



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
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.

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

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours

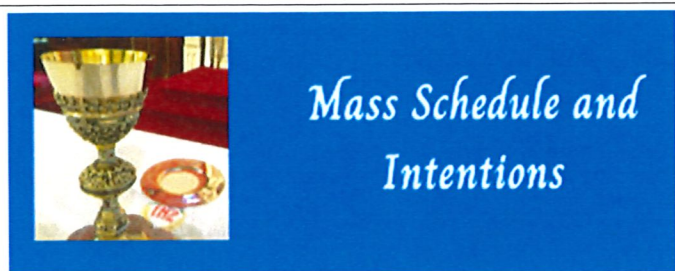
As a designated Pilgrimage Site, St. Mary's will be open for special pilgrimage hours during the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. Tuesday's from 1:00 – 3:00 pm and Thursday's from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

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 tinychometakeout.com or email tinychometakeout@gmail.com for more information.



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March 4 - 9, 2025

TUESDAY – ferial

Sirach 17.24-27, 29 Mark 10.17-27

12:00 pm †Mary Frankovic

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1 pm

1:00 pm Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 3 pm

WEDNESDAY – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.12-18 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

12:00 pm For the Renewal of Our Hearts During Lent

12:30 pm Rosary

7:00 pm For the Renewal of Our Hearts During Lent

THURSDAY – ferial

Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Luke 9.22-25

9:00 am Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 12 pm

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm For the Deceased Members of the James Family

FRIDAY – ferial

Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm †Mary Yeung Sui Ling

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26.4-10 Romans 10.8-13 Luke 4.1-13

SATURDAY

5:00 pm †Casey & Nancy Johnson, †Joe MacDonald, †Rita Buhlman, For the Deceased Members of the Godwin Ikeotuonye Family

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Edward Basher

PIC OF THE WEEK

Last Sunday, at the beginning of the 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11 am Sunday Mass, St. Mary's parish welcomed 4 inquirers into the Catechumenate.

The Catechumenate is the first public step which an unbaptized adult takes towards becoming a member of the Church - that is, the Body of Christ. After an initial conversion experience, these inquirers have an intention to change their lives and enter into a relationship with God in Jesus Christ. They have begun to call upon God in prayer, to learn the fundamentals of Christian teaching, and have journeyed with fellow inquirers here at St. Mary's for some time. Although their baptism will take place at Easter, as Catechumens, they are already now part of the Church, the household of Christ. As a sign of that belonging, Fr. Raphael, followed by their sponsors, traced the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, saying: (N.), receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him.

(Celebrant uses his thumb to trace the cross on the forehead of each catechumen, sponsors do the same)

Lord, we have signed these catechumens with the sign of Christ's cross.

Protect them by its power, so that faithful to the grace which has begun in them, they may keep your commandments and come to the glory of rebirth in baptism.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MARCH 2, 2025

ITEMS NEEDED



We are still in **URGENT need of MEN'S MITTS AND GLOVES, REUSABLE BAGS and BACKPACKS.** 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY



March 5th. Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 12 noon and 7 pm. This unique part of our liturgical calendar calls us to re-examine our lives under the

three themes of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. These themes will be in all of the readings and homilies at the Masses during Lent. Our intention is always to draw closer to God and our neighbour and we invite you to enter into this season with us - hands open to receiving God's grace and hearts renewed for more opportunities to share God's love.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking will be available for Mass in the church lot at Young & Duke Streets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025 TAX RECEIPTS



These will be at the back of the church for pick up next weekend. You can use them for your 2024 income tax return or save them for future years. **Please pick them up as they will not be mailed and will not be reissued at the end of the year.** 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are holding a golf tournament this summer to support Tiny Home Takeout and are in need of volunteers to work with the organizing committee to ensure a successful event. To apply, please contact the parish office.

VOCATION MINUTE



We cannot come to know our vocation without entering into our heart – perhaps for the first time in a very long time – which can seem like a daunting task. But if we are willing to go there, we will find another heart, the heart of Jesus, who out of the abundance of His Heart, is waiting to speak to us. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. They watch every move, take in every word and see how you navigate the world - then they become the mini version of you, their parents. All the traits they take in become part of who they are for life! Help them to be the best people they can be by looking inward and asking yourself if you are doing enough to raise them to be the adult you would like them to be. If not, change how you interact and help them grow strong in mind, body and spirit.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your life, your marriage.



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PRESENTS

THE 8TH ANNUAL KW

TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

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Grand Experiences

**APRIL
25**

Doors Open

6 PM

Trivia Starts

7 PM

**REGISTER YOUR
TEAM OF 8**

EARLY BIRD:

\$450

AFTER MARCH 31:

\$500

**TITLE
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- ☆ Silent Auction
- ☆ Live Auction
- ☆ Prize Pens (Raffle Tickets)
- ☆ Cash Bar



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