



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: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 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. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



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: Fr. Stephen Murrin
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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 4 to FEB 9

TUESDAY – FEB 4 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
WEDNESDAY– FEB 5 Memorial – St. Agatha	8:30 a.m.	+Tissa Bandaranayake – Miriam Jayasundera
THURSDAY– FEB 6 Memorial – St. Paul Miki & Companions	7:00 p.m.	+ Jim Gorloff – Joan Cassidy
FRIDAY– FEB 7 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Suja & Earnest Biber
SATURDAY– FEB 8 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+James Watchorn – Mary Lynn Bartlett
SUNDAY– FEB 9	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Joan Voll – Marie Kirvan Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<i>Jan 19, 2025</i>	<i>Jan 26, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2890.00</i>	<i>\$ 2220.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$ 316.50</i>	<i>\$ 316.50</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 302.00</i>	<i>\$ 177.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>
	<i>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</i>	<i>\$ 6,546.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,751.00</i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$ 46.00</i>	<i>\$ -749.00</i>

The Blessing of Throats will take place Wednesday, February 4th, following the Wednesday 8:30 am. Mass

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.

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2024 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass **beginning January 25/26** at the back of the church.

****Please note that there will be no Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. evening Mass, this Tuesday, February 4th. ****

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.

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

Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
Rev. James Petrie	Rev. Charles Galea	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God	Parents & Guardians	Rev. Pablito Labado	Rev. William Meehan

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



please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Feb 9, 2025

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**

Jan 12, 2025, funds \$142.00

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.



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels, and only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile

Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles. Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

"Candlemass" is also a traditional name given to today's feast because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles had developed. The lit candles symbolized Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." Lastly, this Feast has been referred to as the "Feast of the Holy Encounter" because God, in the Person of Jesus, encountered Simeon and Anna in the Temple. As we celebrate Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' ritual redemption, we should see them as acts in which we are called to participate. First, each of us is unworthy of entering the true Temple of the Lord in Heaven. Yet we are invited to enter that Temple in union with Mary, our Blessed Mother. It was her consent to the will of God that opened the door of God's grace to us all, enabling us to spiritually become Jesus' "mother" by allowing Him to be born in our hearts by grace. With her, we are now able to appear before God, purified and holy in His sight.

We must also see Saint Joseph redeeming us as he presented Jesus in the Temple. In offering Christ Jesus to the priest to offer Him to the Father, Saint Joseph also presents all who strive to live in union with Jesus. The hope is that, like Simeon and Anna, others will see God alive within us and experience the Savior of the World through us. (*Loyola Press*).

MEN'S GROUP: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has a men's group. It is open to all men 18 and older. We meet every other Thursday after Mass (around 7:30 pm) in the meeting room in the church hall. We will commence this session on Thursday, January 9th. This session we will continue with the Kapaun's Men program on Formed. We will be studying the Stewardship series, a 10-part series. Through this series we will discover how stewardship teaches us to recognize God's gifts in the ordinary circumstances of our lives and respond in a way that is truly extraordinary. Please join us! For further information you can contact Mike Mateyk (mgmateyk@rogers.com) or J.M. Gamble (JM.Gamble@uwaterloo.ca).

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE – This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present the event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025, from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#).

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com.

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 Quintianus 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, Quintianus 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, who received her into her heavenly home 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."



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