

**“FOLLOW ME” BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting an 8-week video-based bible study series called “Follow Me,” based on the Gospel of John. The study is meant for people of any age who want to know Jesus better and want to hear his voice through the bible. No previous bible study experience is assumed. Like the two men who walked with Jesus to Emmaus, we too can have our eyes opened and we can exclaim, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24.13-32). The study runs Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., from May 1 to June 26 (excluding May 22), in the parish office meeting room. Enrollment is limited, and there is a fee for the course workbook. To sign up, contact Dan Davison at 519-883-0736 or ddavison@uwaterloo.ca. If you would first like to talk to someone who has already done the study, feel free to contact Brenda Moffatt at 226-749-2645 or [brenda.moffatt53@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.moffatt53@gmail.com)

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST:** Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation. 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada encourage the faithful to pray, study and reflect on the past 500 years; to be people of reconciliation striving toward Christian unity. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and four other KW Catholic/Lutheran congregations invite you to a local ecumenical experience opportunity. Let’s engage in dialogue and be witnesses to the one gospel that we confess in common. Join us!!!

May 3: Commemorating the Reformation, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

May 10: Conflict breaks Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

May 17: From Conflict to Communion, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd., Waterloo

May 24: Growth in Communion Through Dialogue, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd.

May 31: Commitment to Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

All sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sessions include time of prayer, short video presentation, discussions, scriptural readings, and refreshments. For more information, please call the parish office 519-886-0342 or email [whyatbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:whyatbreakfast@gmail.com).

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2017? On Sunday, June 25, at 1:30 pm, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Please refer to the poster at the side entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### Easter Dinner Prayer

Praise and glory be given to you, God our Father,  
 who gives us the joy to partake in the rising of Christ to new life.  
 May the joy of our paschal celebration  
 remain with us all the days of our lives,  
 and be forever a sign of your loving presence among us.  
 Bless our daily nourishment and all those present at this table,  
 and make us always mindful of the needs of others.  
 We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.



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**Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes**

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**Rev. Rafal Tomon**

**DEACON:**

**Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang**

**PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:**

**Paula Rush**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

**Bette Honsinger**

**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.**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community**

**Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon**

**Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:**

**Last Sunday of each month after all Masses**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

**Church door collections – last Sunday of each month**

### Announced Mass intentions for the week of April 16 to 22, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. .... Sylvie St-Hilaire – Adèle Verreault

Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Rick Steffler – Sister Anne

Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... In Thanksgiving – Elaine Ler

Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Joy Claire Miron – Brian & Leigh Annable

Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... Chris Walraven – Wilhelmina Walraven & Family

Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. .... Len Desilets; John O’Halloran

*Please note: the parish office will be closed on Easter Monday.*

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**APRIL 16, 2017**

**Offertory collection for Sunday, April 9, 2017: \$6,084.50**

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“He is not here. He has risen as he said”. These words spoken by the angel to the women who arrived at the empty tomb are words that we have heard many times at the Easter liturgies. We might often wonder if it was easier for the apostles and disciples of Jesus to know and understand the resurrection because they were right there. While we have the Scriptures to offer the full story to us and the many years of belief and tradition to guide us in our faith, it is ultimately the same personal experience of faith that will lead us to know the person of Jesus. Mary Magdalene did not recognize Jesus because of her profound grief. The disciples of Jesus did not recognize him on their journey to Emmaus because of their despair which was only broken by the breaking of the bread by Jesus. Even then, they recognized him but he disappeared from their sight. Ultimately each of our ancestors in the faith had to come to terms with how God worked in their lives even in the midst of their earthly journey and trials.

Each of us can come to know about Jesus through the faith of others that has been shared with us. But more importantly we come to know the person of Jesus through prayer and an open heart which allows us to see his presence in our daily lives. This often comes to us through our own “empty tomb” experiences – the death of a loved one, the fear of a world where children are killed by deadly gas, a diagnosis of serious illness, the confusion of a broken relationship. The empty tomb does not mean that Jesus is lost or absent. It means that he has gone through these trials and is calling us to follow him.

This Easter may we bring our own personal “empty tombs” before the Lord and listen for his voice that calls us by name to know his renewed and personal presence. We can join ourselves more closely to our God by reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures and sharing in the faith of the Church through the sacraments which offer us the divine embrace in our struggles.

A Blessed and Holy Easter to all of you as you make your journey of faith each day in the presence of the Risen Lord.

Fr. Ted

  
**Alleluia!**  
**He is risen.**



**COFFEE WEEKEND – APRIL 22/23**



Mark your calendars now and plan to stay after Mass that weekend and enjoy some coffee, tea or juice, and a handful of timbits in the parish hall. **But wait . . . there's more . . .**

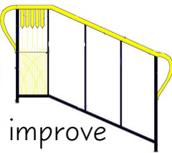


**SPRING BAKE SALE:** You are all invited to bake your favourite recipe(s) and support the CWL by attending the sale after all Masses. There is also a draw for a lovely spring cake!

Please bring your baked goods to the church hall on Saturday, April 22 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The lower level door off Lourdes Street will be open for your convenience. We truly appreciate your contribution.

The proceeds of the bake sale will help the CWL to continue to have meaningful and joyous events and allow us to donate to needful charities. Happy baking! We hope to see many of you at the sale!

**RAILINGS FOR THE SANCTUARY.** The parish's Property and Maintenance Committee has recommended to the Finance Council that railings be installed to improve safety when climbing the stairs into the sanctuary. This recommendation was made in response to falls that have occurred in the past. A railing has been designed to match the existing style of the church. Additional information regarding this project will be available in the parish hall after Mass at the upcoming coffee weekend. You will be able to view the drawings and provide your comments to the Property and Maintenance Committee.



**CWL Early Mother's Day Event**

All CWL members are invited to bring a daughter or granddaughter to a special event on Wednesday, Apr 26.

**A Memories Writing Workshop** will be held by Carolyn Wilker, a published author, to help you start recording your memoirs for your family. Please bring paper and pen as well as an early childhood photo.

Then set your pen aside and pick up an icing bag as **Cupcake Icing Techniques** will be demonstrated (and, of course, the results will probably be consumed).

We look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** The marriage of Aaron Carr and Monique Bevan will be celebrated on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., the marriage of Matthieu Massie and Marley Caesar will be celebrated.