



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

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THE EPIPHANY 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
Deacon Richard Olson
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
Enrique Matute – 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 Enrique at enriquem.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

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



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

January 7 - 12, 2025

TUESDAY - St. André Bessette

1 John 4.7-10 Mark 6.34-44

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

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1 pm

1:00 pm Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 3 pm

WEDNESDAY - ferial

1 John 4.11-18 Mark 6.45-52

12:00 pm For The Intentions of The Pratt Family

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY - ferial

1 John 4.19-5.4 Luke 4.14-22a

9:00 am Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 12 pm

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Mary Yeung Sui Ling

FRIDAY – ferial

1 John 5.5-13 Luke 5.12-16

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Pariksith

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 Acts 10.34-38 Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

SATURDAY

**5:00 pm †Vladimir Dvorak, †Mary Frankovic,
†Donald MacDonald, For the Intentions
of Flora & Jerushan, Kathy Matte**

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Manuel Barros

PIC OF THE WEEK

Epiphany is also about the importance of giving thanks for those who offer gifts to help those doing God's work. A special thank you goes out to our friends at Ansys (above) and all of the donors who made so many generous donations to Tiny Home Takeout in 2024! Thanks to their generosity we were able to pay all of our bills so that chef-prepared food can continue to be enjoyed by everyone in 2025!



JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE HOURS



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Pilgrims from all over will be coming to visit St. Mary's for prayer and a special pilgrimage stamp for their prayer booklets. St. Mary's is one of six churches in the Diocese of Hamilton that have been chosen to have replicas of the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome. We also will serve as a hub for pilgrimage activities in the Waterloo Deanery and will be advertising them throughout the Jubilee Year. May God continue to grant us the beautiful gift of Hope!

ITEMS NEEDED



We are in need of **men's mitts and gloves and men's and women's winter coats and boots**. 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.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Envelopes are still available for pick up at the back of the church! If you would like to begin using envelopes or if you are presently using envelopes and have any changes to your address or other information, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can update our records. **Please DO NOT use 2024 or previous years' envelopes** as numbers have changed. Thank you.

LOAVES & LAUGHTER

We are starting up again after the Christmas break! Join us this **Friday, January 10th at 7 pm in the church hall** to bake artisan bread. This is a FREE, weekly, all ages activity. We share great stories and funny moments, while growing together as a community. C'mon out and give it a try!

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



...and there have been people if we stop and think about it, who in one way or another, knowingly or unknowingly, have been stars which guided us to find the same child who was born for us at Christmas. If God can lead us through others, God can do the same through us, no matter what our vocation in life, and whatever may be happening right now. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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 (i.e.: 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.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

We are excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. We start the season on **January 23rd**, with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!

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St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo

EDUCATION CAFÉ

Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress and beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable **hope** despite the struggles? Join us on **Sunday, January 26th from 2 - 3:30 pm** with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton.

In Front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink)

CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Tuesday, January 28th at 5 pm for 1 hour. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards. For additional information contact Jane at 519-746-5433.

The Chancery Office, Hamilton or ZOOM

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held on 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 for the sessions here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>,

or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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 – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is **March 7th – 9th**. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

SAVE THE DATE! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1st**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton 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 will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys – pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)