

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

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Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor

Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

Penny Laurette - Admin Assistant

Robert Tasse - Music Director

Rianne Rops - Outreach Coordinator

Andrew Olinski - Caretaker

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Baptism and Marriage - Please email the parish office for details and to submit your requests.

Parish Outreach - Are you interested in getting involved in outreach initiatives? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Rianne at 519-576-3860 or rianne.stmarys@gmail.com to let her know that you're interested and/or to share your ideas.

St. Vincent de Paul - For assistance with groceries and other needs please call 226-988-5915 weekdays, except Tuesdays, between 9:00 am and noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:15 - 11:45 am Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration - **Thursday mornings** mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and each **First Saturday** of the month, beginning with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by Adoration until 9:30 am.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, please remember to indicate your religion and parish on the patient registration form.

Let Us Pray For One Another - If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, the members of our Parish Prayer Network will gladly pray for you. Contact the parish office to add your intention to the Prayer List.

In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church in your estate plan and when recommending expressions of sympathy. Thank you.



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS April 9 - 14, 2019

Tuesday – ferial

Numbers 21.4-9 John 8.21-30

12:00 pm †Bernhard Didio

7:00 pm Lenten Penitential Service

Wednesday – ferial

Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++ John 8.31-42

12:00 pm †Bob, †Colleen & †Elsie Bezruki

Thursday – ferial

Genesis 17.3-9 John 8.51-59

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm Intentions for Adam Johnson

Friday – ferial

Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++ John 10.31-42

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm Intentions for Fr. Tom Vermiglio

Saturday – ferial

Ezekiel 37.21-28 John 11.45-57

8:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

saiah 50.4-7 Philippians 2.6-11 Luke 22.14-23.56

5:00 pm ††Josef & Thersia Nagy, ††Aurea & Harold Cahill, ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan, Intentions for Eileen Seifred

Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Drahomira Ovcacik & †Bohumil Spurny

3:00 pm †Anne Maskerine

(Traditional Latin Mass)

| OFFERTORY – March 31, 2019 | |
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| Sunday Offerings | \$3,377.65 |
| Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week) | \$858.00 |
| Building & Maintenance Offerings | \$45.00 |
| B & M Pre-Authorized (per week) | \$222.23 |
| Debt Fund Offering | \$10.00 |
| Good Friday, Needs of the Holy Land | \$5.00 |
| Share Lent | \$5.00 |

We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for their generous support!

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Looking Back, Leaning Forward. After we first arrived at St. Mary's, Fathers Dan, Joseph and myself noticed many loving and devout people with unfulfilled desires to get to know one another better and reach out to those in need.

To help bring us all closer together in the Church, we brightened our lighting, improved our sound, added more music, gave a variety of homilies, and tried our best to bring two masses together. We didn't do it perfectly but we never stopped trying to do our best. Nor will we as time moves on.

What we want to do over the next 3 years ...

- 1. Continue to gather and support one another by:
- strengthening our parish through socials
- caring for seniors
- attracting young families, and including those with special accessibility needs
- 2. Expand our capacity to reach out to those who have no food, shelter or sense of belonging in our immediate area and beyond.

We need everyone's help to do this because it starts with a desire to upgrade our facilities with a wheelchair accessible washroom and a new kitchen. These improvements just make things more accessible and they give us the opportunity to prepare, in our own space, the one thing that Jesus wanted us to gather around over and again - a meal. Supper! Having a place where people can gather, break bread, and share our lives with each other is needed during a time when so many are lost in technology, brokenness, poverty and isolation. The German people of this parish have demonstrated over many decades that eating together and sharing our lives is critical to our wellbeing and the building of strong families and community. I pray that this legacy lives on despite our diminishment in age and numbers.

The *One Heart One Soul Campaign* comes, I think, at a very providential time for us. The Bishop has given us a vehicle to raise money for our Parish and diocesan ministries for youth, the hospitalized and the imprisoned. But there is no splitting of the money down the middle. The vast majority of the funds are for our parish so we can build something special right here. Some people ask "why do we need the dioceses' help when we can do this on our own?" The answer: we can't do this on our own. The tools they have given our volunteers are extremely professional, the mentorship is invaluable, and the diocese has offered to give us an advance on all pledges that take place over the next three years so that we can start to plan construction sooner than later.

What's more is that it connects us with other parishes throughout the diocese. Parishes that are in greater need than we are that will also receive help. And just like those in the early church who are written about in the acts of the apostles: we get to share with each other as a community joined together in Christ - a diocese with *One Heart and One Soul*.

In the coming days we will all receive a booklet and pledge card in the mail describing the project and asking for a contribution. We hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting the campaign. I am convinced, along with others in this beautiful parish, that a generous response will create a new vibrancy in our parish and fill our hearts with joy.

On behalf of us all, I would like to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession, that her son may continue to make St. Mary's a place where all of our sorrows can turn into joy. Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

Written by Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

| COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S | | |
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| 6/7: | All Masses | Building & Maintenance Collection |
| 7: | 9:30 am | Coffee Social after 8:30 am Mass |
| | 12:00 pm | Coffee Social after 11:00 am Mass |
| 9: | 9:30 am | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Penitential Service |
| | 8:00 pm | Living Sober Group |
| 10: | 7:00 pm | Marienchor Rehearsal |
| 11: | 12:30 pm | German Men's & Ladies' Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 12: | 11:30 am | Stations of the Cross |
| 13: | 9:30 am | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program |
| | All Masses | Annual Share Lent Collection |
| 14: | 9:30 am | Coffee Social after 8:30 am Mass |
| | 12:00 pm | CWL General Meeting |
| | 4:00 pm | Latin Congregation Social |

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 9th at 7 pm. Several Priests will be available for individual Confessions. We encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate this season of Lent and Easter with joy and renewed hearts. Lent is a time to confess our sins so that we might know the abundance of forgiveness that God has given us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Each confession takes us deeper into the truth about ourselves and also reveals the truth about God: That God's love for us is greater than our sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not a time to beat yourself up because you have sinned, we're all sinners. If we weren't we wouldn't need Jesus! This Sacrament is a time to rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins!

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday April 14th following 11 am Mass. Come down to the Lower Hall for a bite of lunch (soup & beverages provided - you may wish to bring you own brown bag sandwich). Please

also join us as we observe Palm Sunday, with a small Liturgy, plus there will be a brief presentation from Marilyn Bezner. **SAVE THE DATE: weekend of May 11/12**, we will be holding our Annual Bake Sale, following all Masses. Volunteer "bakers" are needed from our Members and Parishioners, and as always, we sincerely appreciate your kind assistance and support. Join in for this special time of Prayer, as we continue our Lenten journey. Looking forward to seeing you there!

HOLY THURSDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Please consider coming to the three Triduum Liturgies: The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7 pm, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3 pm and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 pm. The Church invites us on Holy Thursday during the procession of the gifts to bring up food offerings for the needy along with bread and wine for the Eucharist. So as you are able, please bring food offerings with you for the Mass of the Lord's Supper and keep them with you until the gift procession when you will be invited to lay them before the Altar. Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

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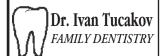
Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt+Light and Vision TV during Holy Week. Please check your local listings, call the NCBC at 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus Centre, Waterloo GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

April 19th. Seating's at 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 pm. Take out available from 1:30 - 7 pm. Tickets available at Bar, 1 pc dinner \$13., 2 pc dinners \$15.50 all taxes in. Price includes coffee, or tea and dessert.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

April ushers in spring with its new growth and warmth and this year the celebration of Easter. Easter reminds each of us of God's infinite love, that after suffering comes the joy of the Resurrection and that God will never abandon His people. Help your children understand that Easter is so much more than the Easter Bunny; it is our moment of Salvation. God can be a constant stabilizing force in your children's lives if they learn to rely on him, so teach them how to pray, how to talk to God and how to embrace the gift of faith we celebrate this Easter.



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