



# 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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**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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MASS  
INTENTIONS

APR 9 to APR 14

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Tiffany & Beverly de'Rozario – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Luther Village</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Perko Family – Olga Perko +Angela Madappuli – Claudette Rousseau
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	+Fr. Ted Hughes – Angela Madappuli
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	+Rohan Jayasundera – Miriam Jayasundera
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	+Joan Sichewski – Veronica Zettel
<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	<u>\$76,042.32</u>
Building fund		\$1,224.00
Easter		\$10,748.00



*please  
join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

When: Sun. April 14, 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**

March 10, 2024, funds \$233.00

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. 8	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 13
The Annunciation of the Lord	Rev. Allen Varlaki	Permanent Deacons	Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D.	Rev. Jerzy Tomon	Parents & Guardians

**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.**



**THANK YOU!**

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for such a great participation in our Lenten prayers, alms giving, and fasting and Sacred Triduum Liturgy. Christ is Risen, Risen indeed. Thank you to all who: brought pasta and rice for Canadian food for Children, who made offering for Vincent de Paul Society, Share Lent, Holy Land, Easter Floral Tribute, and for our parish.

I would like also to express my gratitude to all volunteers: ushers, lectors, cantors, choirs, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, decoration team and to our custodians, musicians, and administrative assistant for their outstanding dedication to our community.

Christ is Risen. Let's be ready to proclaim a joyful Alleluia wherever we are sent. Thank you very much for your kind and gentle hearts and your thoughtfulness which I've experienced by serving you for the last few years. This June you will welcome a new Pastor at Lourdes – Fr. Stephen Murrin, while I have been appointed to St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. I will keep you in my prayers, being thankful to you for making me to feel here like at home. Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us.

With prayer, Fr. Rafal

**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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Sunday April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday:** Plenary indulgences remove all punishment for sin. Partial indulgences remove some of the punishment. Indulgences can be applied to the living and the dead; for example, you can pray and do penance for souls in Purgatory to help to lessen their suffering. Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for plenary indulgence.

**What are the requirements for plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday?** To receive the graces of the plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, Catholics must fulfill three conditions, with the intention of fulfilling them as soon as possible: sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the pope.

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU, JESUS I TRUST IN YOU, JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.**

### GOSPEL READING

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are 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, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along 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 form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. 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. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

**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 Lenton 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.

**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.

**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.

**RESTART: MOVING FORWARD** Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will take place on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY** St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Monday, April 15**, Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ will be speaking on the topic of science and truth. For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LCE>

**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)



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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