



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 17 to FEB 22

TUESDAY – FEB 17 Ferial, Ordinary VI	7:00 p.m.	+Piyadasa Kurera – Nimimi Kurera
WEDNESDAY– FEB 18 Ash Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	+Lorna Kurera – Nimimi Kurera
	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Wiecek Family
THURSDAY– FEB 19 Ferial, Lent	12:00 p.m.	+Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Morrison Family
FRIDAY– FEB 20 Ferial, Lent	9:00 a.m.	+Greg Hill – Joan Cassidy
SATURDAY– FEB 21 1 st Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	+Brian Streeter – Doanna Wunder
SUNDAY– FEB 22 1 st Sunday of Lent	9:00 a.m.	+Mate Granic – Mladenka & Evan Raos
	11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish

 Parish Finance Report Week of		<i>Feb 1, 2026</i>	<i>Feb 8, 2026</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2,956.00</i>	<i>\$ 2,536.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$525.20</i>	<i>\$492.00</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 442.00</i>	<i>\$ 87.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 2,668.15</i>	<i>\$ 2,668.15</i>
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks</i>	<i>\$5,883.04</i>	<i>\$5,883.04</i>
	<i><u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 12,474.39</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 11,666.19</u></i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$5,972.35</i>	<i>\$5,166.19</i>

E-TRANSFER

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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.

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord’s Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew’s Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew’s community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made.

They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through “the Law and the prophets.” But God’s work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Abstinence and Fasting.

The Season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday and two Mass will be celebrated that day at 9:00 am. and 7:00 pm. Although this is not a holy day of obligation, you are encouraged to attend Mass this day to be marked with the sign of ashes, and begin the Lenten journey towards Easter.

Catholics, in good health, excluding the elderly and very young, are asked to abstain from eating any meat on Ash Wednesday AND limiting food intake to only one full meal.



Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting and the practice of wearing ashes on the head which symbolize the dust from which God made us. As ashes are applied to a person’s forehead, the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" are spoken. Alternatively, the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" may also be used. Ashes symbolize grief and are a sign of penance that we have that we have sinned and in need of God’s forgiveness and goodness. All are invited to

receive ashes which are made from the burning of blessed palms from the previous year.



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of February 28 – March 1, we will welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

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www.HolylandChristians.ca

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.



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.

Information Session. "The Gift of Living in the Divine Will".

Have you you heard about the Gift of Living in the Divine Will? Have you ever wondered what the difference is between "living in" and "doing" God's Will? Are you looking for spiritual growth this Lent? If so then you are invited to attend an **Information Session**, based on the Church approved writings of **Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta**. This will be held at:

St. Anthony Daniel's Parish, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Saturday morning, February 28, 2026. Registration at 8.45am and concluding at 12.30pm. To register, please contact Shirley Gatchene, or Patrick & Rita Morgan at email: divinewillkw@execulink.com or call 519-748-5548

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