



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:

ssvp.olol.conference@gmail.com. To receive a tax receipt, please put your address in the Notes section.



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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Permanent deacon: Rev Mr. T.J. Han tjhan@hamiltondiocese.com

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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Music Director: Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

Organist: Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

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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MAY 12 to MAY 17

TUESDAY – MAY 5 Ferial, Easter VI	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Christa & Jerry Fischer – Belford Family
WEDNESDAY– MAY 6 Our Lady of Fatima	9:00 a.m.	+Ron & Rita Hickey – Joan Cassidy
THURSDAY– MAY 7 St. Matthias, Feast	12:00 p.m.	+ Gelsomina Caria – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli
FRIDAY– MAY 8 Ferial, Easter VI	9:00 a.m.	+Campa Family – Olga Perko
SATURDAY– MAY 9 Ascension of the Lord	5:00 p.m.	+Special Intention of Szozda Family – Finn Family
SUNDAY– MAY 10 Ascension of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Ida Albo – Gabriel & Francesca Niccoli Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		Apr 26, 2026	May 3, 2026
	Sunday Envelope Collection	\$ 2,802.00	\$ 2,805.00
	Sunday Loose Collection	\$914.35	\$452.45
	E-transfer	\$ 915.00	\$ 267.00
	PAG/ Direct Deposit	\$ 2,668.15	\$ 2,668.15
	Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...) total donation divided by 2 weeks	\$467.50	\$467.50
	TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 7,764.00	\$ 6,660.10
	Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
	Net Income /Loss	\$1267.00	\$160.10

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.



Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning “one who offers defense for another.” Note that Jesus says that he will send “another Advocate.” Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today’s reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you” (John 14:20).

Today’s reading is one example of the contrast that John’s Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the “Spirit of truth,” whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God’s revelation and love be known.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA to commemorates the first apparition of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. It is a major Catholic feast honoring Mary’s call for daily Rosary prayer, world peace, and reparation for sins.

ST. MATTHIAS, whose name means “gift of God”, was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection,” according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension. According to various traditions, Matthias preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! A reminder of our choir registration for our 2026 Christmas Cantata presented by Historic St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is open to anyone interested! Registration will close in June, so please get registered now to make sure you do not miss out.

Tell a friend or a neighbour, or anyone you know who may be interested. Register at

<https://www.historicstpauls.ca/choir>

Today’s Gospel is a continuation of last week’s Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today’s reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Blessed Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. We ask this prayer, through Christ, your Son. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day to all mother's and expectant mothers. May this be a special day of blessing for all that you do.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER – UPDATE

In the past month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society assisted 36 people through the food cupboard, including 5 individuals and 31 families in our community. We are thankful for the \$917.00 received through the generosity of our parishioners, which allows us to continue supporting those experiencing hardship.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes School for their food drive donation of 396 lbs., and to Holy Rosary School for their generous contribution of 429 lbs. These donations are a tremendous help to our efforts and are sincerely appreciated.

As a reminder, donation boxes are placed at the back of the church on the last Sunday of each month.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and compassion for those in need.

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 or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND Are you feeling sluggish in your faith? Are you ready to take some action and get to know Jesus more intimately and renew and strengthen your faith? Are you ready to make new friends to share your faith with? Then why not take time for yourself and recharge your spiritual batteries! Cursillo is a 3-day weekend program of renewal and Friendship. Cursillo was started back in the 1940's in Spain and has spread to millions of people around the world. Cursillo is more than a weekend experience but an active community for support, friendship, fellowship and spiritual growth. Many participants attribute their experience with profound kindling and/or rekindling of their faith. Weekends take place at a retreat centre in Deemerton near Walkerton but no worries, your transportation will be provided for you. Cost is \$275.00 for lodging, food and supplies. For more info please contact Marg Weber @ 416-427-7102 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm** in the Resource Centre/Library. **Registration is not required.**

Part 1 - 6 week Program-theory and sharing- The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7pm. Registration is required by May 4** by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall.

St. Michael Parish - 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo.
<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support>

Sandhills Suites Adult 50+ Community Christian Community is holding an open house on Sunday, May 10, 2026, from 2-4 pm. Contact us at 519-742-4222. (Please use door #1) 20 St. George Street, Kitchener, ON N2G 2S7 www.sandhillssuites.ca, info@sandhillssuites.ca Interested in living in a Maintenance-free community in the heart of downtown Kitchener? Discover Life Lease Ownership. Why spend your equity on rent? Avoid Land Transfer Tax. Maintain 92% of your equity. Come, take a look at what we have to offer.

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