



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 4:40 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:40 a.m.

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 4:30 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 24 to MAR 29

TUESDAY – MAR 24 Ferial, Lent V	7:00 p.m.	+Yvonne & George Masur – Sherry & Paul Smith
WEDNESDAY– MAR 25 Solemnity, Annunciation of the Lord	9:00 a.m.	+Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Family
THURSDAY– MAR 26 Ferial, Lent V	12:00 p.m.	+Jacobus “Jack” Kok – Peter & Shelly Cheeseman
FRIDAY– MAR 27 Ferial, Lent V	9:00 a.m.	+Joze Pretnar – Olga Perko
SATURDAY– MAR 28 Palm Sunday	5:00 p.m.	+Don & Mark Fedy – Fedy Family
SUNDAY– MAR 29 Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Mate Granic – Angela Granic 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.



Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's

Gospel, the raising of Lazarus and leads us to reflect on what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus while weeping, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

As we approach Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



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.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



The Annunciation was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human

beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity. Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is also united with her son in carrying out the will of God.

Passiontide

Traditionally in the Church, the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Sunday preceding Palm Sunday has been known as Passion Sunday, and the last two weeks of Lent known as Passiontide. It is a reminder that we are nearing the celebration of the Passion of our Lord and this is symbolized by the veiling of the crucifix and statues in the church. Although the exact meaning and origin of this practice is unknown, various interpretations over the years have been given. It is a sign of mourning or penitence; also based on the scriptural verse that before being arrested Jesus hid himself; and another reason is that the glory of the church is being veiled to show its full splendor at Easter.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays following the 7:00 pm. Mass

Fridays following the 9:00 am. Mass



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Mass at 7:00 pm. and Night Prayer at 10:00 pm.

Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord

Service at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food at 12 noon

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil of the Resurrection

Mass at 8:30 pm.

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection

Mass at 9:00 am. and 11:00 am.



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 this **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.



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

The next session (4th) will take place on this Sunday, March 22nd 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 final session will take place on Sunday, April 12.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER – UPDATE

During the past month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society served **35 people** through the cupboard, including **5 individuals and 30 families** within our community. We are grateful for the **\$1,194.00** received through donations from parishioners. Your continued generosity helps make this support possible for our neighbours who are facing difficult times. As a reminder, donation boxes are available at the back of the church on the last Sunday of each month. Funeral bequests are also a meaningful way to support the ongoing work of our ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and commitment to supporting those in need.

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