



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

56 Duke Street West, Kitchener ON N2H 3W7

Under the Administration of The Congregation of the Resurrection

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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
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 Zettel, our Outreach Coordinator at andrewz.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

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 tinymhometakeout.com or email tinymhometakeout@gmail.com for more information.



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

April 2 - 7, 2024

TUESDAY – Easter Octave

Acts 2.36-41 John 20.11-18

12 noon +Rick Schuster

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY – Easter Octave

Acts 3.1-10 Luke 24.13-35

12 noon +Frank Gimpelj

12:30 pm Rosary

THURSDAY – Easter Octave

Acts 3.11-26 Luke 24.35-48

11:30 am Confessions until 11:50 am

12 noon For the Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby

FRIDAY – Easter Octave

Acts 4.1-12 John 21.1-14

12 noon For the Intentions of Joe Lobo

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER **DIVINE MERCY**

Acts 4.32-35 1 John 5.1-6 John 20.19-31

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm +Mary Frankovic, +Harold Borden, +Felisa Julianna, For the Deceased Members of the Visneskie Family, For Living & Deceased Members of the Brazier Family, For the Intentions of Garry Visneskie

SUNDAY

8:30 am For the Intentions of Erica Slovak

11:00 am For Our Parishioners



May the joy we discover in Christ's Resurrection always remind us that for God all things are possible! Our Lenten journey is over and the 50 days of the Easter season begin. A time for rejoicing and giving thanks to God who never gives up on us. May we continue to open our hearts to everyone in our community so that Jesus' love can be shared with those who have yet to discover his ability to consistently turn sorrows into joy!

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



The "Catholic Amigos" continue to meet monthly to break bread and share their faith with each other. The Church of the present and the future is made up of so many gifted young people! We are so grateful to God that many young adults have chosen to come to St. Mary's. May God bless them as they continue to grow in their faith and share it with the many friends they meet along the way!

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL



You're invited to join us on **Easter Sunday after both the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses for a celebration** downstairs in the church hall. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided.

After the 11 am Mass, there will also be Easter treats for families and children. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1st.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. On **Sunday, April 7th** we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 8:30 am Mass.

PLANNED GIVING INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered leaving a portion of your estate to St. Mary's? Did you know there are ways to do this that could save you thousands in taxes? Or that with a few simple adjustments, the amount the church receives could increase by 20% to 50%? Join us on **Monday, April 15th at 5:30 pm** for a complementary meal in the church hall where Mac Graham, Financial Advisor and fellow parishioner will explain techniques to help your charitable gift go further. Chef Amy will be preparing the meal and can accommodate any dietary restrictions. **Please sign up at the back of the church or call the parish office by April 10th** if you're interested in attending.

Double Tree Inn, Kitchener

7TH ANNUAL KW TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Friday, April 26th. Guest MC Bryan Larkin (Dep. Commissioner RCMP) Team of 8 Registration - Early Bird \$360 After March 31st, \$399. **Proceeds to Tiny Home Takeout!** To register call 519-893-1504 or visit www.kitchenerkofc.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



In the spirit of Easter renewal, your St. Vincent De Paul St. Mary's Conference is asking for St. Mary's parishioners to help out with our ongoing toiletries drive. Your donations have been greatly appreciated by our friends, but more help is needed. We are calling on your generosity to help replenish the following items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash and bar soap, men's and women's razors, shaving cream/gel, after shave, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss and mouthwash.

When you bring new and unopened items to St. Mary's, look for the white bins: on your right hand side as you enter the main entrance of the church and next to the elevator opening into the church. Look for the poster on the bins and the take-home flyers for the list of requested items.

Through your kindness and generosity, you are not just giving our brothers and sisters in need of personal care products. You are providing them with dignity.

THANK YOU ST. MARY'S PARISH
YOU ARE AMAZING!

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE



What it means to "set out" is going to look different for each one of us based on what is going on in our life right now and the choices we face. It won't be something we can control or predict. But if we are willing to set out, we will meet the Risen Jesus, just like the disciples, and we will become part of the Easter story today. Fr. Raphael Ma CR, Vocation Team
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, April 4th 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.

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Chancery Office, Hamilton or ZOOM

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions take place on **Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7 - 9 pm** in person, or you can join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events.

St. Michael Parish Centre, Waterloo

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30 - 8:30 pm – April 16th, May 21st, June 18th**. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7 pm Mass. To register: call 519-884-9311, or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held on **Saturday, April 20th from 9:15 am - 3:30 pm**. Cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre

ANNUAL CWL CARD PARTY

Wednesday, April 24th. Doors open at 11:30 am with lunch served at 12 noon. Cost is \$20/person. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 25th. Join us from 7 – 9 pm for the screening of **Bigger Than Us**. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom**. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> 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.

Liuna Station, Hamilton

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15th to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. Please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26th at 1:30 pm**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

SHARE THE HOPE!



Please consider a donation to abettertentcity.org to help the homeless find safe shelter and community. Thank you!