



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Catholic Parish, Waterloo

### MASS TIMES

#### Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 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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FEB 3 to FEB 8

<b>TUESDAY – FEB 3</b> St. Blaise – Memorial	7:00 p.m.	+John Lalor– Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans
<b>WEDNESDAY– FEB 4</b> Ferial, Ordinary IV	9:00 a.m.	+ Jack Cassidy – Joan Cassidy
<b>THURSDAY– FEB 5</b> St. Agatha – Memorial	12:00 p.m.	+Tony Morrison – Bayer Family
<b>FRIDAY– FEB 6</b> St. Paul Miki & Companions – Memorial	9:00 a.m.	+Jim Gorloff – Joan Cassidy
<b>SATURDAY– FEB 7</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 5:00 p.m.	Our Lady’s Saturday Mass +Shirely & Jim Kuntz – Ralph & Venilia Sperling
<b>SUNDAY– FEB 8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	+Tom Giesler & Dr. Jay Weiler – OLOL Prayer Shawl Ministry Living & deceased members of our parish

Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in St. Matthew’s Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus; for they are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. (Loyola Press).

	<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>	<b>Jan 18, 2026</b>	<b>Jan 25, 2026</b>
	<b>Sunday Envelope Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4757.00</b>	<b>\$ 1960.00</b>
	<b>Sunday Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$438.75</b>	<b>\$276.90</b>
	<b>E-transfer</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>	<b>\$ 187.00</b>
	<b>PAG/ Direct Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,668.15</b>	<b>\$ 2,668.15</b>
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...)</i>	<b>\$669.05</b>	<b>\$669.05</b>
	<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 8,367.86</b>	<b>\$ 7,247.01</b>
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>
	<b>Net Income /Loss</b>	<b>\$1,867.86</b>	<b>\$747.01</b>

**New Bishop of Hamilton**

On Monday, February 2, 2026, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will be installed at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, Ontario, and will become the 10 Bishop of Hamilton. We pray that his ministry in the Diocese will be fruitful and filled with many blessings.

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



On weekdays during the winter months when either school buses are not running or schools are closed, the office will also be closed on that day, and there will be no Mass that day.

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS** are now available at the back of the Church. They will be there until March 8, 2026. After this date they will be mailed out. Please pick up your tax receipt to save us the cost of postage. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Feast of St. Blaise and Blessing of throats.**

The feast of St. Blaise is traditionally associated with the Blessing of Throats. There are few facts known about St. Blaise except that he was a fourth-century bishop in the city of Western Armenia, and died as a martyr. He was scourged for his Christian beliefs and thrown into prison. Legend holds two miracles attributed to Blaise occurred. A woman came to the bishop upset that a wolf had carried off her pig. Blaise offered up prayers, and the wolf returned the pig. Another incident, one for which he is most known, occurred when a mother pleaded for Blaise to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise prayed over the boy, and the child was healed.

**The Blessing of Throats will take place following Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Mass and Wednesday 9:00 am. Mass.**

**ST. AGATHA**, according to reliable sources, was born into a wealthy noble family and at the age of fifteen, she made a vow of virginity, choosing to devote herself and her wealth solely to Christ. Because she was very beautiful and wealthy, the local Roman Prefect wanted to take her for his wife for impure reasons and to attain her wealth, but she refused his every attempt. He decided that if he arrested Agatha and threatened her with torture and death, she would renounce her Catholic faith and accept his offer of marriage. Instead, this just made her to deepen her devotion to Christ. In return, he ordered her to be tortured by cutting off her breasts and rolling her in hot coals. After being returned back to prison, Agatha prayed and surrendered her spirit to the Lord and died in the year 251.

**ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS** were among a group of 26 native Japanese Catholics and foreign missionaries who suffered death for their faith in the year 1597. During the 16th century, the Catholic faith reached Japan by the efforts of the Jesuit missionary Saint Francis Xavier (1506-1552). Jesuit outreach to the Japanese continued after his death, and around 200,000 Japanese had entered the Church by 1587. Religious tensions, however, arose and led to a period of persecution during that same year. St. Paul Miki offered an especially strong witness to his faith, and his last act of evangelism took place as he hung on his cross, preaching to the crowds. "The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ," he announced. "I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die."



### First Communion Enrollment Mass

The enrollment for children to register for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will take place on **Sunday, February 22 during the 9:00 am. Mass.** The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on April 26th and May 3rd, 2026.

Please ensure to bring the completed Enrollment Form attached with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. At the end of Mass, children will be asked to come forward to present their Enrollment form for registration. The First Sacramental Preparation will take place immediately following Mass downstairs in the Parish Hall. If you have not received the letter with the form that was sent out in November, you may contact the parish office or pick up a copy of the letter at the back of the church next to the bulletins.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm; and **the enrollment for candidates to register for the Sacrament will take place on Sunday, March 8, during 11:00 am. Mass.**



Last week, a letter was sent out to all Grade VII students, and their parents, who are attending Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Rosary Schools. If you have not received a letter or have a child not attending one of these schools, you may pick up a copy of the letter at the parish office or at the back of the church next to the bulletins.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER – JANUARY UPDATE

Thanks to the continued generosity of our parish community, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to provide food support to 23 families and 4 individuals during the month of December. We are grateful for the \$3,320 received through church donations, as well as \$2,031 collected through our Toonie/Loonie program. These gifts are especially meaningful at a time when many are cutting back and reducing expenses.

During our Christmas program, we were blessed to support 73 neighbours who regularly attend our food cupboard, along with 11 families from Holy Rosary School, each receiving a \$30 Food Basics gift card. In addition, 54 families received toys for their children, generously supplied by the Knights of Columbus.

We wanted to remind you of our donation boxes and the option of funeral bequests, which help us continue this important work. Thank you to everyone who continues to support St. Vincent de Paul through prayers, donations, and compassion for those in need.



**NEW Altar Servers:** If you are interested in being an altar server and you have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Steve after Mass to register.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases. We pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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