



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 31 to APR 5

TUESDAY – MAR 31	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
WEDNESDAY– APR 1 Holy Week	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Mary & Gerry Mulhern – Family
THURSDAY– APR 2 Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
FRIDAY– APR 3 Passion of the Lord	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	No Intention
SATURDAY– APR 4 Easter vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord	11:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	No Confession +Valerie Philpotts – Pauline Ross
SUNDAY– APR 5 Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Maria Granic – Angela Granic & Family Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		Mar 1, 2026	Mar 8, 2026
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 5,705.00	\$ 2,405.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$634.50	\$600.20
	E-transfer	\$ 567.00	\$ 567.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 2,668.15	\$ 2,668.15
	Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks	\$15.00	\$15.00
	TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 9,589.65	\$ 6,255.35
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$3,089.65	-\$244.65

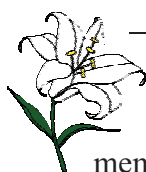
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Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



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.



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's

liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. These days are indeed profound and holy.

This year, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

Matthew also includes a few details worth noting that are unique to his gospel. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

PALM SUNDAY

As we listen to the Passion Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM



Holy Week begins on Palm (or Passion Sunday) and continues until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Easter Triduum during which the Church celebrated the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth. The Triduum is the highlight of our faith and all three days are considered one celebration, beginning with the Mass on Holy Thursday and reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil (or Easter Sunday). As Catholics, we are encouraged by the Church to attend all three celebrations and enter into this week with reverence and devotion.

SPY WEDNESDAY

Spy Wednesday is a term used to refer to the Wednesday of Holy Week, and a term commonly used in our Roman Catholic tradition. The name "Spy Wednesday" is associated with the betrayal of Jesus Christ by Judas Iscariot. According to the gospel on this day, Judas agreed to betray Jesus to the authorities on this day, leading to Jesus' eventual arrest and crucifixion. The term "spy" reflects the idea that Judas was acting as a betrayer and he agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

HOLY THURSDAY

Following Mass on Holy Thursday, the church will remain open until 10 pm. for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose. Night prayer will be celebrated at 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

Reminder that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat.

Catholics in good health are asked to have only one full lesser meal for the day, and refrain from eating any type of meat. This should be a day that we should also refrain from any unnecessary activities or work.



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.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH: we are in need of volunteers to sell the tickets for Mother's Day lunch, after Mass starting in April, if you can help please contact the parish office.



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 29**, 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 29 to register for the Sacrament.



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

The next session (5th) will take place on this Sunday, April 12th 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.

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