

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

February 27 - March 3, 2024



TUESDAY – ferial

Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++ Matthew 23.1-12

12 noon †Bernard Charlebois

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Jeremiah 18.18-30 Matthew 20.17-28

12 noon For the Intentions of Mike O'Reilly

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-31

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12 noon For the Deceased Members of the Mae Hicks Family

FRIDAY – ferial

Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Matthew 21.33-46, 45-46

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12 noon For the Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++
John 2.13-25

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

**5:00 pm ††Youssef & Katherine Hobeiche,
††Antonious & Nahad Ghosn**

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Rosa Fuchs

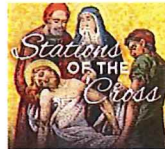
PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Great to see so many young adults at our first Catholic Amigos event. The grilled cheese & soup were excellent and the conversations were super interesting. Thanks to Fr. Raphael, Andrew Z, Chef Amy & Fr. Toby for their work organizing the event.

The Catholic Amigos is a new group for young adults (age 20 - 40) and will be hosting events on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Stay tuned for more details.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED

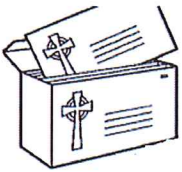


Tiny Home Takeout is still in urgent need of **men's pants size 30-32, blankets and sleeping bags** for our unsheltered friends. Please drop them off in the bin at the back of the church by the bulletin board. Thank you!

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER

In collaboration with the Presbyterian Council, Bishop Crosby has declared that a **Holy Hour of Prayer For Survivors And Victims of Sexual Abuse** take place in every parish of the Diocese on the Second Sunday of Lent. This is to respond to the need to pray for victims and all those affected by the abuses. **Please join us at St Mary's for a Holy Hour of Prayer this Sunday, February 25th from 9:30 - 10:30 am.**

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



If you have not picked up your envelopes yet for this year, they are now in the parish office. If you currently do not have envelopes and would like to begin using them,

please complete a Parish Registration Form and submit it to the parish office. **PLEASE DO NOT USE PAST YEARS ENVELOPES!** Numbers have been reassigned and someone else may be credited with your money on their income tax receipt. If you did not have an opportunity to pick your envelopes up yet, please call the parish office and make arrangements to do so. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions is satisfied, you are encouraged to make your requests known as soon as possible. All intentions are on a first come basis. The offering of Mass for special intentions such as anniversaries, healing, comfort to those who are sick, deceased members of family and friends or a special intention, etc., is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. Families may request 1 Sunday Mass (8:30 or 11 am), and any number of Weekday Masses each calendar year. Multiple Intentions are available on Saturday at 5 pm Mass. Please visit our website and see if your preferred date(s) is available. Thank you.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



... We do not know why Jesus chose only those three apostles instead of taking all of them. Perhaps, in the shadow of Christ's impending Passion, this was precisely what they needed most. Maybe Jesus wanted to provide them with a moment they would remember when witnessing His crucifixion. They witnessed a deeply intimate moment, hearing the Father affirm, "You are my beloved Son." Can you also hear God speaking to you: "You are my beloved Son, you are my beloved Daughter"? Are you willing to let Jesus lead you to those places where such profound truth can be felt most deeply? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca, and catch the second episode of InfluenCR!



2024 World Day of Prayer Services – Kitchener

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada's (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener on Friday, March 1st**. The program material this year was prepared by the Palestinian Christian Women's Committee with the theme, "Bear with one another in Love". This service was prepared before the current conflict began. We can acknowledge the timing of the Holy Spirit in directing us to pray for this area of the world at this time. We have both digital and in-person service options.

You can attend the in-person service at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church on **Friday, March 3rd, 11 am** (or by livestream

<https://livestream.com/accounts/42588512>) or you can go directly to www.wicc.org and view a 58 min video service at any time. You can also join the NATIONAL online WDP 2024 service on **Saturday, March 9th at 1 pm**. Breakout rooms before and after the service will give us a chance to "catch up", talk and share our thoughts. To join this service, and receive the Zoom link, please go to www.wicc.org to register. **All donations this year should be made directly to WICC at their website or mailed to:** Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada 47 Queen's Park Crescent East Toronto, ON M5S 2C3

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

EDUCATION CAFÉ

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the “right words” to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend **“Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free”**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger and Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry on **Sunday, March 3rd at 1:30 pm.**

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, March 7th from 10 - 11 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

STRUGGLING MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It has proven positive results for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next **Retrouvaille weekend is March 8th - 10th**. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

SHARE THE HOPE!



Please consider a donation to abettertentcity.org to help the homeless find safe shelter and community. Thank you!

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, March 9th from 9:15 am - 3:30 pm.** PRICE: \$50 per person (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. Michael Parish Resource Centre, Waterloo

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Join our Monthly informal drop-in support - available on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm.**

Chancery Office, Hamilton or ZOOM

RESTART: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, these get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person or by ZOOM. Register before each session: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024? Join couples from across the Diocese on **Sunday, May 26th at 1:30 pm.** Registration is available at hamiltondiocese.com.