



THE POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2019

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

SOLEMN BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS & PARISH COFFEE SOCIALS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 10, couples who will celebrate their marriage in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 2019 will have their engagement solemnly blessed. As these men and women prepare to speak words that will change their lives, it is our joy and responsibility to pray for them that once they have exchanged their marriage vows, they will be living signs of God's faithful love.



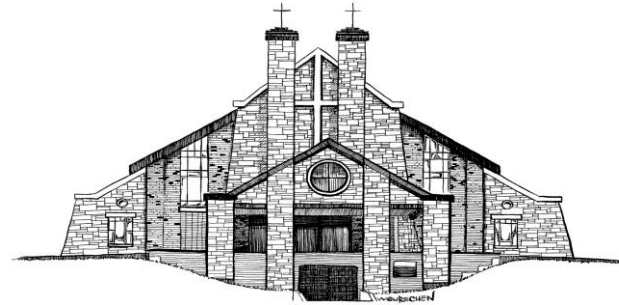
COFFEE SOCIALS: Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the church hall after all Masses on Sunday, February 10. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new parishioners.

VOCATIONAL SEEDS: As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



"JESUS IS BETTER!" BIBLE STUDY: Have you found yourself drifting in your faith? Would you say your faith is cold or, even worse, lukewarm? This study is meant for you! The message of the study, based on the epistle to the Hebrews, is simple: Jesus is better! He is better than any other thing you might turn to—whether that be sinful ways, the ways of the world, or

old testament law-based life. He is better than the prophets, the angels, than Moses, than the Old Testament priests. Indeed, He is an eternal High Priest who has secured for us who believe, through a single sacrifice of perpetual effectiveness, an eternal redemption. His Kingdom is unshakeable. So don't shrink back or neglect your salvation—instead fix your eyes and your thoughts upon Jesus, draw near to Him, listen to His voice, and run the race He has set for you! He will never leave you nor forsake you. The study runs on **Monday evenings 7:00-8:45pm at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo from January 21 to March 25** (excluding February 18). No previous Bible study experience is required, just a desire to know the love of God and the truth of the Gospel at a deeper level. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. If interested, contact Dan at ddavison@uwaterloo.ca or 519-883-0736.



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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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 2:00 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
Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment
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 January 14 to January 20, 2019

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. +Vern Dorscht – Dorscht Family
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. +Rita Guenther – Dennis & Dianne Daub
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +Ivan Granic – Granic Family
Thursday 7:00 p.m. +Patrick Gonsalves – Vernon & Elizabeth Chavez
Friday 8:30 a.m. Special intention of Schmitt Family – Maria & Chuck Williams
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. +Percy Kumalo – Kumalo Family
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish
11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 6, 2019: \$4574.50

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



BAPTISM: During the month of December & January, the following children became members of God’s family in the sacrament of baptism:

Jaxton Davis Mandrutiu

Irina Kaur Lourdes Catagena-Jolly

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2018 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass beginning January 12/13 in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes’ altar .

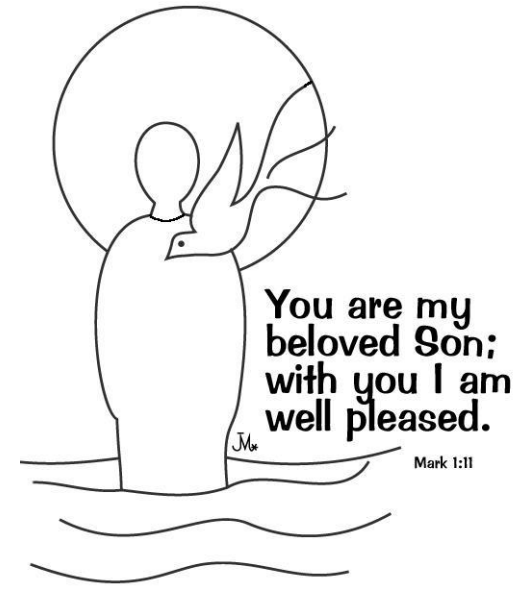
YOU ARE INVITED TO A VALENTINE’S DANCE Campus Ministry at St. Jerome’s University is hosting a Valentine’s Dance on Friday, February 8th from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. This dance is in support of the renovations to Notre Dame Chapel. The evening will include music provided by Michael Kelly alternating with DJing from Dennis Wallace. It promises to be a fun evening! A light lunch will be provided. The cost of tickets is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. For tickets please contact Martha Fauteux, Director Campus Ministry at mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca or by phone at 519-884-8111 ext 28215. We hope you can make it!

FAITH ENRICHMENT AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH IN WATERLOO: Mondays at 7:30 pm till 9 pm – Frances Hogan’s Gospel of Luke – starting on Jan. 14th – It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. No cost. Bring your Bible. Large Hall of St. Louis Church (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo). Enter via side elevator. For more information call 519-743-4101. **Thursdays at 1:00 pm till 2:30 pm** – *Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear* series led by Dr. Tim Gray, starting on Jan. 17th – Do you follow Jesus ‘on the way’? Is the Gospel of Mark only a “condensed” version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful fourteen-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter’s account of Christ’s life and teaching. No cost for the course. Workbook \$25. Large Hall of St. Louis Church (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo). Enter via side elevator. For more information call 519-743-4101.

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IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY USING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES but would like to begin, or would like information about the **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING** program, then please complete the following form and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

I would like offering envelopes: **I would like information on pre-authorized giving:**

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Phone No.	_____	Email	_____	



The Baptism of Jesus

In the reports by Matthew, Mark, and Luke of Jesus’ baptism, the testimony of the voice from heaven is very important. Jesus is identified as “my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased” ([Lk 3:22](#)). The ancient Mediterranean world believed that the male deposited a fully formed miniature adult (a seed) into the female (viewed simply as a field for the seed). Not yet having achieved the contemporary understanding of human reproduction and lacking the sophisticated paternity tests of our modern era (see [Num 5:11-31](#) for their test), these people were totally unable to prove paternity at the biological level. For this reason, the public and social acknowledgment of paternity by the male was of critical importance.

This act not only gave the child legitimacy and appropriate social standing in the community but also publicly obliged the father to accept responsibility for the child. In Luke’s version of Jesus’ baptism, the voice from heaven acknowledges Jesus as “my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” What kind of human experience was this in which Jesus hears a voice from heaven speaking to him? Scholars note that it is an experience in an altered state of consciousness or an experience of alternate reality. Only the industrialized West has managed to block this pan-human potential. Even scholars who would insist that the baptism of Jesus is an interpretation from the evangelist’s hand must admit that the evangelist built wisely on the culture and made the point with very persuasive cultural plausibility. The transfiguration of Jesus and the appearances of the risen Jesus also belong to this category of human experience.

John J. Pilch
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Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

WELCOME: to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.