



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

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Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

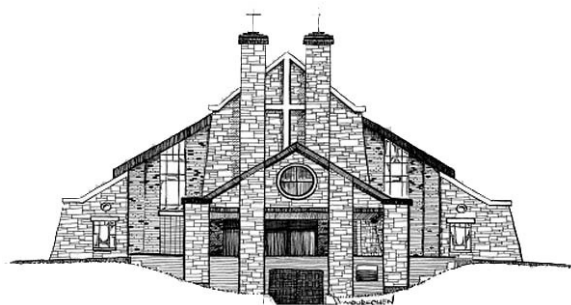
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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DEC 12 to DEC 17



Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Cookies Project

It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver and share with others a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with others. How special it will be for someone when they receive a tin of homemade Christmas cookies from Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering others at this special time of giving.

To continue to do this, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish. Thank you for your support.

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Elmo Jayatilaka – Chris & Bill Belleth
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	Special intention
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Carolyn Ryan – Grant & Janet Ertel
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Rohan Jayasundera – Shantha & Dilani Dhanapala
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Jordan Fricker – Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of Nov 26, 2023		
Weekly contributions year to date	\$163,492.88	
E-transfer	\$3,111.23	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$129,936.92	\$293,541.03
Building fund		\$8,146.10

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café
 When: Sun. Dec 10, 2023
 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
 Nov 12, 2023, funds \$205.70
 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 2nd Sunday of the Month.

	Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on Monday, Dec 11 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec 12 between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.
	Volunteers will be needed to arrange the cookies on Wednesday, Dec 13 at 9:00 am. In the parish hall. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies on Friday, Dec 15 at 12:00 p.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to prepare the cookie tins, on Friday, Dec 8 at 9:00 a.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.

Volunteers needed!
Things to sign up for during this Christmas season.

- Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)**
- Pageant (grades 1 to 8)**
- Minister of Hospitality (Usher)**
- Deliverer of Christmas cookies (Dec 15)**
- “Tree of Life” tree-cutters (Dec 16)**
- Church cleaning after tree install (Dec 16)**
- Church Christmas decoration set up (Dec 17)**
- Christmas floral decoration design (Dec 22)**
- Deliverer of Christmas flower (Dec 22)**

Please email our parish office at lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

PARISH 2024 ENVELOPES PICK UP: on Dec 9 & 10 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.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrance if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Starting Dec 1, we are continuing a parish family Christmas tradition. It will focus on giving and the true meaning of Christmas. **The Giving Manger** will help families shift their focus of Christmas back to giving. You will be asked to place a piece of straw in the manger located at Mary's altar, for each kind deed or act of service performed. On Christmas Day, Baby Jesus will be placed in the Church manger filled with service and love. We ask each family to work together to give gifts of service to one another, and you will find your hearts and home filled with more joy during the holiday season than ever before.



Christmas Pageant

Once again, this year, students from grades one to eight, along with parent volunteers, are invited to become involved in the Christmas pageant which will be held at **5:00 p.m.** on Christmas Eve.

Registration online by filling out the google form. <https://forms.gle/rbvHtfuqLffnAah37>

Deadline to register for the pageant is **Sunday, December 10.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Tuesday, December 12 & Tuesday, December 19
from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church. *"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."* - attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

WE NEED YOUR HELP - TRANSPORTATION TEAM: The Tree of Life "Tree Cutters" need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck on Saturday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. Come experience this parish tradition! *The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to handle this task, so if you can spare a couple of hours followed by lunch, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 or email at: lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com.*

CHURCH SETUP: On Sunday, **December 17, at 12:00 p.m.** volunteers will be required to help with church preparations, including erecting the above-mentioned tree and the manger scene. Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS): Men and women of the parish are invited to serve as ministers of hospitality (ushers) on Christmas Eve (5:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and at midnight Mass as we welcome one and all to our parish for Christmas, sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers are needed to serve as gift bearers at our Christmas Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Pageant) and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, midnight Mass and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. You are also welcome to volunteer as gift bearers for New Year's Eve/Day.

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

Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16
Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk	Married Couples	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)	Rev. Wallace Metcalf	Rev. Charles Galea	Rev. Robert Kiffman

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Dec 9/10	2024 Parish envelope pick-up	Before or after Mass
Dec 10	LOL Café	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dec 10	Christmas shoe boxes	12:00 p.m.
Dec 11	Cookie drop off	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dec 12	Cookie drop off	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Dec 13	Arranging cookie tins	9:00 a.m.
Dec 15	Deliver cookies	12:00 p.m.
Dec 15	FFF Youth Group meeting	6:00 p.m.
Dec 16	Cutting Tree of Life & Set up	12:45 p.m.
Dec 17	Christmas decoration setup	12:00 p.m.
Dec 22	Deliver white poinsettias	12:00 p.m.
Dec 24	Pageant	5:00 p.m.



Sister Oyin-oza Asishana, Provincial Leader of the School Sister of Notre Dame – Province of Africa, is visiting Waterloo Region. She will be at OLL next weekend Dec. 16/17 to thank the parish for its past support of the Notre Dame Children Outreach program in Kenya. Sister Oyin-oza would also like to share information about the new Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger Education Centre currently under construction for the benefit of the NDCO. "Brick" Christmas ornaments (handcrafted in Waterloo) will be available for \$10 with all proceeds benefiting the new school.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to send Christmas shoe boxes to poor children with Canadian Food for Children. If you have empty shoeboxes, leftover Halloween candy, small toys (no batteries please), paper, crayons, markers, rosaries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, please bring your filled shoeboxes to Mary's altar from **Nov 19 – Dec 10** to send in time for Christmas. Many thanks for anything you can donate.

Empty shoe boxes are available to pick up at our parish office.



HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:

A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again, this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children's Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes Church".)

DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY: As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2023 offerings.

THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.





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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