

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

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*Under the Guidance and Administration of the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection*  
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## 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

IN 2017 WE CELEBRATE

## 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 - unless 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 at least 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](http://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations) or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto: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*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### ***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 3 - 9, 2017**

#### **Monday - ferial**

Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++ John 8.1-11

**12:10 pm †Maria Forthuber**

7:00 pm Lenten Penitential Service

#### **Tuesday - St. Isidore**

Numbers 21.4-9 John 8.21-30

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am For the Gift of Faith**

#### **Wednesday - St. Vincent Ferrer**

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

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am For the Protection of Christians**

#### **Thursday - ferial**

Genesis 17.3-9 John 8.51-59

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**12:10 pm For Vocations to the Congregation of the Resurrection**

#### **Friday - St. John Baptist de La Salle**

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

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

**12:10 pm Conversion of Sinners**

#### **Saturday - ferial**

Ezekiel 37.21-28 John 11.45-57

**8:00 am For the Re-Christianization of Society**

4:00 pm Confessions

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Matthew 21.1-11

Isaiah 50.4-7 Philippians 2.6-11 Matthew 26.14-27.66

**5:00 pm †Doreen Yawney**

#### **Sunday**

**8:00 am Our Parishioners**

**9:15 am †Bernhard Didio**

**11:00 am Intentions of Fr. George Nowak, C.R.**

**“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit [vocationculture.ca](http://vocationculture.ca) for more information.**

### **COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S**

#### **April:**

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|--------|------------|--|
| 1 /2:  | All Masses | Building & Maintenance Collection      |
| 3:     | 7:00 pm    | Lenten Penitential Service             |
| 4:     | 8:00 pm    | Living Sober Group                     |
| 5:     | 7:00 pm    | Marienchor Rehearsal                   |
| 6:     | 1:00 pm    | Prayer Shawl Group                     |
|        | 1:00 pm    | German Men's & Ladies Group            |
|        | 7:00 pm    | Choir Rehearsal                        |
| 7:     | 11:30 am   | Stations of the Cross                  |
|        | 6:00 pm    | Bible Study                            |
| 8:     | 10:00 am   | 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Study   |
| 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                     |

### **LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE**



**This Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.** 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. 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.

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



**April 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>.** On this day we recall the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete His paschal mystery. There will be Blessing of the Palms, at all Masses, and Processions at the 5 pm and 11 am Masses.

### **ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING**

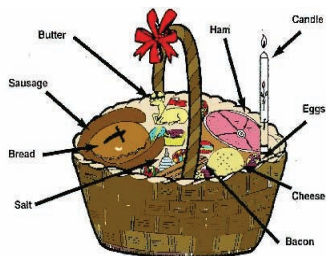


**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, following 11 am Mass.** Come for a bite of lunch in the Lower Hall (soup/beverages provided - you may bring your own brown bag sandwich). We will be having a Palm Sunday Liturgy Service ~ please join us for this special time of prayer, as we continue our Lenten journey.

Looking forward to seeing there!

**BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

**Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

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

**Horseradish** - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ, still in our minds.

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

**Sausage (Kielbasa)** - Symbolic of God's favour and generosity

**Ham** - 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".

**Smoked Bacon** - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

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

**Cheese** - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

**Candle** - Represents Christ as the light of the World.

**Colourful Ribbons & Greenery** - Attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

**Linen Cover** - 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!

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> on VisionTV and April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> on Salt + Light TV.** This year's Mission is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sr. Sue Mosteller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser for this two part Mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week. Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day, following the Daily TV Mass. For more information e-mail: info@nbc.ca, call:1-888-383-6277 or visit: www.dailytvmass.com.

**EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE**

April 13 - 16, 2017

**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**

**11:00 am** Stations of the Cross  
**3:00 pm** Good Friday Liturgy  
*Liturgy of the Word - Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion*

**HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL**

**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**

**8:00 am** †Lila Kamin  
**9:15 am** †Kathe Jaeger, †Stefie Mausser, ††Andreas and Rosalia Petsche and Family  
**11:00 am** Our Parishioners

**EASTER MONDAY**

**12:10 pm** In Thanksgiving

**OFFERTORY: March 25 - 26, 2017**

Sunday Donations (183 env)	\$4,364.00
Loose Donations	\$ 467.15
Building Fund Donations	\$ 115.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

**PRAYER VIGIL**

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 10 am**, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Contact Cathy: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Louis Church, Waterloo

**DRAMATIZED STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Presented by St. Louis Youth Group. For more information contact the parish office, 519-743-1401. All are invited!

Knights of Columbus Centre, Dearborn Place, Waterloo

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY**

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

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