



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

Mass Times

The Lord's Day: Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 20 minutes before Mass

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

Weekdays: Wednesday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary 20 minutes before Mass
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
20 minutes before weekday Masses.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish office or see Father after Mass. Please advise the office of the hospital admissions to request anointing or pastoral visit.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month. For information on food distribution call 519-886-0342 ext 2.

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: Rev. Rafal Tomon
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Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parish Requests



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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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



Mar 14 to Mar 19

TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Laurie Pickard – Peter & Barb Whitby
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	+ Dawn & Mark Jones – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
Beechwood	10:00 a.m.	
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Paul Schaus – Maureen Schaus & Family
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Margaret Donison – Mary Jane & Bruce Gowans Station of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	+ Brian Bleskie & Family – Bleskie Family
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention

Monthly Budget Review as of March 5, 2023

Cumulative financial objective – 10 weeks @ \$7,500	\$75,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$35,859.35
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$23,684.98
Over (under) objective	\$58,834.33 (\$15,165.67)

Lent 2023 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Daily Lenten Mass	Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Fridays	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. 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 Friday evenings during Lent, starting Feb 24
Daily Reflection Booklet	Lent with Saints – Wisdom from Church Holy Ones. Lent with the Saints gives us the opportunity to allow a bright and shining light to guide us on our Lenten journey. Learning about their exemplary lives, we are emboldened each day by their example.
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 March 26	Consider supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace annual Share Lent collection on Sunday, March 26 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



This year we will be collecting **PASTA** and **TOMATO SAUCE** (only cans or plastic jars) for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (April 2).

Solemnity St. Joseph - Mass on Monday **March 20**, at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

please join us

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

Open Next
on Sunday, **April 16, 2023**
after 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mass in the parish hall.



MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS ARE NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS

Sales from Feb 5, 2023, were \$222.00
All proceeds from OLOL Café will go to support parish committees.
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.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA for those wishing to support the relief effort, the Diocese of Hamilton is encouraging contributions to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. **Special envelopes will be available at the back of the church** if you are able to extend your support.

CNEWA Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria emergency shelter. <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International the International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and **support services**. <https://www.caritas.org/>

Catholic Relief Services CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>

ACN Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria. <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2023

of \$35.00 due date has been extended to end of March, if you have **not** submitted your membership dues, please do so as these funds support National CWL, please send \$35.00 by March 24.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.
(Shorter form: John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42)

Background on the Gospel Reading

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.

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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- Mar 13 Rev. Mark Sullivan
- Mar 14 Rev. David Wilhelm
- Mar 15 Lay Parish Ministers
- Mar 16 Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
- Mar 17 Rev. Stephen Gilbert
- Mar 18 Rev. George Stortz



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

THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at hamiltondiocese.com or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES LIVING ROSARY - Would you like incorporate the rosary into your Lenten practice? Members of the Small Faith Group invite you to pray a decade of the rosary daily for the needs of the parish and the community this month. It will take less than 5 minutes daily. Our Living Rosary prayer intentions for March are as follows:

1. **We ask God to give us the courage and wisdom to respond to the cultural pressures of our day. In light of the many reported incidences at our local schools, we pray especially for the students and their families.**
2. **Pope Francis' prayer intention for victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.**
3. **The sick and their caregivers.**
4. **The living and deceased members of our parish.**
5. **The special intentions of the members of our parish.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up online <https://forms.gle/3Y5awyFdQHOpMvDv8>.

NEW!!!!!! E-TRANSFER

Exciting news! We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners.



For E-Transfers which are automatically deposit (no password needed), 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.



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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