



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: 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:

ssvp.olol.conference@gmail.com. To receive a tax receipt, please put your address in the Notes section.



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.

CONTACT US

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JAN 27 to FEB 1

TUESDAY – JAN 27 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+Josephine Szepaniak– Margaret Barfoot	
WEDNESDAY – JAN 28 St. Thomas Aquinas – Memorial	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Harriet Reitzel – Burns & Ceaser Families	
THURSDAY – JAN 29 Ferial	12:00 p.m.	+Miguel & Liliana Amaral – Ralph & Venilia Sperling	
FRIDAY – JAN 30 Ferial	9:00 a.m.	+Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Family	
SATURDAY – JAN 31 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	+Mate Granic – Angela Granic	
SUNDAY – FEB 1 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Wilhelmina Walraven – Jerry & Christa Fischer Living & deceased members of our parish	
Parish Finance Report Week of Jan 16-22 	Jan 4, 2026	Jan 11, 2026	
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	\$ 2956.00	\$ 2157.00
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	\$653.55	\$419.70
	<i>E-transfer</i>	\$ 275.00	\$ 187.00
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	\$ 2,755.64	\$ 2,755.64
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...)</i>	\$1727.67	\$1727.67
	<i><u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></i>	<u>\$ 8,367.86</u>	<u>\$ 7,247.01</u>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	\$1,867.86	\$747.01

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.

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us. (Loyola Press).

**All weekday Masses are Ferial, Ordinary III
Except - Wednesday - St. Thomas Aquinas,
Memorial**

St. Thomas Aquinas, who was a Dominican Friar is one of the most groundbreaking theologians in the Church; a Doctor of the Church and a saint to whom many miracles are attributed.

Church history, a canonized saint to whom many miracles are attributed, and a Doctor of the Church. Born to a wealthy family, he started his education at any early age and became a scholar. He studied the philosophy of Aristotle which would later influence

some of his greatest works such as the *Summa Theologica* which has had a profound impact on the fields of philosophy, theology, and Church doctrine. He is also referred to as the Angelic Doctor for his writings on the presence and character of angels. In addition to his deeply profound scholarly works, St. Thomas Aquinas also wrote stunning hymns on the mystery and beauty of the Eucharist that have been equally influential in the tradition of liturgical music. Works such as *Adoro te devote* and *Pange lingua* are still used in eucharistic adoration and processions today.



have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Steve after Mass to register.

NEW Altar Servers: If you are interested in being an altar server and you

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM – Sponsored by COUPLES FOR CHRIST and its Family Ministries. Please join us at St Francis Church Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener on Thursdays, Jan. 29th to Mar.26 inclusive. Be enriched by such talks as..... God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ? and Transformation In Christ..... Opened to Christian married couples, Singles, Widows, Widowers and those separated or divorced. Dinner 6:00 pm Program 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Childcare provided for Children 12 years and under. THERE IS No fee Contact Ave/ Maricar Bagges 226 978 9933 or 416 564 2239 Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 Couples For Christ is an international Association of the Faithful linked to the Vatican through the Pontifical Council of the Laity.



OLOL CAFE: Are you looking for a way to get involved at our parish this New Year? Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve at our parish Café (Every third Sunday of the month), and clean up afterward. If you can help, please email our parish office to be added to the list. We are looking for 5 –10 volunteers to join the team.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January



Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



First Eucharist and Reconciliation

The celebration of First Eucharist will take place at 2:00 pm. on Sunday, April 26, 2026, and Sunday, May 3, 2026.

In November, a letter regarding this was sent to all parents of children attending Grade II at Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Rosary schools. If you have not received the letter or if you have a child who is not attending one of these schools, you may pick up a letter at the parish office or see me after Mass.

The Enrollment Ceremony for the Sacrament will take place on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 9 am. Mass. and the first session will begin following Mass in the parish hall.

Parenting Tip #175

Parents constantly undertake the task of correcting poor behaviour in their children. To help them grow to be good and capable adults, it is important they learn proper behaviours, etiquette and good manners; parents are the first and foremost educators of all of these. Instead of reprimanding when undesired behaviours arise, ask them how they should be acting, or what would be a better way to act? Take a moment to remind them that their Baptism calls them to follow a better way, undertaking the same actions that Jesus would, ways of caring, love and compassion. Relating their behaviours to their faith provides a guidepost for actions throughout their lives and a way to live fully their Baptism.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip #155

Gratitude has proven to be one way that we can feel more joy in our everyday living. In our marriages, all the good moments can slip past our awareness when we focus instead on those that are annoying. What if you took time at the end of each day to review the day with eyes of gratitude instead of discontent? You would find that you can be thankful for so many things, for example: a spouse to share your home with, to share parenting with, to make you coffee or dinner, to the shared glance, smile or kiss that day. And there is more: a person who shares your values, who supports your faith, someone who is a forever friend. When we focus on gratitude, our relationship has a different look and feel and both spouse's benefit!

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