



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



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 30 – May 5, 2024

TUESDAY – St. Marie de L'Incarnation

Acts 14.19-28 John 14.27-31a

12 noon †Jim Fraser

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Acts 15.1-6 John 15.1-8

12 noon †Fernando Marto

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – St. Athanasius

Acts 15.7-21 John 15.9-11

11:30 am Confessions until 11:50 am

12 noon †Mary Frankovic

FRIDAY – St. Philip and St. James

1 Corinthians 15.1-8 John 14.6-14

12 noon †Vanda O'Donnell

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4.7-10 John 15.9-17

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm ††Ernie & Eileen McCue, †Edmund Bergman, For the Intentions of Roger Boudreau, Alice Kummer & Family

SUNDAY

8:30 am ††Maria Amelia & Roberto Santo

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

ITEMS NEEDED

Tiny Home Takeout is still in need of **men's and women's hoodies, jackets and rain gear and men's shoes size 8 & 11-13 and men's small pants** for our unsheltered friends. Please drop them off in the bin at the back of the church by the bulletin board. Thank you!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Last Sunday the ladies of the CWL met to celebrate the feast of their patron, Our Lady of Good Counsel, which is on April 26th. They painted rocks with messages inspired by the ideals of the Catholic Women's League.



ROSES FOR LIFE



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be participating in the national campaign called **Roses for Life** next weekend of **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 that weekend to distribute embroidered roses as a symbol of your support.

NEW TO ST. MARY'S?



St. Mary's Parish is a vibrant and growing community of faith. Our parish is happy to welcome all who visit us and share in Christ's life - especially at Sunday Mass. We welcome the talents and abilities of our parishioners who participate in all our parish groups. We invite you to submit a Registration Form, located at all church entrances and on our website. Once completed, the form can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or emailed. A minimum of 6 months as a registered parishioner is required when you or members of your family wish to prepare to receive the sacraments (ie: baptism, marriage, etc) at St. Mary's. In order to keep records up to date, we ask you to notify the parish office when there is a change of address or telephone. All information supplied remains confidential and is for the sole use of St. Mary's. For more information, contact the parish office, 519-576-3860, stmarys@rogers.com or visit stmarysrcchurch.ca.

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.

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. No registration needed! Our last night before summer break will be May 3rd.

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



But the truth is, Jesus does not call us to be someone other than who we truly are. He knows who we are, because He abides in us, in that deepest place of our identity, of who we are. The vocation that God is calling you to is nothing more and nothing less than becoming who you are. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Princess Twin Cinema, Waterloo SPECIAL FILM PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

A homegrown response to the UN's World Press Freedom Day theme "**Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis**" is a special film and panel discussion event this **Sunday, April 28th, from 1 - 4 pm**. Admission is \$20 at the door. Parishioners and church members are especially invited because of our understanding of Creation as a gift from God to be cherished and defended from abuse. This event is mounted by local journalists, many of whom are friends of the local Christian and Interfaith communities. Details and advance tickets are available from <https://www.ink-stainedwretches.org/film-festival.html>

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, May 2nd 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: cmlamers@rogers.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Anthony Daniel Church Parking Lot, Kitchener



Signs of spring: snow is gone, robins are back, umpires holler "Play Ball" and the return of the very popular Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up next **Saturday, May 4th from 8:30 am - 1 pm**. Bring your discarded and unwanted electronics and scrap metal. We will be collecting all old electronics, televisions, computers, laptops and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel and brass. You can pick up a bottle of the delicious Knights of Columbus locally produced maple syrup and the ever popular Girl Guide cookies. Aid the Knights by helping to raise the funds for local charities. For further information contact: Dave Hudder: 519-575-3614 - hudderconnie3@gmail.com or Reinhart Schreiter: 519-570-3469 - rkschreiter@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024



Beginning 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.

SHARE THE HOPE!



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

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.

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