



# *Our Lady of Lourdes*

## **Catholic Parish, Waterloo**

### **Mass Times**

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

*Divine Mercy Chaplet* 20 minutes before Mass

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

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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lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

**Music Director:** Mr. Bruce Cameron

brucecameron57@gmail.com

**Organist:** Mrs. April Philpotts aaphilpotts@gmail.com

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 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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Oct 31 to Nov 5

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+Joe Stumpf – Stumpf Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Beechwood</b>	<b>All Saints</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	All deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Special Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>All Souls</b> 7:00 p.m.	+ Patrick Harrigan – Pat & Ron Waters
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>West Hill</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Adam Czuba – Sonnenberg Family Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	+ Alphonsine Richard – Yves, Anna, Emilie Richard
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish Special Intention



This year the Feast of All Souls, November 2, falls on Thursday and Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

**IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION:** In our Catholic tradition, **November** is set aside as a month dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. As a parish, we will highlight this month of grace by preparing a book entitled “**In Hope of the Resurrection**” into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. This memorial book will be enshrined before the altar throughout the month of November and the recorded names will be remembered daily during the Mass. A special sheet on which to record the names of those you wish to remember may be found at the entrance to the church. The completed forms should be returned to the church next weekend. A special box for the page will be at the entrance to the church.

Indulgence acts to be performed for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls of Purgatory: From November 1 to 8: visit of a cemetery with mental prayer for the poor souls. On November 2: visit of a church or an oratory with one Our Father and one Creed being recited.

**Monthly Budget Review as of Oct 20, 2023**

Cumulative financial objective – 42 weeks @ \$7,500	\$315,000.00
Weekly contributions year to date	\$142,828.60
E-transfer	\$3,033.23
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	\$118,163.92
Over (under) objective	<b>\$264,025.75</b> <b>(\$50,974.25)</b>



**DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO END ABORTION** From **September 27th to November 5th, 2023**, we invite you to join with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting an Hour a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign, and this would greatly help to fill all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Thank you and God bless!

*please join us*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Café**

When: Nov 8, 2023  
Where: Parish Hall  
Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.



**MENU:** Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2  
**BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Oct 8, 2023, funds \$158.25

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries  
Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café open 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

**‘FORMED’ PROGRAM FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS:**



‘FORMED’ is a Catholic Online Resource that is presented by Augustine Institute. It is like a **Catholic Netflix** and yet it is much more than that. It is a collection of materials for study, entertainment, spiritual growth, and nourishment. It contains material for study, watching, listening, or reading.

**OUR PARISH HAS PURCHASED A PARISH WIDE SUBSCRIPTION.** This means each family, everyone in the parish has access to all these resources. To sign up you go to <https://formed.org/> and sign up. Remember to enter our parish postal code N2L 1N5. If you need assistance figuring out how to access or are uncertain about resources, the link: <https://help.formed.org> has all you need. Once you are registered you use the app or web browser to access the resources.

*In 2015 Lighthouse Catholic Media merged with the Augustinian Institute, so many of the lighthouse resources are available through ‘FORMED’. EACH WEEK there is a video available with a brief teaching for the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. There are sections for Sacramental preparation, Bible Study, current topics and youth resources. Under the movies there are subsections for movies, documentaries, apologetics, and youth. The audio section contains talks, audio dramas and audio books. The book section contains nonfiction, fiction, and youth resources.*

As our parish has purchased a parish wide subscription, that means each family and individual in the parish has access to all of these resources.



**OLOL 3<sup>rd</sup> PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

OLOL Social Committee is hosting by popular demand our third parish dinner. Mark your calendars. **Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** in our parish hall. Cost per ticket is \$40. Included a roast beef dinner, wine & dessert, and raffle prizes, 50/50, beautifully decorated hall. Please contact Patrycja at the parish office to purchase your tickets at 519-886-0342 or email at [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com) or stop by the parish office to reserve your table of 8. Everyone’s welcome. Tickets are limited. **We are also looking for donations for our raffle table. If you have something you would be able to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support, please get in touch with our parish office for further details.**

# 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading  
Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week lets us pray for...

Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4
Rev. Vinko Nenadic	Catholic Teachers	Feast of All Saints	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, LC	Rev. Jerek Scherber, LC

**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

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## Catholic Women's League Membership Form 2024



(For women of the parish ages 16+)

It's time to JOIN or RENEW your Catholic Women's League (CWL) membership.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community, and the world. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful, and fun-loving. Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of \$35.00, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by December 30th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash \_\_\_\_\_ cheque \_\_\_\_\_  
(payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY** will begin in **October** and continue to the last day of October. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.



**Remember:** If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

**On Our Lady of Lourdes altar,** you will find slips of paper with little tear-off pieces. Please take the next one available on the sheet. This is your mystery and decade for the month. Also on the altar will be a notebook in which you can write your prayer intentions. Everyone who is praying the rosary is praying with all those intentions in mind. At the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 a.m. on the First Saturday of each month until June, the Mass will be offered for those intentions as well.



**Enjoy the extra hour of sleep next weekend! Remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night. It's also time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!**

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share detail about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year but remind your children of the intricate way God created the worlds so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan, and their gifts and talents are life food for the world to thrive. And remind that that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their life. There is so much to be thankful for and an attitude of gratitude has provided positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS BACK!** Join us on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and enjoy some baking, pies, crafts, raffles, treasures, and famous Hungarian Crepes! The Church is located at 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. We hope to see you there!

**DID YOU KNOW...** Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in **desperate need of more volunteers** to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com) for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

### THE POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS FOR 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.





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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