



# 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

**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.



### CONTACT US

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MAR 10 to MAR 15

<b>TUESDAY – MAR 10</b> Ferial, Lent III	7:00 p.m.	+Jose Alfredo Giana Jr. – Michelle Vilela
<b>WEDNESDAY– MAR 11</b> Ferial, Lent III	9:00 a.m.	+Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Family
<b>THURSDAY– MAR 12</b> Ferial, Lent III	12:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Iwona & Tadeusz Pawelec – Family
<b>FRIDAY– MAR 13</b> Ferial, Lent III	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Joan Powers – Bayer Family
<b>SATURDAY– MAR 14</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	+Nester Biber – Suja & Earnest Biber
<b>SUNDAY– MAR 15</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+John, Jessie & Helen – Nimini Kurera Living & deceased members of our parish



On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John’s Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John’s Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today’s Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the lengthiest, and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus’ promise of “living water” in a literal sense: “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her “many husbands.”

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

	<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<b>Feb 15, 2026</b>	<b>Feb 22, 2026</b>
	<b>Sunday Envelope Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,153.00</b>	
	<b>Sunday Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$410.20</b>	<b>\$597.05</b>	
	<b>E-transfer</b>	<b>\$ 267.00</b>	<b>\$ 347.00</b>	
	<b>PAG/ Direct Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,668.15</b>	<b>\$ 2,668.15</b>	
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks</i>	<b>\$209.80</b>	<b>\$209.80</b>	
	<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 7,005.15</b>	<b>\$ 5,975.00</b>	
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	
	<b>Net Income /Loss</b>	<b>\$505.15</b>	<b>-\$525.00</b>	

**E-TRANSFER**

If you would like to send your donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email account: [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)



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



**Thank you** to the Catholic Women’s League and your generosity for using the remaining funds in your back account to purchase one of the two new floor candlesticks for the altar. The candlestick will be engraved as a lasting memorial for your donation.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Tuesdays following the 7:00 pm. Mass  
Fridays following the 9:00 am. Mass

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

#### FRIDAY MORNING FAITH SESSIONS

"The Faith of the Church" – a journey begins. If you are seeking more than the world has to offer and wish to grow in faith through study, discussion and prayer, we welcome you to the group sessions on this topic commencing on Friday, February 27th following the 9am morning Mass. For further information contact Joan Cassidy - email [joancassidy70@gmail.com](mailto:joancassidy70@gmail.com); 519-745-8930.

#### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**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.

#### 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 on 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.



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.

#### UPDATE FROM SCHOOL SISTER OF NOTRE DAME – PROVINCE OF AFRICA

The Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Elementary School for Grades 1 –3 was completed and outfitted on schedule for the new school year – January 2026. The children are already learning and thriving in a modern, well-equipped classroom. Without your support, this dream would not have become a reality. Thank you.

It's my privilege to support fellow parishioners with their real estate needs. Whether you're buying or selling, I'm here to guide you every step of the way



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