



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 OF EASTER

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.stmarysrchurch.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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Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 7 - 12, 2024

TUESDAY – ferial

Acts 16.22-34 John 16.5-11

12 noon Blessings for Joe & Sue Lobo

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Acts 17.15, 22-18.1 John 16.12-15

12 noon †Betty Maxwell

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Acts 18.1-8 John 16.16-20

11:30 am Confessions until 11:50 am

12 noon For the Intentions of Wes Goral

FRIDAY – ferial

Acts 18.9-18 John 16.20-23a

12 noon †Pat Flynn & For the Intentions of the Flynn Family

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.17-23 Mark 16.15-20

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm †Joe MacDonald, †Mariela Fortich, †Sergio Matessich, For the Deceased Members of the John Heffner Family, For the Intentions of Alice Kummer & Family & Alison Lett

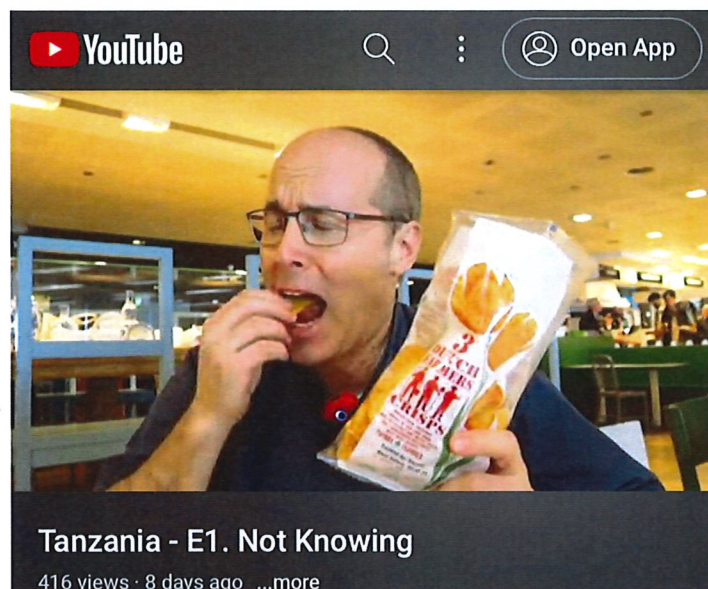
SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am For All Mothers

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Fr. Toby has been having quite the adventure at the Resurrectionist Mission in Tanzania! You can follow along with his YouTube videos on the 'Toby Collins' channel, or on our St. Mary's website and Facebook page.



ROSES FOR LIFE



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus are participating in the national campaign called **Roses for Life** this weekend **May 4th/ 5th**. This annual event is held in May to coincide with others,

honouring Our Blessed Lady. Funds raised are used to increase awareness of the Culture of Life and other Pro-Life issues. A member of the Knights of Columbus will be available after all Masses this weekend to distribute embroidered roses as a symbol of your support.

ITEMS NEEDED

Tiny Home Takeout is still in need of **men's and women's hoodies and spring jackets and men's underwear (all sizes)** for our unsheltered friends. Please drop them off in the bin at the back of the church by the bulletin board. Thank you!



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CIRCLE



May 5th is Red Dress Day, Canada's National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples and honouring their courage and strength. Red dresses,

RED DRESS DAY ribbons etc. show solidarity with our Indigenous communities and remind us and our governments of the crying need to solve these unsolved crimes. Actions: 1. **Join the public march this Sunday, May 5th, gathering at The Healing of the Seven Generations, 300 Frederick Street at 10 am and a vigil at 6 pm at the Victoria Park Clock Tower.** 2. Learn more and sign a petition to the government to solve these crimes:

<https://amnesty.ca/activism-guide/red-dress-day-2024>

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Greetings and blessings dear ladies! We invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 19th** in the church hall **following 11 am Mass**. At this meeting, we will be gathering together to Crown the

image of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, acclaiming Her as: "Mary, our Mother of God, our Queen, and our Mother of the Church". We pray that through Her intercession we may achieve holiness of life and a deepened faith. Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with each of you Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer! See you on the 19th!

INVITATION TO CR'S COME & SEE DAY



How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on **Saturday, May 25th** here at

St. Mary's. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit <https://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/>

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



"You did not choose me, but I chose you". A true vocation is not merely a personal choice or career path – it is an invitation from God. It is a deep realization that God has appointed us to "go and bear fruit, fruit that will last". If you're discerning whether God is calling you to a religious life, why not join us for a Come and See Day? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR;

www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024



Beginning this Sunday, May 5th.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*We are called to love*"; and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "*If we love one another, God lives in us.*" (1 John 4:12). With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" With open hearts of love, we can continue to "*fan the flame of hope*" for a bright future.

St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo

2,000 HAIL MARY'S DEVOTION TO THE BVM

Saturday, May 11th. The day begins at 7:30 am. We anticipate we will finish by 8 pm. Attendees are invited to bring their water bottles and their own lunch and/or supper. A light lunch and supper will be available. You can download a copy of the devotion from <http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org> enabling you to pray with us or at your convenience. Everyone is welcome to join us throughout the day, if even for a short time. Come when you can, leave when you must. For information contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

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Queen's Park, Toronto

MARCH FOR LIFE TORONTO

Saturday, May 11th. Sign up before the bus seating is gone. We depart at 8 am from Fairview Park Mall. 10:30 am Rally and speeches – 12 pm March through downtown Toronto - 1:30 pm closing remarks – 3 pm departure. Please reserve your bus seat(s) early as it will fill up fast. Call 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca. Bus seat cost is only \$25. You can also sponsor someone or donate toward the cost of the bus.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira

ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, May 11th. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. Two sittings: 1 and 3 pm. Tickets \$25/person. For tickets call 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Waterloo

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Sunday, May 12th at 12 pm. Bring your whole family. Tickets \$20 each. Includes buffet style hot lunch: grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad, cake, coffee/tea. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle. For more information and tickets please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3 or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com

Liuna Station, Hamilton

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15th** to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets \$90/person. Contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets.

RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE

The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton **May 17th – 24th**. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton and finish at Holy Family Church, Hanover. See the diocesan website, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2024/03/saint-brother-andre-in-the-diocese-of-hamilton/> for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

KW RTL WALK FOR LIFE

Our largest fundraiser is on **Saturday, May 25th**. We have already sent last years Walkers their pledge sheets for this year. We hope all of you can join us either by walking or sponsoring someone. For more information contact Jane Richard 519-746-LIFE (5433) or jane@kwrtl.ca kwrtl@golden.net.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The data continues to grow on the dangers the internet can pose to children and on the benefit of time spent in play, both indoors and outdoors. For younger children this means play that uses their imaginations and does not include the internet. For older children, it may include such things as playing board games, doing puzzles and hiking. Whatever the age of your children, time without the internet supports good growth. So, spend time playing as a family and you will see the positive benefits for your children!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The statement '*Families that pray together stay together*' is not just a cliché, but also a fact that has research data to prove its impact. To those of us with faith it makes sense, but we sometimes neglect to undertake what we know will be helpful to us. So, take the time to pray as a couple: first thing in the morning, before meals, before going to bed, at Mass and/or any other time you can. It is an easy way to connect and strengthen your relationship.