

# *Our Lady of Lourdes*

## **Catholic Parish, Waterloo**

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## **He is Risen!**

## **Alleluia, Alleluia**



APR 22 to APR 27

<b>TUESDAY – APR 22</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Tony Lariccia – Fama Family
<b>WEDNESDAY– APR 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Herbert Seggewiss – McKinnon Family
<b>THURSDAY– APR 24</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ John Gamble – Gamble Family
<b>FRIDAY– APR 25</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Pauline Latchana – Maureen Schaus
<b>SATURDAY– APR 26</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Dinh Thi Iven – Theresa Lee & Gordon Lam
<b>SUNDAY– APR 27</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Maria Radwanska – Patrycja Wiecek Living & deceased members of our parish

<div> <div>Parish Finance Report Week of</div> <div>CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH</div> </div>		March 30, 2025	April 6, 2025
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 2,352.00	\$ 2095.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$ 292.80	\$ 584.00
	E-transfer	\$ 207.00	\$ 260.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 2,823.46	\$ 2,823.46
	Other (Building fund, funerals, missals, Votives...)	\$ 927.25	\$ 927.25
	<u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	<u>\$ 6,602.51</u>	<u>\$ 6,689.71</u>
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$ 102.51	\$ 189.71

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Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26
Most. Rev. Wayne Lobsinger	Rev. Andrew Quarshie	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.	Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I	Rev. Ross Campbell

**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



Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James. Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles.

Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.



## EASTER SUNDAY

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them apostles ([Luke 6:12-16](#)). The word apostle means "one who is sent." During his lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be his witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ. (*Loyola Press*).

### ***Blessing for Easter Dinner***

*We have put on Christ, alleluia!*

*In Christ we have been baptized, alleluia!*

*This is the day the Lord has made.*

*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Joyfully do we praise you,*

*Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the grave,  
and give you thanks.*

*Remain here in our midst  
as we share this Easter meal.*

*May we receive you as a guest  
in all our brothers and sisters  
and be welcomed by you*

*to share the feast of your Spirit,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen. Alleluia!*



**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH:** we are in need of volunteers to sell the tickets for Mother's Day lunch, after Mass starting in April, if you can help please contact the parish office.



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, June 12th at 7pm.** and enrollment for the Sacrament will take place during the 11 a.m. **Sunday Mass on April 27<sup>th</sup>.** The enrollment at this Mass will be your child's registration for the Sacrament. If your child is attending one of the two parish schools, Our Lady of Lourdes or Holy Rosary, a letter was sent through the schools last week giving the details of the sacramental preparation program that will begin on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, following the 11am. Mass. There will be a total of four sessions and one practice that your child will be expected to attend. If you have a child not attending one of the parish schools, you may contact the parish office to receive the information, stop by the sacristy after Mass to pick up the registration form.



Please join in for **The Divine Mercy Novena** is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. "Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives, too," he continued, "and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish." One special way to bring about this transformation in our lives is to undertake the Divine Mercy novena, which begins each year on Good Friday.



### **The Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 4th.**

For those enrolled in the Sacrament, preparation sessions will take place on the following dates, downstairs in the parish hall, immediately following Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Session 4 – Sunday, April 27th**



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