

# 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 Food donation bin - back

#### **Weekday Mass**

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am Welcome New Members

#### **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.

of the Church.

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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 smurrin@hamiltondiocese.com

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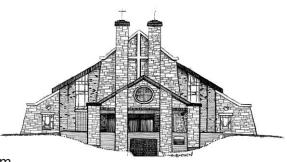
Monday: Closed

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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#### **MAR 25 to MAR 30**

TUESDAY – MAR 25			7:00		kim Jaki Gregov	
The Annunciation of The			p.m.	– Sandra	Cipric & Family	
Lord, Solemnity						
WEDNESDAY- MAR 26			8:30	+ James & Theresa		
Ferial			a.m.		– Miriam	
				Jayasundera		
THURSDAY- MAR 27			12:00	+ Lugi Lariccia – Mary		
Ferial			p.m.	Fama &	,	
FRIDAY- MAR 28			8:30		& Pearl Misersky	
Ferial			a.m.	– Mirian	n Jayasundera	
SATURDAY- MAR 29			7:00	+ Don & Mark Fedy -		
Vigil			p.m.	Fedy Family		
SUNDAY- MAR 30			9:00		ine Thiel –	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			a.m.	Bernie & Wanda Logel		
				Living & deceased		
			11:00	members	s of our parish	
			a.m.		I	
Parish			March 2, 2025		March 9,	
Finance					2025	
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Week of	of Sunday Envelope Collection		\$ 2635.25		\$ 2,585.00	
FINANCIAL HEALTH	Sunday Loose Collection		\$ 522.15		\$362.45	
	E-transfer		\$ 512.00		\$907.00	
	PAG/ Direct Deposit		\$ 2,823.46		\$ 2,823.46	
	TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION		<u>\$ 6,492.86</u>		<u>\$ 6,677.91</u>	
	Budgeted		\$ 6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00	
	Net Income /Loss		\$ -7.14		\$ 177.91	

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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. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29
Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki	Annunciation of the Lord	Lay Parish Ministers	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.	Very Rev. Msgr. Murry Kroetsch	Rev. Luis Inacio

**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

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fireand-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

(Lovola Press).

WHY@Breakfast ONLINE PRESENTATION — You are invited to a special online presentation, PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR: A View from Rome, with Fr. Alex Yeung, LC, STL, PhD, as our speaker. Fr. Alex Yeung, a graduate from UW, is now a professor at Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athanaeum in Rome. As a priest stationed in Rome, he will share insights about how the Jubilee Year is going in and around Rome. The online presentation will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. For more information and free registration, see <a href="http://whyatbreakfast.com">http://whyatbreakfast.com</a>.

**SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR:** Saturday April 5, 1 to 4 pm, at St. Louis Parish Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo. This is a free event sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis CWL. Learn about services in the community to help seniors live their best life. Professionals will share their knowledge and information\_about what is available.

Lent 2025 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and		
Almsgiving		

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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	
Daily Reflection Booklet	March 13  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	
Fast & & Abstinence	every life on pilgrimage to heaven.  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	



Annunciation The 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. embraces The God-Man humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have

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).

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.



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





### 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  ${\bf open}~{\bf 2}^{{\bf nd}}$  Sunday of the Month.



#### St. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

During the month of February, we helped 32 families and 10 singles with emergency food support in our cupboard. In January,

we received \$1,475 in donations from parishioners and \$303 in memorial donations, for a total of \$1,778. These funds are vital in helping us continue supporting those in need in our community. We appreciate your support and generosity! Thank you.



#### The Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 4th.

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

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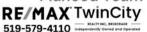
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