



# *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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Dec 13 to Dec 18**

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Rozalia Szabo – Katalin Horeczky
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Therese Madappuli – Angela Madappuli Holy souls – Joan Cassidy
<b>Luther Village</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Rita Horeczky – Katalin Horeczky
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 a.m.	+ Alda & Joe Dacosta – Naomi & Nevelle de’ Rozario
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Ettore Volpini – Charmaine & Frank Volpini
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Spiritual Bouquet <b>BISHOP CROSBY’S 25<sup>TH</sup></b> Anniversary of Ordination

**Offertory Collection for Sunday, Nov 20 & 27, 2022: \$12,612.40**  
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

<b>Monthly Budget Review as of Nov 27, 2022</b>	
Cumulative financial objective – 48 weeks @ \$7,500	\$360,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$151,320.73
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$128,726.89
Over (under) objective	<b>\$280,047.62</b> <b>-\$79,952.38</b>

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP** – invites you to join in our living rosary and pray for the needs of the parish and the community in December 2022 and January 2023. Members of the Small Faith Group believe Christmas lights remind us for our need of light, both the physical light to see by and the spiritual light to live by. For the coming months, we would like to encourage everyone to actively seek our Light that delivers us from all darkness, so that darkness will not prevail but serves the Light! The prayer intentions of our Dec 2022 and Jan 2023 Living Rosary are as follows:

- 1. We pray that God brings light into our darkness. May His light shine brightly in our broken world and bring hope to our hearts.**
- 2. Pope Francis’ prayer intentions: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations (December 2022) and For Educators (January 2023)**
- 3. The sick and their caregivers.**
- 4. The living and deceased members of our parish.**
- 5. The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming months. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/97uQaHrRmavZWpy86>.

**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.



**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 2022 offerings.

*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

Open Next  
on Sunday, **Dec 11, 2022**  
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Mass in the parish hall.

**MENU:** Coffee, tea \$1  
Cake & desserts \$2

**BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS**  
Sales from Nov 13, 2022, were \$236.30  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the Month.

**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”.)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>




With the update of our rectory fence, We tried to save and repurpose the savable weathered old fence boards, as we had a brand-new fence installed in May 2022. Father Rafal, recognizing these fence boards were something special as they served, Msgr. Sheridan, Fr. Hughes, and Fr. Tomon. Father gave these boards to a carpenter to create something special. During our time of preparation for Advent, and the anticipation of Christmas and our bowing angel is ready. We will auction off this handmade church replica birdhouse to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the sale will go directly to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Fund, for the building of a new school and orphanage in northern Kenya for children whose parents have died from HIV-AIDS. We would like to ask for a starting bid of \$100.00 with increments of \$50. We pray and hope that this church replica birdhouse will help our beloved School Sisters of Notre Dame reach closer to their fundraising goal. Thank you! **To place a bid please contact our parish office**





## Christmas Cookies for Our Parish Shut-ins


It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins 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 them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.

Because of your generosity we have also been able to lift the spirits of the 22 men who reside at the Underhill Residence at Erb and Avondale by providing each with a container of cookies. To continue to do this, however, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish.

 Please bring only cookies – other baking is very difficult to include in the tins for the shut-ins.

 Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on **Tuesday, December 13 between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Labeled containers will be returned to you. 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 14 at 9:00 a.m.** in the parish all. If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at the parish office.

 Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies to the shut-ins on **Friday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.** If you are able to help, please call Patrycja at 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 flower (Dec 16)*

*Deliverer of cookies to our shut-ins (Dec 16)*

*"Tree of Life" tree-cutters (Dec 17)*

*Christmas decoration set up (Dec 18)*

Please email our parish office at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

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/26jjhpnN8FSxLd9dA> Deadline to register for the pageant is **Sunday, December 11.**

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Wednesday, December 14

& Wednesday, December 21

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

**TRANSPORTATION TEAM:** The Tree of Life "Tree Cutters" need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck on Saturday, December 17 at 10 a.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: [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).***

**CHURCH SETUP:** On Sunday, **December 18, 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 welcomed to volunteer as gift bearers for New Year's Eve/Day.



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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