



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 4:40 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:40 a.m.

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need and requesting anointing or pastoral visit, please contact our parish office or see Father after Mass. If the person is in the Hospital and it's an emergency, please have the hospital contact the priest on call.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 610. Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.

Donations by E-transfer can be sent to:

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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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 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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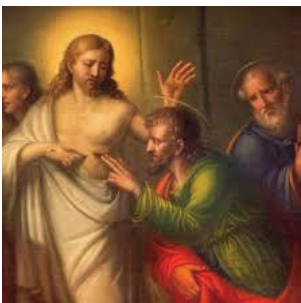
TUESDAY – APR 14 Ferial, Easter II	7:00 p.m.	+John Lalor – Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans
WEDNESDAY– APR 15 Ferial, Easter II	9:00 a.m.	+Perko Family – Olga Perko
THURSDAY– APR 16 Ferial, Easter II	12:00 p.m.	Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Morrison Family
FRIDAY– APR 17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Memorial	9:00 a.m.	Joze Pretnar – Olga Perko
SATURDAY– APR 18 3 rd Sunday of Easter	5:00 p.m.	+Paul Schaus – Maureen Schaus
SUNDAY– APR 19 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Mate Granic – Mladenka & Ivan Raos Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		Mar 29, 2026	Apr 6, 2026
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 3,647.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$694.00	\$2,246.75
	E-transfer	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 885.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 2,668.15	\$ 2,668.15
	Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks	\$735.00	\$1075.45
	TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 8,229.15	\$ 10,542.35
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$1,729.15	\$4,042.35
	Easter Collection		7,937.00

E-TRANSFER

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



**Second Sunday of Easter
My Lord and My God.**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form.

The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in Ossernenon (today Auriesville, New York) to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief. When she was four years old, her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri was also affected by the disease, which left her almost blind and badly scarred her face. She was taken in by her aunts and uncle, who was strongly opposed to Christianity; but at the age of 18, she was baptized a Christian. Following her Baptism, Kateri lived a pious and faith-filled life, spending hours in prayer and fashioning crosses out of twigs. Despite being met with ridicule, hostility and threats, two years later, she fled to St. Francis Xavier Mission, a Christian Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec. She died of tuberculosis on April 17, 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday. Her final words were: "Jesos Konoronkwa" ("Jesus, I love you"). Witnesses report that within minutes of her death, the smallpox scars vanished from her face, which then radiated with beauty. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012, in Rome. She became "the first native North American to be raised to the glory of the altars".

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a

member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The feast, said the Holy Father, "is a perpetual invitation to the Christian world to address, with trust in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that await the human race in the coming years." The essence of St. Faustina's mission was to proclaim God's mercy toward every human being. Her spiritual legacy to the Church is devotion to Divine Mercy, inspired by a vision in which Jesus himself asked that a painting be made of his image with the invocation "Jesus, I trust in you" appearing below. She commissioned the painting in 1935. On Aug. 17, 2003, John Paul II entrusted the world to Divine Mercy and, he himself, died on April 2, 2005, the eve of the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

How to pray the chaplet of the Divine Mercy

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. **First 3 beads**
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (x3)
2. **Our Father beads**
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. **Hail Mary beads**
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. **Repeat** for all five decades.

5. **Conclude** with the following

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



Regina Caeli Queen of Heaven

During the Easter Season, the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus, recited at 12 noon and 6pm. each day and before noon Mass on Thursdays.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



The month of April is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Spirit, often overlapping with the Easter season. This devotion focuses on the Third Person of the Trinity as the "Person of Love" and "Spirit of Truth," emphasizing his role in renewal, sanctification, and bestowing gifts.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The next session will take place on **Sunday, April 19**, immediately following Mass downstairs in the parish hall.



Happy
Mother's
Day



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Invites you for Lunch in honour of
Mother's Day Lunch,
Sunday, May 10 at 12:00 p.m.

Bring your whole family
(Tickets are limited)
For more information and to purchase tickets:
please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342
ext.101 or send an email

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Ticket price \$20 each.

Includes hot lunch served buffet style.
Roast beef with horseradish, scalloped potatoes, veggies,
coleslaw, cake, coffee, and tea

Tickets are on Sale Now !!!!

After Mass on Apr 12. Or purchase at the parish office

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