



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com)

Website: [www.stmarysrcchurch.ca](http://www.stmarysrcchurch.ca)

### Our Parish Team

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. – Pastor  
Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. – Associate Pastor  
Fr. Paul Szymanowski, C.R. – Priest in Residence  
Deacon Richard Olson  
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant  
Robert Tasse – Music Director  
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager  
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 the parish office at [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com).

### St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at [don@teambilton.com](mailto:don@teambilton.com).



### 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

Thursdays: 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 noon Mass

### Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours

As a designated Pilgrimage Site, St. Mary's will be open for special pilgrimage hours during the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. Tuesday's from 1:00 – 3:00 pm and Thursday's from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

### 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 [tinymometakeout.com](http://tinymometakeout.com) or email [tinymometakeout@gmail.com](mailto:tinymometakeout@gmail.com) for more information.





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### *Mass Schedule and Intentions*

**February 18- 23, 2025**

#### **TUESDAY – ferial**

Genesis 6.5-8, 7.1-5, 10 Mark 8.14-21

**12:00 pm For the Intentions of Theresa Kroetsch**

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1 pm

1:00 pm Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 3 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY – ferial**

Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22 Mark 8.22-26

**12:00 pm †Charles Gagner**

12:30 pm Rosary

#### **THURSDAY – ferial**

Genesis 9.1-13 Mark 8.27-33

9:00 am Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 12 pm

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

**12:00 pm For the Intentions of Elizabeth Goral**

#### **FRIDAY – ferial**

Genesis 11.1-9 Mark 8.34-38, 9.1

**12:00 pm For the Deceased Members of the Mae  
Hicks Family**

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++ 1 Corinthians 15.45-49  
Luke 6.27-38

#### **SATURDAY**

**5:00 pm †Barbara Krimmer, †Helma Berschl,  
†Maria Federer, †Martin Grumbir,  
††Garry & Darcy Visneskie, For the  
Intentions of Norbert Roussy**

#### **SUNDAY**

**8:30 am For Our Parishioners**

**11:00 am †Bryan Strub**

### **PIC OF THE WEEK**

Helping to keep 50 people and their guests warm and fed.

The staff and volunteers at A Better Tent City continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our residents and their guests have a better experience of winter than they have in the past. May God bless us all as we continue to share our strengths with others!



### **PARISH OFFICE**

Please note the parish office will be **closed next week February 17 - 21**. If you have an emergency please call the office and leave a message, they will be checked regularly.



## THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office, 519-576-3860, to arrange a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister to the Sick.

## ITEMS NEEDED



We are in **URGENT need of MEN'S MITTS AND GLOVES and men's and women's winter coats and boots.** Bring them down to the church hall between 10 am – 7 pm

Tuesday to Saturday or put them in the bin at the back of the church. Your generous donations are what keeps our resource room open and available for the most vulnerable of our neighbours.

## 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



This is the last weekend that receipts will be available at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. **PLEASE take yours**

**whether you need it or not. Any receipts not picked up this weekend will have to be mailed. Help us save postage costs!** Thank you.

## OLD PALMS



**Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>!** Please bring in your old palms **next weekend** so we may burn them in time to make the ashes that we distribute on Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be placed at all church doors for you to place them in. Thank you.

## READERS STILL NEEDED

Persons High School age or older are asked to seriously consider joining our team as a reader at Sunday Masses. All training is provided. Please call the parish office for more information and to sign up. You will be contacted for training and you will only be scheduled at the Mass(es) of YOUR choice.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS



St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you, the parishioners of St. Mary's and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region for your continued support in serving the poor

in our community. In 2023 our emergency food hamper program served 2,280 people. In this past year of 2024, we served 3,213 people. To meet the increased need we have introduced new ways of giving, with envelopes at the entrances of the church which can be put in the offertory basket. Also, we have added e-transfer donations. Our email address, [ssvp.cupboard@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.cupboard@gmail.com), can be added to your banking app contacts for direct e-transfers. If you require a tax receipt please use the message section or send a separate email with your first and last name as well as your mailing address. Thanks again for being so generous in helping relieve food insecurity in our downtown community.

## COFFEE SUNDAY!



Join us downstairs in the church hall for coffee, tea, juice & cookies **after the morning Masses, next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.** It's a great opportunity to meet some new friends and reconnect with folks in our parish. There will

be cookies offered for takeout after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday. If you'd like to help organize and serve at parish social events, please email the parish office [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com).

## GREETERS/USHERS STILL NEEDED

We are in need of Greeters/Ushers at all Masses. In addition to welcoming parishioners and visitors as they come in, you would help with the offertory collection, help with questions from visitors, hand out bulletins and help to secure the church after Mass. If you are able to help at whichever Mass you attend, please contact the parish office and let us know. Thank you.



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**CATHOLIC AMIGOS**  
presents:

# WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

*Finding the purpose God has put on your heart*

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 25 | 7:00 PM

YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 20 - 40

56 DUKE ST W. KITCHENER  
ENTER THROUGH  
THE PARISH HALL

FEATURING:  
LOADED BAKED  
POTATO TOTS

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE

Calling all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for Catholic Amigos on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm** for Loaded-Baked-Potato-Tots (say that 5 times fast) and a conversation on "What do you seek?" [John 1:38] and finding the purpose God has put on your heart. See you there!

### CHARITABLE GIVING EXTENSION

On January 23, 2025 the Department of Finance released legislation to extend the deadline for making donations eligible for tax relief in the 2024 tax year to February 28, 2025. The extension is intended to offset the impact of last year's four-week Canada Post mail strike, which significantly affected charities during the holiday giving season when mail-in donations are vital. This means that you can claim eligible monetary gifts made to charities or other qualified donees before March 1, 2025 on your 2024 income tax returns. If you decide not to claim this amount on your 2024 return, you can claim it on your 2025 return or carry forward the amount. St. Mary's will be issuing tax receipts for donations made from January 1 to February 28, 2025 so our parishioners can take advantage of this if they wish to. If you have any questions please visit The Department of Finance website <https://fin.canada.ca/drleg-apl/2025/ita-lir-0125-eng.html>. Please note that the receipt you receive at the end of the year will only include March through December donations.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAPLE SYRUP SALE



With Lent approaching, the Kitchener Knights of Columbus have prepared a special treat that should enhance the custom of enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! They will be selling their professionally prepared Maple Syrup **after all Masses on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>**. All proceeds will be used toward their charitable work. Your continual support for the Kitchener Knights is appreciated.

### VOCATION MINUTE



...one saying gave me hope during that early period of my discernment: "God wants what's best for us, and so God will only call you to where God knows you will be happiest." God calls all of us to beatitude, to blessedness, to happiness – that's not tied to any one particular thing or things we think will make us happy, because happiness, blessedness, and beatitude can be found even in the most unexpected places. Fr. Raphael Ma, R; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com).

### St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

#### EDUCATION CAFÉ

Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases and more, many today feel outcast and unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor and suffering - *even when it is easier to look the other way*. When we show love, we are Christ's merciful hands reaching out to heal. **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 3:30 pm** with guest. Fr. Toby Collins. [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org)

### St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira

#### FISH FRY

**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, hosted by The K of C Council 8192. Continuous seating from 5 - 7:30 pm. Take-out from 4:30 – 5 pm. Please bring your own take-out bag. Purchase tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or at the Parish Office from 9 am - 1 pm (Tuesday to Friday) 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20. Don't miss out.