



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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MAR 17 to MAR 22

TUESDAY – MAR 17 St. Patrick, Memorial	7:00 p.m.	+Donna Duquette – Vivian & Larry Becker
WEDNESDAY– MAR 18 Ferial, Lent IV	9:00 a.m.	+John Lalor – Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans
THURSDAY– MAR 19 St. Joseph, Solemnity	12:00 p.m.	+Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Family
FRIDAY– MAR 20 Ferial, Lent IV	9:00 a.m.	+Vern Gonsalves – Jackie Gonsalves
SATURDAY– MAR 21 5 th Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	+Jack Kok – Pauline Ross
SUNDAY– MAR 22 5 th Sunday of Lent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Mate Granic – Mladenka & Ivan Raos Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<i>Mar 1, 2026</i>	<i>Mar 8, 2026</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 5,705.00</i>	<i>\$ 2,405.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$634.50</i>	<i>\$600.20</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 567.00</i>	<i>\$ 567.00</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>\$15.00</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
	<i>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</i>	<i>\$ 9,589.65</i>	<i>\$ 6,255.35</i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$3,089.65</i>	<i>-\$244.65</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.



As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John.

In today's Gospel, the healing of the

man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (Loyola Press).



Thank you to Sebastien and his staff from Handicrafts Holyland Christians for visiting our parish March 14 / 15 and selling unique hand-carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families living in Bethlehem.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays following the 7:00 pm. Mass

Fridays following the 9:00 am. Mass

LAETARE SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday.

Laetare is a Latin word meaning to “rejoice” similar to the third Sunday of Advent when we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. It comes from the opening antiphon of Mass, “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love here. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.” It is a reminder that just before we celebrate the Passiontide of Christ, we are nearing the great celebration of Easter.



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS

Donations toward the purchase of Easter Flowers for the church are greatly appreciated. You may also make a donation in memory of a loved one and Mass on Easter Morning will be offered for the repose of their soul. The Donation box is located at the back of the church and envelopes are provided to write the names on the back. Thank you.

Thursday, March 19th

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Patron Saint of the Universal Church and the Church in Canada.

He is also the patron saint of families and fathers, and for a happy death. St. Joseph, pray for us.



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to

aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



The Sacramental Preparation for children to receive their First Reconciliation and Eucharist begun on February 22nd.

The next session (3rd) will take place this Sunday, March 8th. immediately following the 9:00 am. Mass. First Communion celebrations will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm and Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2:00pm. The next two final sessions will take place on March 22 and April 12.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrollment for the Sacrament of Confirmation took place on March 8th, as well as the first sacramental preparation session. The next session will take place on Sunday, March 22 immediately following Mass downstairs in the parish hall. If you were unable to enroll for the sacrament or attend the first session, please bring your enrollment form to the session on March 22 to register for the Sacrament.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick was a 5th-century missionary credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

[The Breastplate, Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God]



During Lent, items for **Canadian Food for Children** will be collected. To participate, you may bring items of **rice and salt** to the church in a reusable

cloth bag and leave your donation at the back of the church. Donations will be accepted up to Palm Sunday, March 29th. Thank you.

DOLL AND STUFFED ANIMAL PROJECT. “I am looking for donations, once again for Canadian Food for Children doll and stuffed animal project. I make carry bags from donated fabrics for each one and then will be sent to over 20 countries to children in need. I cannot accept any items smaller than 12 inches long, and anything porcelain or battery operated. Please, no barbie dolls or anything oversized. Baby dolls or stuffed animals such as dogs, bears, elephants... are the best. Please make sure donations are clean. Donations may be placed in the container marked in the narthex of the church up until March 29th. I welcome your questions at 519 885 0109. Thank you, Maryke Mior.

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