



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 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](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com)

Website: [www.stmarysrcchurch.ca](http://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  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [tinyhometakeout.com](http://tinyhometakeout.com) or email [tinyhometakeout@gmail.com](mailto:tinyhometakeout@gmail.com) for more information.



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### Mass Schedule and Intentions

**June 3 - 8, 2025**

#### **TUESDAY – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

Acts 20.17-27 John 17.1-11a

**12:00 pm NO MASS TODAY**

12:30 pm NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY

1:00 pm Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 3 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY – ferial**

Acts 20.28-38 John 17.11b-19

**12:00 pm NO MASS TODAY**

12:30 pm NO ROSARY TODAY

#### **THURSDAY – St. Boniface**

Acts 22.30; 23.6-11 John 17.20-26

9:00 am Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 12 pm

11:30 am NO CONFESSION TODAY

**12:00 pm NO MASS TODAY**

#### **FRIDAY – ferial**

Acts 24.27; 25.13B-21++ John 21.15-19

**12:00 pm NO MASS TODAY**

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2.1-11 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 John 20.19-23

#### **SATURDAY**

**5:00 pm †Mildred Asher, Christan Miller, For the Intentions of Francis Dvorak**

#### **SUNDAY**

**8:30 am †Fr. Gottfried Seifert, SAC**

**11:00 am For Our Parishioners**

#### **PIC OF THE WEEK**



Thanks to everyone who came out to this month's Catholic Amigos! We had a great time with a BBQ outdoors, making bannock on a stick over a campfire, and talking about our relationship with the environment and the connection with our Catholic faith.

#### **PLEASE NOTE!**

There will be no 12 noon weekday Mass, Adoration or confession from June 3-6 and June 10-13. Our priests will be away at a seminar in Rome. Fr. Tim Uniack, CR will be here to celebrate the Sunday Masses for us. The church will be open for the regular Jubilee Pilgrimage Hours, Tuesday 1- 3 pm and Thursday 9 am – 12 noon.

#### **SHARE THE HOPE!**



Please consider a donation to [abettertentcity.org](http://abettertentcity.org) to help the homeless find safe shelter and community. Thank you!



## **ITEMS NEEDED**



We are in need of **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RUNNING SHOES, JEANS, SPRING JACKETS, HOODIES, HATS, SHORTS, T-SHIRTS and WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.**

Bring them down to the church hall between 10 am – 7 pm any 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.

## **ST. MARY'S TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CIRCLE & THE WCDSB INVITATION**



Join us for a FREE special screening ***Sugarcane – A Documentary.*** A stunning tribute to the resilience of Native people and their way of life. An epic cinematic portrait of a community during a moment of international reckoning. It is a special investigation into an Indian Residential School and was nominated for a 2025 Academy Award. **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 9 pm at the Princess Cinema, 46 King Street North, Waterloo.** To register scan the QR code.

## **SUPPORT LIFE CHANGING CARE**



Be part of something powerful! Through the Baby Bottle Campaign, we're helping Marillac Place raise \$53,000 to support mothers and babies facing homelessness. In 2024, there was a 62% increase in residents completion of housing plans—personalized roadmaps to help each mother secure and maintain stable housing. Their AfterCare Program also grew by 88%, offering ongoing emotional and grocery support to families rebuilding their lives. Fill a bottle located at the back of the church) or donate online by Father's Day.

## **VOCATION MINUTE**



Jesus commissions his disciples not because they are perfect, but because they have seen and received his mercy. Discernment for priesthood or religious life begins with being a witness to what God has done in your own life. Our mission stems from the encounter with the Risen Christ, not from our own abilities or skills. Where in your life have you witnessed Christ's mercy, and how might you be called to share that with others? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR  
[resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto: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. For more information, contact the parish office, 519-576-3860, [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com) or visit [stmarysrcchurch.ca](http://stmarysrcchurch.ca).

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

All intentions are on a first come basis. The offering of Mass for special intentions (anniversaries, healing, comfort to those who are sick) or deceased members of family and friends, 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



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### **St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha** **HOMEcomings CELEBRATION**

We warmly invite you to join us on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** for this special event, a joyful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and celebrate the rich history of St. Agatha Parish. Were you baptized or married here? Did your children attend St. Agatha School? We **will begin with Mass at 11 am**, followed by lunch and reception in the parish hall until 3 pm. Enjoy reminiscing with friends, looking through old photos, and viewing the display showcasing the history of our parish. Please join us for this celebration of faith, friendship, and community. Everyone is welcome!

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### **ST. JEROME'S CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP**

This is a new certificate program that is now devised as part of St. Jerome's outreach mission to serve the diocese with programming focused on preparing individuals in a wide array of ministries and areas of apostolic activity, including education, social services, health care and parish work with the intellectual, spiritual, and experiential formation required for service to the needs of the contemporary church and the world. The feedback they have been receiving from the candidates themselves as well as their employer-sponsors has been superb, underlining for us the importance of the intellectual, spiritual and service-based formation they have been receiving to prepare them for the various needs of ministry and leadership in the diocese. The program is offered in mixed format – following best practices for online cohorts and the ability to complete most aspects of the program at a distance. Please visit [www.sju.ca](http://www.sju.ca) for more details.

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### **The Chancery Office, Hamilton or ZOOM** **RESTART: SUPPORT GROUP**

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month., offering continual support and insights for people journeying through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person or by ZOOM. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** **ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP)**

Our Act II monthly informal support group continues to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit the website <http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced>, or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca) for more information.

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### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Do chores together, cook together, play games, do a puzzle, or hike together. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com). And whether you are having a staycation or vacation, remember that Mass and prayer as a family are important!

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### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)