



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: 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.



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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MAR 18 to MAR 23

TUESDAY – MAR 18 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Mary Forwell – Cecilia & Brad Caesar & Family
WEDNESDAY– MAR 19 Solemnity, St. Joseph	8:30 a.m.	+Hari & Rita Banerjee – Miriam Jayasundera
THURSDAY– MAR 20 Ferial	12:00 p.m.	+ David Lindsay – Henderson Family
FRIDAY– MAR 21 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+ Dr. Paul Perera – Miriam Jayasundera
SATURDAY– MAR 22 Vigil	7:00 p.m.	+Luke McAuley – Doug & Sylvia Henderson
SUNDAY– MAR 23 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Simeon Yap – OLOL Prayer Shawl Ministry Living & deceased members of our parish

Parish Finance Report Week of		March 2, 2025	March 9, 2025
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 2635.25	\$ 2,585.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$ 522.15	\$362.45
	E-transfer	\$ 512.00	\$907.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 2,823.46	\$ 2,823.46
	<u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	<u>\$ 6,492.86</u>	<u>\$ 6,677.91</u>
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$ -7.14	\$ 177.91

Seniors Euchre will resume on March 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

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...

Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22
Rev. Peter Robinson	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil	St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev. Kevin Upendran	Rev. Drago Gacnik	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

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. April 13, 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

Mar 9, 2025, funds \$247.00

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.

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion, and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. (*Loyola Press*).

Prayer to St. Joseph



St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and the Church in Canada. He is also the patron saint of families and for a happy death, because he himself died a blessed death with Jesus and Mary at his side. 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.

Friday, March 21st, following 8:30 a.m. Mass, Part 2 of the Symbolon Series, entitled "Living the Faith", consisting of 10 sessions, will begin. In this series we will turn our attention to how we encounter God in the sacraments and in moral life. For further information and to register contact Joan Cassidy at joancassidy70@gmail.com

Lent 2025 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving	
Daily Lenten Mass	Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Thursday's	Every Thursday in Lent after 12:00 p.m. Mass. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Thursday afternoon during Lent, starting March 13
Daily Reflection Booklet	The Path of Hope – in Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis has invited the Church to embark on "Pilgrims of Hope." As readers prepare for Easter, this devotional offers a deep dive into God's Word with hope-filled Scriptures, reflections and prayers directing readers to Jesus – the hope of every life on pilgrimage to heaven.
Fast & Abstinence	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
Almsgiving Share Lent Collection April 6 	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, April 6 with an offering of \$1/day of Lent (\$40) for those who are able to make such an offering. Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May this long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.
Canadian Food For Children Collection 	We will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. Please bring the lentils and canned fish to the church in a reusable cloth bag (which will also be given to Canadian Food for Children to be used for the distribution of aid). Your donations can be placed at the back of the church on a small table and including Palm Sunday (April 13).



Happy St. Patrick's Day

"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



The Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 2nd.

For those enrolled in the Sacrament, preparation sessions will take place on the following dates, downstairs in the parish hall, immediately following Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Session 1 – Sunday, March 16th
Session 2 – Sunday, March 23rd
Session 3 – Sunday, April 6th
Session 4 – Sunday, April 27th



Thinking of buying or selling? I can HELP! I have a team of professionals who will make the process go as smooth as possible. I have been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes church for 25 yrs and would love the opportunity to help my fellow parishioners with their real estate needs.

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