



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

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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
Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. – Associate Pastor
Fr. Paul Szymanowski, C.R. – Priest in Residence
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 Zettel, our Outreach Coordinator at andrewz.stmarys@gmail.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.

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

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office at least 6 months before the required date 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! Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'. Visit tinymhometakeout.com or email tinymhometakeout@gmail.com for more information.



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March 27 - 31, 2024

Holy Week

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38

12 noon For the Intentions of Sue Dvorak

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 50.4-9a Matthew 26.14-26

12 noon †Adele Gahlinger

12:30 pm Rosary

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-15

7:00 pm For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-19.42

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

Genesis 1.1-2.2 Genesis 22.1-18

Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1++ Isaiah 54.5-14

Isaiah 55.1-11 Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4

Ezekiel 36.16-17a, 18-28 Romans 6.3-11 Mark 16.1-8

8:00 pm For the Intentions of the Donors to the Easter Flowers

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8 John 20.1-18++

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Congrats to all those who came out to make meatballs in Tiny Home Takeout this past week! Together we made approximately 6,000 for the meatball calzone that will be served in April. Fr. Raph and two volunteers, Darlene and Christine, high five each other after the last one was made!

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN...

CATHOLIC AMIGOS

Quesadilla Night

Calling all Catholic Amigos! Our next event is **Tuesday, March 26th at 7 pm**. We'll meet at Platform 9 & 3/4 ... just kidding, we'll meet at the gate between the church and the rectory. It's a quesadilla party with some faith-filled conversations, and a great opportunity to make new friends in the parish. New members are always welcome! See you there!

PLEASE NOTE:

There are no confessions or 12 noon Mass on Holy Thursday and no 12 noon Mass on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday there is no 5 pm Mass.

Also, the parish office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th and Easter Monday, April 1st.

MARCH 24, 2024

PASCHAL FAST

Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat. The Church of God fasts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joys of the Lord's Resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

On Good Friday a special collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken in all Churches throughout the world. This collection helps maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. Please give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

After hearing the passion of Jesus on Good Friday, we approach the Cross to venerate it as the means of our salvation. The Cross remains the greatest symbol of Christianity which has been revered and honoured through the ages. As we venerate the Cross, we honour God who transformed this sign of death into a sign of forgiveness and life through the death of his son, Jesus. You may venerate by bowing or touching the Cross.

EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL



You're invited to join us on **Easter Sunday after both the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses for a celebration** downstairs in the church hall. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided.

After the 11 am Mass, there will also be Easter treats for families and children. Hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. On **Sunday, April 7th** we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 8:30 am Mass.

PLANNED GIVING INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered leaving a portion of your estate to St. Mary's? Did you know there are ways to do this that could save you thousands in taxes? Or that with a few simple adjustments, the amount the church receives could increase by 20% to 50%? Join us on **Monday, April 15th at 5:30 pm** for a complementary meal in the church hall where Mac Graham, Financial Advisor and fellow parishioner will explain techniques to help your charitable gift go further. Chef Amy will be preparing the meal and can accommodate any dietary restrictions. **Please sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office by April 10th** if you're interested in attending.

Double Tree Inn, Kitchener

7TH ANNUAL KW TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Friday, April 26th. Guest MC Bryan Larkin (Dep. Commissioner RCMP) Team of 8 Registration - Early Bird \$360 After March 31st, \$399. **Proceeds to Tiny Home Takeout!** To register call 519-893-1504 or visit www.kitchenerkofc.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



In the spirit of Easter renewal, your St. Vincent De Paul St. Mary's Conference is asking for St. Mary's parishioners to help out with our ongoing toiletries drive. Your

donations have been greatly appreciated by our friends, but more help is needed. We are calling on your generosity to help replenish the following items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash and bar soap, men's and women's razors, shaving cream/gel, after shave, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss and mouthwash.

When you bring new and unopened items to St. Mary's, look for the white bins: on your right hand side as you enter the main entrance of the church and next to the elevator opening into the church. Look for the poster on the bins and the take-home flyers for the list of requested items.

Through your kindness and generosity, you are not just giving our brothers and sisters in need personal care products. You are providing them with dignity.

THANK YOU ST. MARY'S PARISH
YOU ARE AMAZING!

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RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



Listening to Christ's passion, did a specific line resonate with you? Maybe the centurion's "Truly this man was God's Son!" or Jesus' "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Understanding

Jesus' suffering and death as part of the Paschal Mystery involves viewing them in the context of his Resurrection. For resurrectionists, the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of their message. Could it be that God is also calling you to spread this Good News with others? Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Leader of Vocation Team resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us **Wednesday, March 27th, 7 – 9 pm** for our special youth screening of **Island of Lemurs, Madagascar**. Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. **The screening will be hosted online via Zoom**. Register at <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Waterloo Knights of Columbus Conference Centre GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 29th Eat in seating times, **on the hour starting at 1 pm and ending at 6 pm**.

Takeout from 1 pm - 6 pm. 1 piece dinner \$17.50 - 2 piece dinner \$22.50 (taxes in). Includes: Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for EAT IN bookings.

Marian Residence, Cambridge CATHOLIC RETIREMENT HOME

"Are you looking to retire in a Catholic environment this Spring? Then come and visit the Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. For more information email info@marianresidence.ca and also watch our new video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KORCnSkIElg>."

Chancery Office, Hamilton or ZOOM

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions take place on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7 - 9 pm** in person, or you can join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events.

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held on **Saturday, April 20th from 9:15 am - 3:30 pm**. Cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre ANNUAL CWL CARD PARTY

Wednesday, April 24th. Tickets are now available! Doors open at 11:30 am with lunch served at 12 noon. Cost is \$20/person. Plan to join us. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26th at 1:30 pm**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.