



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Catholic Parish, Waterloo

### MASS TIMES

#### Lord's Day

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Saturday: 6:40 pm

### Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 pm

**Holy Rosary:** Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am

### 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 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

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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 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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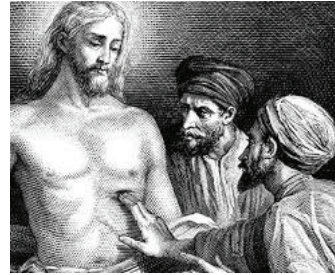
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APR 29 to MAY 4

<b>TUESDAY – APR 29</b> St. Catherine of Siena, Memorial	7:00 p.m.	+Herbert Hoswitschka – Marg Bayer & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY– APR 30</b> St. Marie of the Incarnation	8:30 a.m.	+Geoff Maleck – Bernie & Wanda Logel
<b>THURSDAY– MAY 1</b> St. Joseph the Worker	12:00 p.m.	+ George Latchana – Maureen Schaus
<b>FRIDAY– MAY 2</b> St. Athanasius, Memorial	8:30 a.m.	+ Thilaka Abeywardena – Miriam Jayasundera
<b>SATURDAY– MAY 3</b> St. Philip and James, Feast	7:00 p.m.	+ Sam Lariccia – Fama Family
<b>SUNDAY– MAY 4</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Dawn & Mark Jones – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario Living & deceased members of our parish



Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This

Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus? Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing.

Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. (*Loyola Press*).

Parish Finance Report Week of

CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

	April 13, 2025	April 20, 2025
<b>Sunday Envelope Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,325.00</b>	<b>\$ 2130.00</b>
<b>Sunday Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 360.10</b>	<b>\$ 2036.45</b>
<b>E-transfer</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>	<b>\$ 1254.00</b>
<b>PAG/ Direct Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,823.46</b>	<b>\$ 2,823.46</b>
<b>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...)</b>	<b>\$1,030.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,030.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$5,217.50</b>	<b>\$5,217.50</b>
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 14,648.06</b>	<b>\$ 14,491.41</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>
<b>Net Income /Loss</b>	<b>\$ 8,148.06</b>	<b>\$ 7,991.41</b>

**E-TRANSFER**

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

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



**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**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,  
Invites you for Lunch in honour of  
**Mother's Day Lunch,**  
**Sunday, May 11 at 12:00 p.m.**

Bring your whole family  
(**Tickets are limited**)  
For more information and to purchase  
tickets:  
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ext.101 or send an email

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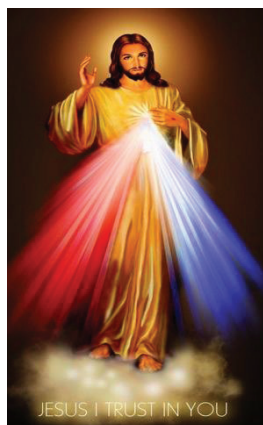
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Includes hot lunch served buffet style.

Roast beef with horseradish, scalloped potatoes, veggies,  
coleslaw, cake, coffee, and tea

**Tickets are on Sale Now !!!!**

**After Mass starting April 27 and May 4**



### Divine Mercy Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy is a Christian devotion to the endless merciful love of God towards all people. The devotion is due to the apparitions of Jesus received by St. Faustina Kowalska. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the

Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Saint John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday in a surprise announcement at the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). The Polish nun, beatified in 1993, and canonized in 2000 on the second Sunday of Easter began the spiritual movement of Divine Mercy. "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.



### 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.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist Schedule.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations and celebrations of the Easter Triduum. Those who helped in the sacristy, picking up flowers, decorating the church, covering the images, preparing the fire, the ushers, the choirs, and everyone else who helped in any way. A special thank you to the Altar Servers for making the celebrations solemn and for Patrycja for her quick action for silencing the fire alarm at 11am. Mass and intercepting the fire department. Most importantly, the attendance at all the Liturgies was a strong demonstration and witness to the faith of our parish. Once again, thank - you and Happy Easter.



Lenten food collection was taken down to Canadian Food for children in Mississauga warehouse. Our parish community collected 212 cans of fish, 93 bags of lentils and 15 cans of lentils and miscellaneous food items, soup, coffee, tea, sugar and salt. It will be shipped to Sierra Leone, West Africa. Thank you for helping Our Lord's beloved poor! Happy Easter. Brad and Cecilia Caesar.

**St. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER** During March, we provided emergency food assistance to 24 families and 7 singles. As well, parishioners generously donated \$1,424.74. These funds are essential for our ongoing efforts to support those in need within our community. We appreciate your support and generosity!

#### Garden Committee

To all current gardeners who help out with the church grounds over the summer ... and to any new gardeners who would like to join ... Please leave your name with Patrycja at the parish office or sign your name to the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. In a few weeks, we can get together as a group to discuss the church grounds.





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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