



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

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:

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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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

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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 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.



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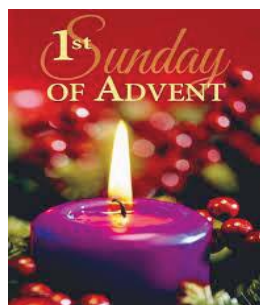
TUESDAY – DEC 2 Ferial, Advent	7:00 p.m.	+ Phonsine & Vincent Morrison – Morrison Family
WEDNESDAY– DEC 3 St. Francis Xavier, Memorial	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention – Wiecek Family
THURSDAY– DEC 4 Ferial, Advent	12:00 p.m.	+ Diane Smith – Barb Kimball
FRIDAY– DEC 5 Ferial, Advent	9:00 a.m.	+ Alda & Joe DaCosta – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
SATURDAY– DEC 6 St. Nicholas, Memorial	5:00 p.m.	+Szczepaniak Family – Wiecek Family
SUNDAY– DEC 7 Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Anne Kofler – Peter & Barb Whitby Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<i>Nov 9, 2025</i>	<i>Nov 16, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 4,580.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,765.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$ 17.75</i>	<i>\$499.25</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 157.00</i>	<i>\$ 147.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 2,755.64</i>	<i>\$ 2,755.64</i>
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...)</i>	<i>\$328.52</i>	<i>\$328.52</i>
	<i>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</i>	<i>\$ 7,838.91</i>	<i>5,495.41</i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$1338.91</i>	<i>\$-1,004.59</i>

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.



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory

and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. (Loyola Press).

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ... Francis became a priest in 1537. Three years later, Pope Paul III confirmed Ignatius and his companions as a religious order, the Jesuits. During that time, the king of Portugal asked the Pope to send missionaries to his newly-acquired territories in India. From Venice, where he was ordained, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

ST. NICHOLAS ... The great veneration with which St. Nicholas has been honoured for many ages and the number of altars and churches all over the world that are dedicated in his memory are

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testimonials to his wonderful holiness and the glory he enjoys with God. According to other traditions St. Nicholas was not only there during the Council of Nicaea in 325, but so far forgot himself as to give the heresiarch Arius (against the divinity of Christ) a slap in the face. He showed great generosity to children and, for example, he is said to have provided dowries for three girls who would have been sold into slavery if they could not make good marriages.

SISTER BARBARA As many of you may already know, a few weeks ago, Sister Barbara has moved to the Sister's Retirement Residence in Waterdown. She is fine and doing well, but we will miss her very much. Sister has been part of the parish for the past 32 years, both as a Pastoral Associate and volunteer, and, indeed, we wish her peace, good health and contentment in her new residence. Her address is: 1921 Snake Road, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 7:30 pm
Christmas Day: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
New Year's Eve: 5:00 pm
New Year's Day: 10:00 am.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm and Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 2:00pm.



Preparation for the Sacrament will start on February 22, 2026, and all sessions will take place following the 9:00 am. Mass. Information has been sent to parents of children attending Our Lady of Lourdes and Holy Rosary Schools. If you have not received a letter, or if you have a child not attend one of these schools, you may pick up the information at the parish office or at the back of the Church.

Children's Christmas Pageant

All Students from Grades one to eight are invited to take part in the Christmas Story, portraying Mary and Joseph, and the angels, kings, shepherds and others present at Our Lord's Nativity.



Please register by completing a form at the back of the church, and you may call Olivia at 519-897-5067 for further information.

We are also looking for a baby to play the role of Jesus.

Rehearsal Dates: Tuesday, December 9th and Tuesday, December 16th, 4:00pm to 5:30 pm. in the parish hall.



Christmas Flowers Donations






Donations toward the purchase of Christmas Flowers and Decorations for the church are greatly appreciated.

You may also make a donation in memory of a loved one and Mass on Christmas Day 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Cookies Project

It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver and share with others a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with others. How special it will be for someone when they receive a tin of homemade Christmas cookies from Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering others at this special time of giving.

To continue doing this, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish. Thank you for your support.

	Your cookies should be brought to the <u>parish office</u> on Wednesday, Dec 10 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec 11 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.
	Volunteers will be needed to arrange the cookies on Friday, Dec 12 at 9:30 am. In the parish hall. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies on Friday, Dec 12 at 2:00 p.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.
	Volunteers will be needed to prepare the cookie tins, on Friday, Dec 10 at 9:30 a.m. If you can help, please call the parish office.



POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 14th

This year we are planning to have a Potluck Christmas party for the parish during the afternoon on Sunday, December 14th, the 3rd week of Advent between 2-4:30pm. There will be some activities for the children, a sing along and hopefully a visit from Santa Clause. Everyone is invited for a fun afternoon. If you would like to help out with the planning of the party, please contact Patrycja at the parish office.

BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with our parish Christmas dinner: set-up crew, servers, cleanup crew, and especially all those who supported our parish dinner by buying a ticket and or donating to our raffle. Thank you again. It is a great way to build our parish community and strengthen our friendships.

THE POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2025

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.





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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