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Under the Guidance and Administration of the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection www.resurrectionist.ca

IN 2017 WE CELEBRATE

The 160th Anniversary of Our Parish

The building of the first church extended from 1854 to 1856, and the assignment of a residing Pastor the following year, officially marked the establishment of the Parish

The Centennial of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

We are asked to do penance and pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world

Father George Nowak, CR - Pastor

Father Paul Szymanowski, CR - Associate Pastor

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

Parish Registration - We encourage everyone who regularly attends St. Mary's to become a registered parishioner. Forms are located at all doors of the church, the parish office and our website. Please inform the office of any changes of address or telephone number.

Baptism and Marriage - Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically - <u>unless</u> you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Mary's, the Sacraments are available to **registered**, **regularly attending parishioners only.** Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office at least 1 month prior to your preferred date. For parishioners inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office <u>at least</u> one year before the preferred date.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to Religious Life as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? Learn about the life and ministry of the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection by visiting www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or crvocations@gmail.com. All enquires are confidential.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am 9:15 am (German/English) 11:00 am

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

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Please Refer to the Schedule Inside Bulletin

Confession

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm Weekdays: Before Daily Mass

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday 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 12:00 noon.

Quiet Time for Prayer and Reflection - The church is open weekdays between 12 noon and 1:00 pm or by appointment for those who wish to pray.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Confession, Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, be sure 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.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Monday's by 4:00 pm.

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



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you feel at home. If you are new to St. Mary's, please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Parish Family by completing a registration form.

Mass Schedule and Intentions April 10 - 16, 2017

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42.1-7 John 12.1-11

12:10 pm †Michael Wingert

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions for Eileen Seifred

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4-9a Matthew 26.14-26 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

Followed by Adoration Before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-19.42

11:00 am Stations of the Cross3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Liturgy of the Word - Veneration of the Cross Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

Genesis 1.1-2.2 Genesis 22.1-18 Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1++ Isaiah 54.5-14 Isaiah 55.1-11 Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 Ezekiel 36.16-17a, 18-28 Romans 6.3-11 Matthew 28.1-10 8:00 pm Intentions of the Donors of Easter Flowers

The Service of Light and Procession

Liturgy of the Word - Blessing of Baptismal Water
Renewal of Baptismal Promises - Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18++

8:00 am †Lila Kamin

9:15 am †Kathe Jaeger, †Stefie Mausser, ††Andreas

and Rosalia Petsche and Family, †Maria

Vadaslaki, †Ottilia Birl

11:00 am Our Parishioners

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

8/9: All Masses Annual Share Lent Collection

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

9: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting

11: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

12: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

13: **EASTER TRIDUUM BEGINS**

14: 11:00 am Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Holy Land Collection

15: 11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food (Lower Hall)

15/16: All Masses Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection

17: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

18: 11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

19 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

23: 3:00 pm Hour of Great Mercy

25: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

29/30: All Masses Debt Fund Collection

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



This Sunday, April 9th, following 11 am Mass. Come for a bite of lunch in the Lower Hall

(soup/beverages provided - you may bring you own sandwich). We will have a Palm Sunday

Liturgy Service. Please join us for this special time of prayer, as we continue our Lenten journey. We look forward to seeing there!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

<u>Good Friday, April 14th and Easter Monday, April 17th</u>, the office will be closed for the Easter Holiday.

PASCHAL FAST

Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat. The Church of God fasts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joys of the Lord's Resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

After hearing the passion of Jesus on Good Friday, we approach the Cross to venerate it as the means of our salvation. The Cross remains the greatest symbol of Christianity which has been revered and honoured through the ages. As we venerate the Cross, we honour God who transformed this sign of death into a sign of forgiveness and life through the death of his son, Jesus. You may venerate by bowing, touching or kissing the Cross.

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

During the Good Friday Liturgy, a special collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken in all Churches throughout the world. This collection helps support future priests, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Please give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Holy Saturday, April 15th at 11 am. A favourite Polish



Easter tradition, and a custom that many Churches around the world have adopted, is the Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday. After the fast of Lent, it is time to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! This is a festive occasion where decorated

baskets containing a small sampling of Easter foods (see below), are brought to the church to be blessed.

<u>Butter</u> - Often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have toward all things.

<u>Easter Bread</u> - A round or long loaf topped with a cross or fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

<u>Horseradish</u> - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ, still in our minds.

Eggs - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

<u>Sausage (Kielbasa)</u> - Symbolic of God's favour and generosity

<u>Ham</u> - Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Christians that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God".

<u>Smoked Bacon</u> - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

<u>Salt</u> - A necessary element in our physical life; symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavour of the earth.

<u>Cheese</u> - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

<u>Candle</u> - Represents Christ as the light of the World. <u>Colourful Ribbons & Greenery</u> - Attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

<u>Linen Cover</u> - Drawn over the top of the basket, which is ready for the trip to church where it is jointed with the baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

Bring your basket of Easter Food to the Lower Hall for this wonderful tradition!

This Easter brings with it the opportunity for great transformation so long as we support each other and prayerfully listen to what God is calling us to. Please consider service in the Church as a viable option and make a priority to talk about vocations such as the Priesthood and Religious Life at the dinner table this Easter Season. Vocationculture.ca and resurrectionists.ca are resources that may help you initiate a conversation.

HOUR OF GREAT MERCY



Sunday, April 23rd at 3 pm. In April 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II declared that the first Sunday after Easter was henceforth to be known throughout the universal Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us as we honour God, who is rich in mercy!

OFFERTORY: April 1 - 2, 2017

Sunday Donations (184 env)	\$4,353.00	
Loose Donations	\$ 606.59	
Building Fund Donations	\$1,795.50	
Debt Fund Donations	\$ 25.00	
Share Lent Donations	\$ 173.00	
Needs of the Holy Land Donations	\$ 5.00	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

April 10th & 11th on VisionTV and April 11th & 12th on Salt + Light TV. This year's Mission is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day, following the Daily TV Mass. For more information call 1-888-383-6277 or visit: www.dailytymass.com.

Knights of Columbus Centre, Dearborn Place, Waterloo GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

April 14th. Seating's at 1 & 1:30, and every half hour from 4 to 7:30 pm. 1 pc Fish & Chips \$11.50, 2pc \$13.50, coffee and dessert included. Tickets available at the Columbus Centre, 519-884-2060.

St. Teresa of Avila Divine Mercy Chapel, Kitchener CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

9 am to **9** pm Monday to Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Choose an hour – bring a friend. Contact Rosemary 519-743-5656 or Herb 519-893-4793 for more information. All parishioners are invited to participate.

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