



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: 9:00 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.

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DEC 16 to DEC 21

TUESDAY – DEC 16 Ferial, Advent III	7:00 p.m.	+Marelene Denomme – Doug & Gai Brown
WEDNESDAY – DEC 17 Ferial, Advent III	9:00 a.m.	+ Betty Boyd – Tom Boyd
THURSDAY – DEC 18 Ferial, Advent III	12:00 p.m.	+ Catherine Hess – Bernie & Wanda Logel
FRIDAY – DEC 19 Ferial, Advent III	9:00 a.m.	+ Jack Cassidy – Joan Cassidy & Family
SATURDAY – DEC 20 4th Sunday of Advent	5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving – Bill & Chris Belleth
SUNDAY – DEC 21 4th Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Bill Smit – Maria Smit & Family Living & deceased members of our parish



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called ***Gaudete Sunday***.

Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance

antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near and marked by lighting the pink candle on the advent wreath.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. (Loyola Press).

Parish Finance Report Week of
FINANCIAL HEALTH

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

PARISH 2026 ENVELOPES PICK UP: on Dec 13 & 14 in the parish hall. Before going to the parish hall, please remember your previous envelope number, as boxes are sorted by number. Preauthorized giving envelopes start with the number 1000. We will have a directory binder where you can look up your envelope number if needed. Please remember that e-transfer is paperless. We thank you for your continued support to our parish.



Blessing of a Nativity Scene for your home.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of a Christmas tree for your home.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light our tree. May the decorations and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.



The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave

before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah and the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. **O Sapientia** (O Wisdom), **O Adonai** (O Lord), **O Radix Jesse** (O Root of Jesse), **O Clavis David** (O Key of David), **O Oriens** (O Rising Sun), **O Rex Gentium** (O King of the Nations), and **O Emmanuel**.

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm and Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 2:00pm.

Preparation for the Sacrament will start on February 22, 2026, and all sessions will take place following the 9:00 am. Mass. Information has been sent to parents of children attending Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Rosary Schools. If you have not received a letter, or if you have a child not attend one of these schools, you may pick up the information at the parish office or at the back of the Church.



Christmas Flowers Donations

Donations toward the purchase of Christmas Flowers and Decorations for the church are greatly appreciated.

You may also make a donation in memory of a loved one and Mass on Christmas Day Morning will be offered for the repose of their soul. The Donation box is located at the back of the church and envelopes are provided to write the names on the back. Thank you.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm

and 7:30 pm

Christmas Day: 9:00 am
and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day: 10:00 am.

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