



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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SECOND 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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Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 9 - 14, 2025

TUESDAY – ferial

Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14

12:00 pm †Catalina Alvarez

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

1:00 pm Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 3 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Theresa Kroetsch

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-15

9:00 am Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage Hours until 12 pm

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Morris Chang

FRIDAY – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47

12:00 pm For the Intentions of the Indigenous People of Canada

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

SATURDAY

5:00 pm ††Joe & Mae MacDonald, †Richard Wendling, †Nancy Tucker, †Joyce Caudle, For the Intentions of Vicky Dvorak

SUNDAY

8:30 am For the Intentions of the Sabados Family

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

PIC OF THE WEEK



Special thanks to our care-taker Andrew (second from the right) for putting together this group of helpers that do all of the extra work that needs to be done outside and inside the church. They take great pride in helping and we are grateful for their work and happy that they are part of our caring community here at St. Mary's!

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



FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY'S – COOKING TIPS

December 12th at 7 pm in the church hall. Join Chef Amy for live cooking demos and interactive lessons. Whether you're just starting out or looking to sharpen your technique, this is a flavourful opportunity to learn, create, and grow in a fun, welcoming environment.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now ready 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.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CIRCLE



A vigil Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on **Thursday, December 11th at 5 pm.** The story of *St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe* will be shared before the Eucharistic celebration. Following Mass, hospitality will be provided in the church hall: 3 Sisters soup & Bannock. All are welcome!



Our Catholic Amigos will meet early this month! Our last session of 2025 will be held in the church hall on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7 pm.** "Christmas, not according to plan" will explore the ordinarieness of the extraordinary - and how that relates to our lives during this Christmas season. Young adults between the ages of 20 and 30 are welcome. Look forward to seeing all who come out.

VOCATION MINUTE



John the Baptist's vocation reminds us of the distinctiveness and transformative potential of every vocation. Because God calls us, our response, modest as it may be, can open hearts and produce surprising results. We invite and welcome others into a relationship with Christ and his Church, because Christ extended the same call to us first. Fr. Eric Wagner, CR
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

Christmas Cookie Sale



\$10/dz assorted cookies or shortbread (whipped or Scottish)

\$5 for 5 pcs of chocolate or maple fudge

Pre-order by December 6th

email tinymometakeout@gmail.com or call 519-576-3860

Please indicate the specifics of your order in the email



Pre-orders can be picked up on
Dec 13th, between 1pm and 4pm
in the church basement

In-person sales on Dec 13th and
Dec 14th after mass at the
back of the church

Cash, EFT*, and Interact accepted

*EFT payment only accepted for pre-orders and write "Cookies" in the memo line