



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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

No matter who you are or where you're from, we extend 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
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
Andrew Zettel – Outreach Coordinator
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 Andrew, our Outreach Coordinator at andrewz.stmarys@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 weekdays, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.



Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday: 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:30 – 11:50 am
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

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

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office for details.

Visits to the Sick

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

Tiny Home Takeout

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

March 21 – 26, 2023



TUESDAY – ferial

Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 John 5.1-16

12 noon For the Intentions of Kim Regimbal

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.16-30

12 noon For the Deceased Members of the John Heffner Family

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Exodus 32.7-14 John 5.18m 31-47++

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12 noon †Anna Nagy

FRIDAY – ferial

Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12 noon For the Intentions of Antonio Hyun Ho Ha

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37.12-14 Romans 8.8-11 John 11.1-45

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm ††John & Dorothy Kiertscher, †Jae Kwon Ha, For the Intentions of: Rafael Granada, Susan Dvorak, For the Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY

8:30 am †Patricia McCarthy

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

We can't say enough good things at A Better Tent City about our friends at IKEA! They just sent a shipment of mugs, bowls, cutlery, towels, and even a new BBQ to help us out now and into the summer! If the weather doesn't warm our hearts their generosity sure will.

😊 Thanks so much!



OFFERTORY – March 11/12, 2023

Sunday Donations	\$3,846.70
Building Fund	\$160.00
Diocese Special Envelopes	\$20.00
Turkey/Syria Relief	\$4,229.00
Outreach	\$40.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ROSARY



Intention for March 22nd: We pray for families of our parish, that they may grow in faith, hope and charity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us every Friday at 11:30 am during Lent for Stations of the Cross, followed by 12 noon Mass.

LOAVES & LAUGHTER BREAD NIGHT



A night of baking and fun for everyone! **Fridays from 7 - 9 pm in the church hall** (enter by the elevator). Bring a friend and a bowl for mixing. Free event and free parking in the church lot. Donations are always welcome at www.tinyhometakeout.com

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm.

We encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy

and forgiveness, and to celebrate this season of Lent and Easter with joy and renewed hearts. Through this privileged encounter with God we are offered forgiveness, healing, made whole again and restored to intimacy with God. Several Priests will be available for individual Confessions.

SSVP EASTER TOILETRIES DRIVE



Your St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for your generous donations last Christmas of over 167 pounds of toiletry articles for our needy

friends in the community. The Cupboard shelves are again getting low and we are hoping for Easter that you will again be generous with your donations of personal care products at all Masses on the weekends of **March 25th and April 1st**. Please see the poster on the black drop-off Bin by the main doors of the Church for the complete list of items especially shampoo, conditioner, body wash/soap bars, razors, shave cream and deodorant.

THANK YOU!



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus #1504 would like to thank you all for supporting their first Maple Syrup Campaign. With your help, they raised over \$2,000 in the area

churches to be used for local charities in our community.

NEW TO ST. MARY'S?



St. Mary's Parish is a vibrant and growing community of faith. Our parish is happy to welcome all who visit us and share in Christ's life - especially at Sunday Mass. We welcome the talents and abilities of our parishioners who participate in all our parish groups. We invite you to submit a Registration Form, located at all church entrances and on our website. Once completed, the form can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or emailed. A minimum of 6 months as a registered parishioner is required when you or members of your family wish to prepare to receive the sacraments (ie: baptism, marriage, etc) at St. Mary's. In order to keep records up to date, we ask you to notify the parish office when there is a change of address or telephone. All information supplied remains confidential and is for the sole use of St. Mary's. For more information, contact the parish office, 519-576-3860, stmarys@rogers.com or visit stmarysrcchurch.ca.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 1st 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2nd 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 6th 7:00 pm

Good Friday April 7th

Stations of the Cross 11:30 am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word – Holy Communion

Holy Saturday – April 8th

Easter Vigil and Mass for Easter 8:00 pm

The Service of Light

Liturgy of the Word – Blessing of Baptismal Water

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday – April 9th

8:30 am and 11:00 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



If your child has received the sacrament of Baptism and Holy Eucharist and is in grade 3 or higher, please take this opportunity to speak with him or her about the

benefits of serving at Mass. It is evident from observing our servers that more active participation at Mass strengthens self-confidence. In addition, this invaluable volunteer experience may be used toward fulfilling the volunteer hours required for both the sacrament of Confirmation and for the Ontario Secondary School Graduation diploma. Contact the parish office for more information.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE

No matter what our vocation may be, we will eventually reach the point where things just don't make any sense. But in these moments, we discover our vocation. Because when we can no longer see the way forward, we have no choice – if we want to continue – but to listen, to believe the One who is calling us. It is this act of faith that reopens the horizon, and enables us to see things as they really are. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

MINI LENTEN RETREATS

The Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to spend 15 minutes in prayer each Sunday this Lent, using their mini Lenten Retreat videos. The retreats focus on the Sunday Gospel and follow a Lectio Divina format, including times for personal reflection. Every Sunday a new video will be available on the Congregation of the Resurrection website, www.resurrectionists.ca, we hope you will participate in these retreats as you are able. The focus for this First Sunday of Lent is The Desert.

Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Monday March 20th at 3 pm in the newly renovated Chapel. Our celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

TURKEY AND SYRIA RELIEF

If you wish to make a donation to relief efforts you can do so through the following organizations:

CNEWA

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria seeking emergency shelter. <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International

The International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and support services. <https://www.caritas.org/>

Catholic Relief Services:

CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicrs2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052

ACN

Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria: <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira

MINI RETREAT

Join us on **Saturday, March 25th from 1:30 – 4:30 pm**, followed by the Eucharist at 5 pm for **"MARY'S YES TODAY"**, facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Rosemary Howarth, Celeste Reinhart and Barbara Paleczny. All are welcome. Please register for the retreat by calling parish office at 519-669-3387 or emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.