



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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Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

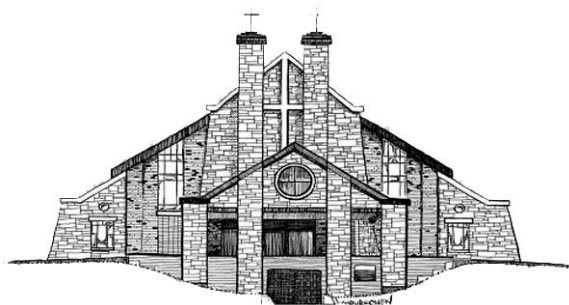
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sept 5 to Sept 10

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	No Mass - priest retreat
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	No Mass - priest retreat
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	No Mass - priest retreat
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Claude Vincent - Charmaine & Frank Volpini
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Theresa Pomper -Al, Edna, Carlton & Lynette Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

POTLUCK

Join our Women Potluck on Wed, Sept 30 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 and register for the workshop. Please email liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com to register.

Children's Liturgy	Friday, September 15, 2023, at Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton, ON
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

Monthly Budget Review as of Aug 20, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 34 weeks @ \$7,500	\$255,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$108,331.25
E-transfer	\$1,275.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$94,796.92
Over (under) objective	\$204,403.17 (\$50,596.83)

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

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
1st Anniversary of Opening
on Sunday, **Sept 10, 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 June 11, 2023, were \$235.75

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 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

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 16 TICKETS LEFT.**



Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Sept 4 Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
- Sept 5 Rev. Romelito Guillen
- Sept 6 **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I)**
- Sept 7 Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I
- Sept 8 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Sept 9 Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C



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 PREPATION & 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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