** We are pleased to offer monthly Grief Support on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm! This group is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This group allows for more sharing with one another, which is proven to be beneficial for healing. Whereas the 6-week Spring and Fall program offers the theory with some sharing and group support. You can attend when you're able to. Visit our website (www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support), or contact our Parish office (parish@stmichaelw.ca) for more information.

HAMILTON DIOCESE – MARIAN DAYS 2022

Join your brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady as we celebrate the 2022 Marian Days at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph on Saturday October 1 WITH BISHOP CROSBY 9:00 a.m. Confessions, 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass, 11:00 a.m. Rosary Procession (Outdoor Procession weather permitting) 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Please provide your own lunch – coffee, tea and cold beverages will be available) 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Catechesis on the Mysteries of the Rosary, 2:00 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Closing.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal

July 28th – August 7th, 2023, Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of **40 young adults** to World Youth Day in the summer of 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join this pilgrimage experience. For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com



Our pilgrims have a Canada Helps page set up for any donations from willing parishioners or Catholic groups within the parish. To access this page, please see here: <https://bit.ly/WYDgive>

THE POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2022

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country



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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