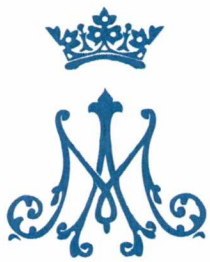


St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

Under the Administration of The Congregation of the Resurrection

www.resurrectionists.ca



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

No matter who you are or where you're from, we extend to you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us at:

Phone: 519-576-3860

Email: stmarys@rogers.com

Website: www.stmarysrcchurch.ca



Our Parish Team

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. – Pastor
Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. – Associate Pastor
Deacon Richard Olson
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
Erin Kloos – Outreach Co-Ordinator
Andrew Olinski – Caretaker

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Outreach

Are you interested in getting involved? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Erin at erink.stmarys@gmail.com.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick.

St. Vincent de Paul



Reach out to ssvp.cupboard@gmail.com to volunteer, inquire or donate with e-transfer. For grocery/other assistance call or text 226-988-5915 Monday – Friday.

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday: 12:00 noon
(See inside for any possible changes)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday: 11:30 - 11:50 am
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Adoration: Tuesday after Mass until 1:00 pm
Rosary: Wednesday after Mass

Baptism and Marriage

Registered parishioners, please email the parish office at least 6 months before the required date for details.

Tiny Home Takeout



Everyone deserves a great meal! Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'. Visit tinychometakeout.com or email tinychometakeout@gmail.com for more information.

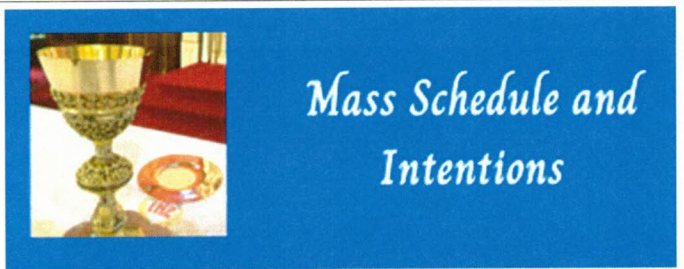


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May 19 – 24, 2026

TUESDAY – ferial

Acts 20.17-27 John 17.1-11a

12:00 pm †Barb Harcourt-Azevedo

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Acts 20.28-38 John 17.11b-19

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Penny Laurette

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Acts 22.30; 23.6-11 John 17.20-26

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Jennifer Haller Buchanan

FRIDAY – ferial

Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21++ John 21.15-19

12:00 pm For the Intentions of the Curran Family

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2.1-11 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 John 20.19-23

SATURDAY

5:00 pm ††Andrew & Mary Kossuth, †Mary Frankovic, †Jozef & Natasha Prilesnik, †Rafael Castoreno, †Bob Jacobs, †Raquel Nano, †Mateo, †Luis & Ligaya Sasoy, For the Intentions of Marie Dvorak

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am For the Intentions of Joe & Gabriele Gaudet on Their 38th Wedding Anniversary

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed next week, May 18th – 22nd. Also, there will not be a bulletin next weekend. If you have an emergency, please call the office as messages will be checked regularly.

PIC OF THE WEEK



It's time for gardening! We're prepping the beds in the newly named Resurrection Garden located at Resurrection College in Waterloo. If you're interested in helping out please call the office to see how you can help. May God bless us with lots of rain and everything else we need to grow good produce and share it with others at Tiny Home Takeout and beyond!

REQUESTS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET

Men's & Women's T-Shirts
Jeans, Belts,
Hoodies

Running Shoes,
Spring Coats
& Hats

Umbrellas
Backpacks
Toiletries

Drop off anytime between 10 am to 7 pm any Tuesday to Saturday or place in the bin at the back of the church



MARILLAC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



St. Mary's is happy to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign again this year! Marillac Place relies heavily on the generosity and assistance from our community to keep its doors open. Marillac Place supports mothers and babies facing homelessness by helping each mother secure and maintain stable housing. Their AfterCare Program offers ongoing emotional and grocery support to families rebuilding their lives. Baby bottles are located at the back and elevator entrance of the church. Please support this significant cause by filling it with your spare change and return it to the church on Father's Day! All proceeds go directly to the operations of Marillac Place.

FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY'S –SENIOR SOCIAL

May 22nd at 12:30 pm in the church hall. Come and enjoy a lunch social with other seniors (60 years of age and older). We will also offer a presentation on topics such as faith, outreach, and wellness. Even though we start in the hall at 12:30 pm, everyone is invited to join us for the 12 noon Mass taking place in the church before the social. Caregivers of all ages are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

RESURRECTIONISTS AND THE LAITY SYNODAL GATHERING

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey on Resurrectionists and their collaboration with the Laity. We received many responses with excellent insight into the past, present and possible future collaboration of the Congregation of the Resurrection with lay people. There will be a Synodal Gathering on **Saturday May 23rd here at St. Mary's (also available via zoom), from 9:30 am - 12 noon**, to discuss the findings of the survey. If you would like to attend and did not sign up through the survey, please contact provincialoffice@resurrectioncollege.ca or 519-885-3030.

CLIMATE VIGIL – SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary's is partnering with Faith Climate Justice to hold a climate vigil at St. Mary's. Faith Climate Justice is a growing collective of faith communities in Waterloo Region who are deeply concerned about justly addressing the climate crisis. The climate vigil will be from **4 - 5 pm on Sunday, May 24th**, followed by a social hour. The vigil will include Gary Whetung, an Indigenous Catholic, who will be speaking about Laudato Si, an encyclical written by Pope Francis about the Care of Creation. The vigil will also include time for reflection. For more information, or to help out with the vigil, please contact Catarina at caterina.lindman@gmail.com.

Catholic Amigos
Some things only grow after we let them go.

Growth isn't always comfortable.
But it's often where grace begins.

TOPIC: The Gardener & The Grain
Finding God in the Cycle of Letting Go.
A conversation about letting go, spiritual growth, and finding God in the process.

Tuesday,
May 26, 2026
7:00 PM

ABE ERB - DTK
151 Charles St. W.,
Kitchener, ON

\$10 off food & drink purchase

Faith | Friendship | Real Conversation
Come as you are. Leave with a new way of seeing.

@STMARYSPARISH @STMARYSKITCHENER

VOCATION MINUTE



In my travels, I have come to see that parts of the Congregation of the Resurrection in places like Brazil and Tanzania have men in formation because they are willing to take a risk. You can say that it is because they are poorer, or less educated and do not have as many options as we do – and there is some truth to that. But like Aesop's fable of the fox and the cat, although the fox claims to have many ways of escaping – while the cat only has one – when it is time for action, the cat does what needs to be done, while the fox does nothing, paralyzed by its inability to choose between its options. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us on **May 28th from 7 – 9 pm** for our last screening of the season with **War for the Woods**. The film follows journalist Stephanie Kwetásel'wet Wood as she underscores the impact of clearcut logging and the devastation of old growth forests. Clayoquot Sound, B.C, the site of protests against clearcut logging 30 years ago, serves as the backdrop as the film explores how First Nations and environmentalists are again taking a stand to balance environmental stewardship with economic needs, as protecting these ancient forests becomes ever more complicated. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>**

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND

August 1st – 8th. The Walking Pilgrimage is about:
* nourishing your spirituality - * enjoying the great outdoors - * getting great exercise (20+km per day) - * having fun and enjoying good company. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400/8 days or \$75/day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals/snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30th**.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day (WYD) in the summer of 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. (WYD is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. For more information about WYD and how to join our delegation please visit:
<https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 26 – 31, 2026

TUESDAY – St. Philip Neri

Acts 1 Peter 1.10-16 Mark 10.28-31

12:00 pm †Maria de Lurdes Apolinario

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

1 Peter 1.18-25 Mark 10.32-45

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Beatrice Regimbal

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

1 Peter 2.2-5, 9-12 Mark 10.46-52

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Raoul Belanger

FRIDAY – ferial

1 Peter 4.7-13 Mark 11.11-25

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 John 3.16-18

SATURDAY

5:00 pm †Gerylle McCloskey, †Bill Brophy, †Rosemarie O'Connor, †Irmgard Boettcher, Living & Deceased Members of the Allsopp, Ryan, O'Connor, Kribell, Brophy & Murphy Families

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †George Schmalz & †Christopher Reardon