



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

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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

173 Lourdes Street

Waterloo, ON N2L 1N5

519-886-0342

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

<https://www.ourladyoflourdeschurchwaterloo.com>

 www.facebook.com/OLOLWaterloo

 http://twitter.com/our_parish

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sept 26 to Oct 1

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| TUESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Jack & Mary Anne Megher – Family |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 a.m. | + Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Edward Anstett – Veronica & Family |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 a.m. | + Joseph Kasee – Elizabeth Kasee |
| SATURDAY | 7:00 p.m. | + Mary Helen & Patrick Harrigan – 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 17, 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) | \$94,796.92 |
| Over (under) objective | \$226,625.95 (\$48,721.70) |

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

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.



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

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.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Saturday, September 30. The annual "Every Child Matters Walk" will begin at 10:00 a.m. at The Healing of the Seven Generations (H7G), 300 Frederick Street, and proceed to a rally in Victoria Park. A bus will be available from H7G to the rally for those with mobility needs. Ahead of the walk, Mass for Reconciliation will be offered at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne Parish. Following Mass, all are invited to walk up East Ave. to join the walk. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St. Anne and St. Joseph parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the TRC.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

Sept, 25 Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.

Sept, 26 Rev. Francisco Cruz

Sept, 27 Parish Staff

Sept, 28 Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M. C.C. J

Sept, 29 Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J

Sept, 30 Rev. Jugheon (Francisco) Kwak

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.

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)

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.

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.

Charlene Cardow 519-498-3274 RE/MAX

Henry Walser FUNERAL HOME LTD.
AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY - OWNED FUNERAL HOME
507 FREDERICK ST. (at expressway)
519-749-8467

Roofman Inc.
www.roofman.com
519-744-3830

Hygate
Retirement Residence

Call for your complimentary tour & lunch



Seniors Apartments
Independent Living Plus
Assisted Living
Respite Care
519-501-1131 ext 7502
info@hygateliving.com

Archibald Automotive

159 Erb St W
519-884-7700
www.archibaldautomotive.com

CAESAR CONSTRUCTION

Commercial and Residential
519-465-8375
dane@caesarconstruction.ca



- Commercial • Radiant Heaters
- Industrial • Gas Furnaces
- Residential • Air Conditioning

REITZEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
665 Superior Drive, Waterloo, Ont N2V 2C8 **519-884-3510**



Geraldine Mahood Team
Broker

901 Victoria St N
Kitchener ON N2B 3C3
Phone: 519-579-4110

Instagram: geraldinemahood
geraldine@geraldinesellshomes.com

Since 1946
ERB & GOOD
FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

Proud to be
Family Owned &
Independently Operated
171 King St. S. Waterloo
519.745.8445
www.erbgood.com



BELLA VISTA
CATERING AND EVENTS
Weddings, Communion, Confirmations, Family Events
519-579-7141
www.bellavistacateringandevents.ca



528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery
519-745-6136



CARMELA ADDANTE
Mortgage Agent Lic.# 11621
Purchases • Refinances
Credit Repair
519-886-1036
carmela.addante@excelmortgage.ca



RUDY'S CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY
FREE ESTIMATES
WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED
426 Albert St., Waterloo
CALL **STEVE BRUCE**
519-884-2610

THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637



Shopping Locally Saves Gas



Waterloo Knights of Columbus
Columbus Conference Centre
145 Dearborn Place
Friday Night Fish Fry:
Take out call **Derek 226-748-8378**
Eat in call **Manager 519-884-2060**
Wednesday Spaghetti: Take out/Eat in call
Manager 519-884-2060, place orders by 2:30 pm
Hall Rentals: Stag & Does, Meetings, Parties,
Life Celebrations call **Manager 519-884-2060**

