



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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

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, our Outreach Coordinator at

andrewz.stmarys@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 weekdays, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:30 – 11:50 am

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

Adoration: Tuesday after Mass until 1:00 pm

Rosary: Wednesday after Mass

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office 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, free of charge. Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5 – 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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MASS INTENTIONS

May 30 – June 4, 2023



TUESDAY – ferial

Sirach 35.1-15 Mark 10.28-31

12 noon †Raoul Belanger

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3.14-18 Romans 12.9-16 Luke 1.39-56

12 noon For the Deceased Members of the John Heffner Family

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – St. Justin

Sirach 42.15-25 Mark 10.45-52

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12 noon For the Intentions of Jenner Bae

FRIDAY – ferial

Sirach 44.1, 8-13++ Mark 11.11-25

12 noon †Mee Young Theresa Choi

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10.16-17
John 6.51-59

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

**5:00 pm †Grace Rodrigues, †John Boyle,
††Sylvester & Sylvia Norlock, For the
Intentions of Francis Dvorak & Bishop
Douglas Crosby**

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Andrew Pereira

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Chef Amy for winning the Oktoberfest Woman of the Year Award last Thursday evening for Professionals under 40! You do amazing work and continue to inspire us all!



OFFERTORY – May 13 - 14, 2023

Sunday Donations	\$2,702.51
Building Fund	\$85.00
Diocesan Special Donations	\$35.00
Tiny Home Takeout-Outreach	\$1,100.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

OFFERTORY – May 20 - 21, 2023

Sunday Donations	\$1,855.40
May Pre-Authorized Sunday	\$4,785.00
May Pre-Authorized Building	\$790.00
Diocesan Special Donations	\$201.70
Outreach Donations	\$35.00
May Pre-Authorized THT	\$560.00

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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ROSARY



Intention for May 31st: We pray for all those who work in industries of hospitality and service. May their dedication to their work be met with appreciation and support.

MISSION CO-OPERATIVE PLAN



Deacon Paul Bork is speaking at all Masses this weekend about the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers who minister in 22 countries in Asia, Central and South America, and Africa. Maryknoll's task is to

share God's Word throughout the world, especially to the least of our brothers and sisters. Maryknollers share the Gospel through evangelization and actions of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Maryknoll depends on the interest, prayers, and support of its friends. For more information please visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



**To the Parish of St. Mary's
St. Mary's Catholic Women's League
NEED'S YOUR HELP!**

Since the COVID pandemic, we have not been able to fundraise. Our funds are depleting. We have two current commitments that we have been supporting for many years. We sponsor a girl from the Ukraine through Chalice. We would like to continue until she is finished school. The annual fee is \$504.00, and we also give her money for Christmas and her Birthday. Also, we give to a graduating student from St. Mary's High School for committing to Social Justice.

Our membership is dwindling and aging. So, it is difficult to do many things to keep our parish league going if we keep donating to our causes. For the ones who can, we meet every month for prayer and fellowship.

On **Sunday, June 11th** we invite everyone from the Parish down to the church hall **after the 11 am Mass** for sandwiches and cookies made by our members with coffee, tea and juice. The cost will be whatever you wish to offer. We hope you will take the time to join us for fellowship, community building and support for St. Mary's Catholic Women's League. Even if you cannot attend the Social/Fundraiser, a small donation would be greatly appreciated.

ROSES FOR LIFE



Members of The Kitchener Knights of Columbus are distributing rose appliques for a good will offering after all Masses this weekend. Help the Knights support Pro-Life issues. It's their practical way to raise funds and provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign.

Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE PILGRIM STATUE

Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 pm. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard. The Marian celebration includes: Rosary, Mass, Candlelight Procession, and Veneration. There will be a petition box and all intentions will be taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the Tour where a Mass will celebrated for them. A donation box and items from the Shrine will be available for sale. Everyone is welcome to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

Opposite Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, June 1st 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.

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

EDUCATION CAFÉ

Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer and precious life moments pass by when hardness of heart prevails. Yet, we are always called to forgive, and in turn, Christ offers us His mercy & compassion, helping us to overcome anger and bitterness. On **Sunday, June 4th from 2 - 3:30 pm**, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on "*Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace*", For details visit the Events section at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org.

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BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Let us return with Joy!

May 24, 2023

Dear Friends:

For the past three years, the world has been shaken by the Covid-19 virus, and our lives have been changed as we sought to observe the many protocols which were established for our health and safety. These included frequent periods when we were unable to come together to celebrate our faith and be nourished by the Sacraments. On several occasions our churches were closed, and we were unable to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, which is so fundamental to our Catholic way of life.

Since we foresaw occasions when we would be prevented from participating in Sunday Mass, and we were fearful of gathering as long as Covid-19 and its variants were spreading and threatening the health of so many people, on March 16, 2020, I dispensed the faithful of our Diocese from the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

During the pandemic, several Parishes in our Diocese provided livestreaming, so that even though parishioners could not be physically present and participate fully in the Sunday Mass, they were able to at least hear the Word of God proclaimed and witness the celebration of Mass broadcast from their Parish. I am grateful for all the ways that our Priests sought to provide spiritual support to their parishioners during those difficult years!

In recent months, we have been able to resume most of our former activities. It has been a great joy to gather again with our families and friends, and especially with our Parish communities. At the

beginning of this month, the World Health Organization declared that the Covid-19 virus is an ongoing health issue; however, it no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Furthermore, all Covid-related restrictions have been removed in our Province. For this reason, I am removing the dispensation from the obligation to participate at Sunday Mass, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 11, 2023.

I understand that some members of the faithful, for reasons of health, may not feel able to return to Mass. However, it has always been the teaching of the Church, that those who are impeded from participating at Sunday Mass because of ill health, or care for the sick, or some other grave reason, are not bound by the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

Those who are now able to resume their regular activities and enjoy good health are obliged to participate at Sunday Mass. "Virtual Masses" online and on television, while spiritually helpful, do not fulfill the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend Mass in person.

Today, on this Solemnity of Pentecost, we mark the conclusion of the Easter Season and celebrate the birthday of the Church. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have come together on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to celebrate the Eucharist. And so, I take this opportunity to invite all the faithful of our Diocese, if they have not already done so, to return with joy to the Sunday Mass.

May our faithful celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and our reception of the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion never cease to nourish our faith and strengthen us to be missionary disciples.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton