



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

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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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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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sept 19 to Sept 24



Join our Women Potluck on Wed, Sept 20 at 5:00 p.m., in the parish hall,

with special guest speaker *Joyce Cotter president of Catholic Women's League*. Bring a dish to share, main dish, salad, or dessert, and spend some time meeting other women of our parish. Please RSVP to lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

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.

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Terry Petkau - Len Friesen
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Bill & Freida Cole - Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Pat Walsh - Mary & Gerry Mulhern
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Jim Ernst - Donna Schultz
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Paul Schaus - Maureen Schaus
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

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

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisement for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2023 & support the bulletin printing service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637. **Our Lady of Lourdes parish is grateful to all who advertise at the back of our parish bulletin, this service allows the parish to receive complimentary printing of our parish bulletin each week.**

Monthly Budget Review as of Sept 3, 2023

Cumulative financial objective - 36 weeks @ \$7,500	\$270,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$124,433.15
E-transfer	\$2,048.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$94,796.92
Over (under) objective	\$221,278.30 (\$48,721.70)

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
Open next on Sunday, Oct 8, 2023 after 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
Sales from Sept 10, 2023, were \$212.00

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.

Help needed

Volunteers are needed to Join our Social Committee for parish hall events

- to plan and organize parish events - to wash dishes
- to prepare tables for events - to launder tablecloths
- to serve and prepare refreshments in our parish kitchen
- to sell tickets for our events

If you are able to help join our social committee please call Patrycja (519)-886-0342 ext. 3

NEW MINISTRY GROUP - Our Lady of Lourdes Waterloo PRAYERLINE

Prayerline If you want to strengthen your prayer-life, consider joining our Prayerline. It takes just a few minutes daily. Each month a prayer list will be e-mailed to you. To be eligible for prayers, the person must request them or give their permission to be added (first and last name). If you've added someone, please provide updates when prayers are no longer needed. For those with chronic conditions, once their health is stable, they can be removed and added again if needed. Updates will be e-mailed periodically (if you wish to receive them). All names on the prayer list are to remain confidential. Those who aren't comfortable having their names listed will be prayed for as part of our monthly General Intentions. Please consider this; the more prayers, the stronger our prayers and our faith community will be. Contact the Prayerline at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: BUS TRIP TO TORONTO, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023



to St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, downtown followed by a stop at Eaton Centre and Ripley's Aquarium. At our first stop, we will attend Mass at the Cathedral at 12:15 p.m., followed by time in the afternoon to enjoy the nearby shopping Centre in downtown Toronto. We will end our trip by stopping at Ripley's Aquarium. The bus trip will take place on Monday, October 16th, 2023. The cost of \$85 for seniors (65+), and \$95 for adults, includes deluxe motor coach transportation, an entrance ticket to the aquarium, and lunch provided. To book a seat or for additional information by September 29, contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342 ext 3. Or by sending an email to: lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to purchase your tickets. **ONLY 9 TICKETS LEFT.**

The Seniors' Euchre Group will resume activities on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. All Seniors are welcome.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

"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 unshakable peace that nothing can take away? Sunday October 1st, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes Waterloo.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Sept, 18 Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
- Sept, 19 Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
- Sept, 20 Salesians of St. Don Bosco
- Sept, 21 Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
- Sept, 22 Rev. Vivek Trindade
- Sept, 23 Rev. Raphael Ma, 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



SEPTEMBER 23/24
COFFEE WEEKEND

On the weekend of September 23/24, you are invited to our coffee weekend. 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 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
- the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass
- hospitality ministry (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
- prayer shawl ministry
- Fabulous Faith Finders (grades 4-8 youth group)
- Finance Council
- Altar Servers
- Social Committee (parish events, Christmas dinner, Mother's Day lunch, Parish BBQ, OLOL Cafe, bus trips)



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 is well worth the effort! Please plan to attend our coffee weekend, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & REGISTRATION NIGHT

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: If Our Lady of Lourdes Church is your regular place of worship and you have a son/daughter in grade 2 or grade 7 in a school other than Holy Rosary or Our Lady of Lourdes, and you would like him/her to receive these sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes Church please join us for a registration meeting. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.



REGISTRATION MEETING:



First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by meeting with (parents & students)

Confirmation: Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by meeting with (parents & students)

CATHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school for students not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. They are supported by our parish catechists who review the students' assignments. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out their website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information and registration forms. If your child will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please also contact the parish office immediately so that important information regarding the reception of the sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes can be sent to you. Thank you.

THE POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.





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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