



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Baptism and Marriage

Registered parishioners, please email the parish office at least 6 months before the required date 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! Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'. Visit tinychometakeout.com or email tinychometakeout@gmail.com for more information.



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

December 3 - 8, 2024

TUESDAY – St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 11.1-10 Luke 10.21-24

12 noon For the Intentions of Mariam Pillai Family

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – ferial

Isaiah 25.6-10a Matthew 15.29-37

12 noon For the Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – ferial

Isaiah 26.1-6 Matthew 7.21, 24-27

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12 noon For the Deceased Members of the James Family

FRIDAY – ferial

Isaiah 29.17-24 Matthew 9.27-31

12 noon †John Watson

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5.1-9 Philippians 1.3-6m 8-11 Luke 3.1-6

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm †Lydia Roussy, †Josef Offak, For the Intentions of Garry Visneskie, Doreen & Shereen, Feby

SUNDAY

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Mary Yeung Sui Ling



It has been a very active and grace-filled year at St Mary's with many opportunities to pray, witness, and reach out together - thanks be to God. As we begin this new year with the First Sunday of Advent we pray in a special way that Christ will remain our source of hope and light as we prepare to celebrate his birth. O come; O come Emmanuel!

PIC OF THE WEEK

Small Panettone bread bites were a hit at last Friday's Loaves and Laughter event. Now everyone knows how to bake their own for Christmas! Just Google "quick panettone recipe" if you want to know how. All are welcome any Friday night from 7 to 9 pm to join us. Hope to see you there!



ITEMS NEEDED



Tiny Home Takeout is still in need of **men's winter coats and jackets.** Cleaning out your closet? Bring them down to the church hall anytime 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.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2025 liturgical year Sunday Missals are available! The cost is \$5.

Also available is the 2025 Sunday **Missal for Young Catholics**. This missal is recommended for young people aged 7 and up. They are located at the main doors of the church and are \$10.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Envelopes are now ready 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 these envelopes until 2025** as numbers have changed. Thank you.

GLOVES & HATS



We have many opportunities here at St. Mary's to give you choice on how you would like to reach out to those in need. This weekend will be one of those opportunities to support those in need. For as little as \$5, you can provide a pair of gloves, or for \$10., gloves and a hat. If you choose to do so, you can leave your money in the Weekly Offering box under the sign at the back of the church, or use your debit or credit card with our debit machine. On behalf of those in need, thank you so much for keeping many hands and heads warm this winter!!

K OF C CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Elves have been busy preparing the popular K of C Christmas Decorations in time to celebrate the

Christmas season. They have been in the workshop preparing Nativity Scenes and other ornaments just in time for the big day. The popular K of C festive decorations will be available **after all Masses the weekend of December 7th/8th**.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG



Join us for a Christmas Sing-along with Michael Kelly Cavan next **Sunday, December 8th from 2 - 3:30 pm**. Hosted by the St. Mary's Truth & ReconciliACTION Circle. All proceeds to Healing of the Seven Generations Christmas appeal for Indigenous families in our region. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate in church hall following. Free will offering graciously accepted or bring an unwrapped toy (age 0-11) or gift card (movie passes, Bingemans Pass, Sky Zone passes, sporting events tickets). Cash, cheque, debit card accepted. Families welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join the St. Mary's Truth & ReconciliACTION Circle for Mass on **Monday, December 9th 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 and Bannock. All are welcome!

IMPORTANT: CWL MEMBERS MEETING



A special meeting is being called on Sunday, December 15th following the 11 am Mass, to discuss the future of St. Mary's CWL Council, and your membership in the League. Sadly, the Council has reached an impasse and must meet to discuss a motion to either become inactive or to disband. **Please make every effort to attend as your attendance and vote are very important.** Diocesan President Teresa DiFalco and members of her Diocesan Executive will be attending this meeting to provide us with support and guidance as we, the members of St. Mary's CWL, decide the fate of our CWL Council. May of Lady of Good Counsel Guide Us.

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, December 5th 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: cmlamers@rogers.com.

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RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



Advent is a season of waiting - an active, expectant waiting for the Lord. Today's Gospel encourages us to stay vigilant during this time. In the same way,

discerning your vocation demands patience and trust in God's timing. If you find yourself feeling impatient in your discernment process, could this Advent be an opportunity to embrace waiting as a sacred period of growth and preparation? How might you use this time to fully respond to God's call? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

HEALING IN ADVENT DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Saturday, December 7th from 9:30 – 11 am. Led by Sr. Barbara Paleczny, SSND online. For more information and free registration visit: whyatbreakfast.com or email whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. For those who prefer to attend this retreat in-person, you are invited to St. Joseph Church, Kitchener this Sunday, December 1 from 2 – 3:30 pm.

Tiny Home Takeout

Christmas Cookie Sale

AFTER ALL MASSES
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

\$10/dz for a box of Assorted Christmas Cookies
\$10/dz for a box of Whipped or Scottish Shortbread
\$5/6 pcs Maple or Chocolate Fudge
\$20 for Pecan Pie (no pre-orders)

**Cash & Debit/Credit on day of Sale and
E-Transfer for Pre-Orders**

**pre-order email: tinyhometakeout@gmail.com or
call: 519-576-3860 by Friday, December 6
pre-orders can be picked up
Saturday, December 14 between 12 - 7 pm**

