



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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
Deacon Richard Olson
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
Erin Kloos – Outreach Co-Ordinator
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 Erin at erink.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

Thursday: 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 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 tinyhometakeout.com or email tinyhometakeout@gmail.com for more information.



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December 23 - 28, 2025

TUESDAY - ferial

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.52-66

12:00 pm For the Deceased Members of the Mae Hicks Family

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 62.1-5 Acts 13.16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1.1-25

4:00 pm For Our Parish Families

6:00 pm For Our Parishioners

MIDNIGHT MASS

Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-16

12:00 am For the Intentions of the Donors to Christmas Flowers

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

FRIDAY - St. Stephen

Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22

12:00 pm NO MASS TODAY

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21
Matthew 13-15, 19-23

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm †Mae MacDonald, †John McKenna, For the Intentions of Levi Dvorak, Sylvia Keresztes, The Coady Family

SUNDAY

8:30 am For All Parish Volunteers

11:00 am For Our Parishioners



PICS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to all of the newly baptized and their families. What a joy they have brought to our parish! May God continue to bless and guide them as they grow in faith.



Special thanks to everyone who supported the annual Tiny Home Takeout Christmas Cookie Fundraiser. It was a very successful fundraiser with over 12,000 cookies baked!

DONATION REQUESTS FOR THE BELL TOWER

Men's Jeans
Track pants
Sweaters
Hoodies
T-shirts

Winter Boots, Mitts, hats,
Men's winter coats
Thick/Wool socks

Toiletries
Bras
Sleeping bags
Blankets
Tents

Drop off anytime between 10 am to 7 pm any Tuesday to Saturday or place in the bin at the back of the church



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still available for pick up at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. Please take only your box. If you have any changes to your information, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no weekday noon Mass, Adoration or Confessions on December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st or January 1st.

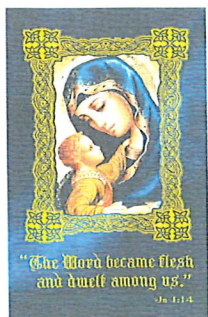
2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's Parish for the 2025 calendar year, must reach the parish office no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, December 30th to be included on a 2025 income tax receipt. This enables us to process all donations before closing on the 31st. Donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2026. Donations received at the Masses for Mary, the Holy Mother of God (December 31st & January 1st), will be credited in 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from 12 noon December 24th through to the 26th and will reopen on Monday, December 29th. We will also be closed at 12 noon on December 31st through January 1st and reopen on Friday, January 2nd.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Mass times are Tuesday, December 31st at 5 pm and Wednesday, January 1st at 11 am. The Blessed Virgin Mary said "yes" to God and gave birth to his son, Jesus. This event enriches and blesses our lives and our families. We can make our homes places where love for Jesus is fostered. As we welcome this new

year, may we be blessed by God and experience the peace that can come to us only through Christ.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Don't forget our Christmas Toiletry Drive. We are once again asking you to place your donations of children's, women's and men's personal care products in the bins located by the Church entrances. Items in great need include new and unopened shampoo, conditioner, body wash/bar soap, men's & women's razors, shaving cream/gel, after shave, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash.

FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY'S



We continue with the **Senior Social** with sandwiches. If you are 60 years or older or are giving a senior a ride here you are more than welcome to join us starting just after noon Mass **at 12:30 on January 2nd** in the parish hall.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

We are now booking in 2026. 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.

VOCATION MINUTE



The name given to the Child is Emmanuel — “God is with us.” Not *was* with us, not *will be* one day, but *is* with us: in the world's story, in the Church's journey, and in the hidden (and not-so-hidden) places of our own lives. Mary received this presence with her wholehearted “yes,” allowing God's Word to take flesh in her for the salvation of the world. Every vocation begins with the same openness: welcoming God's will, letting His presence shape us, and allowing that presence to take flesh within us, so that we may share Him with others. May we, like Mary, receive Emmanuel and give Him flesh through our lives. Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to *Come Home for Christmas*? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

Marian Residence, Cambridge **CATHOLIC RETIREMENT HOME**



Seniors are welcome to tour Marian Residence near Shantz Hill in Cambridge. This is a wonderful option for clean and comfortable living in a quiet residential area. Three homemade meals are served each day in a friendly atmosphere. Residents are welcome to participate in the rosary and daily Mass in the chapel. Marian Residence is home to many Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, who live onsite and operate this special place with supportive and qualified staff. Please email info@marianresidence.ca or call to arrange a tour 519-653-0363.

Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Rd. West, Hamilton

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 - 7:30 pm), social with food (7:30 - 8 pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8 - 9 pm), and Compline (9 pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us for another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the [Bishop Farrell Library & Archives](#) and [Development and Peace](#), the [Reel Justice Film Festival](#) shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.