



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

The Lord's Day: Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 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
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 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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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



May 2 to May 7

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Alphonsine Richard – Yves & Anna & Emilie Richard
WEDNESDAY Beechwood	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ George Latchana – Maureen Schaus & Family
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Jordan Fricker – Family
FRIDAY West Hill	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Tommy Logan – Trish Cawker
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Travis Brunner – James O’Meara & Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention



Our parish office has been working hard and has secured a grant from the provincial government again for another project, in the amount of \$10,000 to have a new security camera system installed. The installation has already begun and will be completed soon.

Monthly Budget Review as of April 20, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 16 weeks @ \$7,500	\$120,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$58,565.45
E-transfer	\$590.00
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$47,670.96
Over (under) objective	(\$13,173.59)
Easter Collection	\$18,195.00
Easter Dinners.....	\$1,755.00
Easter Floral Tribute	\$513.00
Turkey & Syria Earthquake.....	\$7,960.00



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Social Committee is hosting a Lunch in honour of **Mother’s Day**, on **Sunday, May 14 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 lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

Ticket price \$20 each Includes hot lunch served buffet style. Chicken soup, Chicken schnitzel, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar salad, cake and coffee and tea Door prize, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold.

Tickets are on Sale Now !!!! at the parish office.

“LOVING OUR GROWN CHILDREN WHEN BELIEFS COLLIDE”: Sometimes our beliefs about our faith can clash with those of our grown children. We may wonder **“Where did we go wrong?”** When choices clash, divisions run deep & tension exists, how do we trust God’s plan, keep communicatingand **HOW do we love our way through this?** **Sunday April 30th** from 2:00 to 3:30pm at St. Agnes Parish with guest Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton. For event details visit the Events section at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
Open Next on Sunday, **May 7, 2023** after 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass in the parish hall.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS
Sales from April 16, 2023, were \$232.75
(Big thank you to the Prayer Shawl group for helping with April Café)

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.

DOING ANY SPRING CLEANING? Should you have any dolls/stuffies (no smaller than 10"), cotton/flannel fabrics, Guterman/Coates cotton thread in your "time to purge" stash, please consider donating for the cause of Canadian Food for Children. I make a fabric carry bag for each doll/stuffy which get sent to over 20 countries. It doesn't fill hungry kids' bellies, but they deserve to have something to comfort them. Please call Maryke Mior at (519) 885-0109 for details. Thank you.

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE

JOIN THOUSANDS AT THE MARCH FOR LIFE in Toronto this year at Queen’s Park. On Friday, May 12th, we will call for justice for the preborn. KW Right to Life will travel from Fairview Park Mall located at 2060 Kingsway Dr. parking lot opposite Walmart, near Fairway Rd. Departure time 10:30 a.m. Return home by 6:00 p.m. Bus seat \$30. Students ride free. Reserve bus seat(s) now by calling KW Right to Life 519.746.5433 or kwrtl@golden.net

NEW!!!!!! E-TRANSFER

Exciting news! We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners.

For E-Transfers which are automatically deposit (no password needed), 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.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

FIRST COMMUNION

CELEBRATIONS:

our parish celebrations of First Eucharist will take place on:

Sunday, April 30, 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Sunday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary School

We ask for God's blessing on these children and their families.



April 30, 2023,

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

It is a special day to pray for all forms of vocations (priests, deacons, religious life, secular institutes, consecrated virgins, consecrated laity, lay associates, marriage) and to thank all those who have responded "Here I am" to the Lord's call.

May 1, 2023

International Worker's Day

who People in countries all over the world celebrate international Workers' Day in order to respect and highlight the contribution of workers to society. The day arises from activists in the late 19th century pushing for better conditions for workers, such as an eight-hour workday.

Join us for an **ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA** on **Saturday, May 13th** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts, and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed, please request this when you purchase your ticket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

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| May 1 | Rev. Joe Selvanayagam |
| May 2 | Rev. William Foote |
| May 3 | Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate |
| May 4 | Rev. Terence Sehl |
| May 5 | Rev. Soctt Whitfield |
| May 6 | St. Francois de Laval Patron of the Bishops of Canada |



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



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

THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.





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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