



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Catholic Parish, Waterloo

### MASS TIMES

#### Weekend Mass

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 & Thursday: 7:00 pm

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

### 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

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



### 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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brucecameron57@gmail.com

**Organist:** Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

**Organist:** Ms. Carolyn Snyder Milke csnydermilke@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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APR 16 to APR 21

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Florencia Barit – Florida Barit & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Stefan Szczepaniak – Tony & Grace Capa
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	+Joan Sichewski – Bayer Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Rohan Jayasundera – Whit & Carol Husk
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	+Fred Kirvan – Marie Kirvan & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

**Monthly Budget Review as of March 31, 2024**

Weekly contributions year to date	\$38,651.32	
E-transfer	\$1,931.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$36,460.00	\$76,042.32
Building fund		\$1,224.00
Easter		\$10,748.00



*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

When: Sun. May 5, 2024

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**

April 14, 2024, funds

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY will continue in April. 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 ."

**THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2024**

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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

Apr. 15	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 18	Apr. 19	Apr. 20
Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen	Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S. J	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada	Most. Rev. Wayne Lobsigner	Rev. David Wilhelm	Rev. Scott Whitfield

**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

**E-TRANSFER** If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email:

[lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

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



**ST. AGNES PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is now open!**

We are running a fun-filled Olympics-themed Vacation Bible School this year from July 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Vacation Bible School runs from 9-12pm each day and is open to campers born between 2014 and 2019. Youth volunteers are also needed to help as camp counselors. More information and the registration forms can be found on the parish website under the Youth/Children tab.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner is provided at 6:00 p.m. and program runs from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This program is opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, and widowers as well as those separated and divorced. Come and be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. There is no cost and childcare will be provided. To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

**VOCATION SEEDS: Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024**, What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024**, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Saturday, April 20, 2024**, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:** A big Thank You to the students and staff at Holy Rosary school who collected 860 lbs. of food from their Lenten food drive for The Food Bank of Waterloo Region and our St. Vincent de Paul food cupboard. This donation will go a long way in helping the needy in our community.

**STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY** Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: **Saturday, April 20, 2024.** Register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024** The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for more details.

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo  
Invites you for Lunch in honour of

**Mother's Day, on  
Sunday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m.**

in the parish hall.

Bring your whole family  
(Tickets are limited)

For more information and to purchase tickets:  
please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3

or email [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com)

**Ticket price \$20 each.**

Includes hot lunch served buffet style.

Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes,  
veggies, Caesar and Greek salad  
with cake, coffee, and tea

Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold.

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

**SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO** Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or in need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm** – April 16, May 21, June 18. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

**ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH CWL** is hosting a Card Party in April tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.



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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