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JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



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 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 details regarding 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 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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week April 4 - 10, 2016

Monday - The Annunciation of The Lord

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38

12:10 pm For the Costa Family

Tuesday - St. Vincent Ferrer

Acts 4.32-37 John 3.7b-15

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions for Sylvia Keresztes

Wednesday - ferial

Acts 5.17-26 John 3.16-21

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

Thursday - St. John Baptist de la Salle

Acts 5.27-33 John 3.31-36

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For the Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, For the Re-Christianization of Our Society

Friday - ferial

Acts 5.34-42 John 6.1-15

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For the Protection of Our Children

Saturday - ferial

Acts 6.1-7 John 6.16-21

8:00 am For the Conversion of Sinners

4:00 pm Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41 Revelations 5.11-14 John 21.1-19

5:00 pm Intentions for Fr. George Nowak, CR, †Helen Kay

Sunday

8:00 am Intentions for Eileen Seifred

9:15 am ††Karl and Sophie Eppich, †Joseph Eppich, †Isolde Hromadka

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit resurrectionists.ca/vocations.

DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION

The First Feast of Mercy



Meditation: Low Sunday; that is, the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the conclusion of the Jubilee of Redemption. When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities were so closely united. I asked God for mercy on the souls of sinners. Toward the end of the service, when the priest took the Blessed Sacrament to bless the people, I saw the Lord Jesus as He is represented in the image. The Lord gave His blessing, and the rays extended over the whole world. ... I heard a voice, **This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it** (*Diary*, 420).

My Prayer Response: Thank you, St. Faustina, for your description of the first celebration of the Feast of Mercy, at the Shrine of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy in Vilnius (Shrine of Ostra Brama [The Dawn Gate]). What a marvel of God's timing that it was also the world's celebration of the 1,933rd anniversary of our redemption! (*Courtesy of Lighthouse Catholic Media*)

Coming Up at St. Mary's

- Apr. 2/3: All Masses - Building & Maintenance Collection
- Apr. 3: 3:00 pm Hour of Great Mercy
- Apr. 5: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
- 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- Apr. 6: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
- 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- Apr. 7: 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group
- 7:00 pm Mini Bible Study - Zechariah
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 9: 10:00 am "Come Holy Spirit" DVD Study
- Apr. 10: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting
- Apr. 12: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- Apr. 14: 1:00 pm German Men's & Ladies Group
- 7:00 pm Mini Bible Study - Zechariah
- Apr. 16: 10:00 am "Come Holy Spirit" DVD Study
- Apr. 16/17: All Masses St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Apr. 17: 10:15 am German Congregation Social

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will be **closed on Tuesday, April 5th and Wednesday, April 6th**. If you have an emergency, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

HOURLY OF GREAT MERCY



This Sunday, April 3rd 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!

MINI BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 7th and Thursday, April 14th, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Ania Krysciak, Chaplain at the University of Guelph, is offering a mini study on the book of Zechariah for 3 evenings in April, in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

COME HOLY SPIRIT



Saturdays at 10 am. "Come Holy Spirit" is a seven week DVD program by Dr. Tom Curran that will fan into flame the light of the Holy Spirit you received at Baptism and Confirmation. Prepare for the Feast of Pentecost! Join us in the Lower Hall. No materials required. All are welcome!

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday April 10th following 11 am Mass. Soup and beverages will be provided (you may wish to bring a brown bag sandwich). Join us in the Lower Hall, as we "walk" The Way of Light Stations of the Resurrection – looking forward to praying and celebrating with you!

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES IN QUEBEC

Monday, August 1st - Saturday, August 6th. Join us for our 42nd Pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, Sacred Heart Shrine, Beauvoir and St. Joseph's Oratory. Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR of St. Mary's Parish will accompany the group as Spiritual Director. For more information please refer to the poster on the bulletin boards or contact Rosie Gunn, 519-744-5923 or Erna Spoenlein, 519-743-1030.

OFFERTORY: Easter March 15 - 27, 2016

Easter Envelopes (238)	\$7,021.00
Loose Donations	\$1,284.55
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Sunday Donations	\$ 165.25
Good Friday-Needs of the Holy Land	\$2,719.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Events in Our Area

FREEPORT HOSPITAL, KITCHENER

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, April 7th from 9 - 10 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY, ST. AGATHA

MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY (No Meat) SHOWER

Saturday, April 9th from 10:30 am - 1 pm. The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master is Fr. Ron Voisin.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH, ELMIRA

GARAGE SALE

Friday, April 15th, 4 - 8 pm and Saturday, April 16th, 8 - 11 am. All are welcome!!! For more information please call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In this Year of Mercy, the Pope calls each of us to engage in works of mercy. In marriages we can do this by striving to have a conciliatory spirit. This can be done by comforting our spouse when they are having difficult days, forgiving our spouse when they offend us in word or deed and by patiently bearing wrongs, while expressing what we need instead. Marriage is a place of intimacy and love - both are strengthened when we purposely practice a conciliatory spirit.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Pope Francis, in his book *The Name of God is Mercy*, writes that "the family is the first school for children, it is the unwavering reference point for the young, it is there that we have been loved and learn to love, have been forgiven and learn to forgive." As parents our role is to teach with love, to raise up children of faith and to teach the ways of mercy. Parents allow, elicit, or maintain behaviours by their response to their children's actions. A child's future ability to thrive depends on parents taking the time to create habits and behaviours that will lead to success. Schools of love provide support, love and discipline to help their children grow. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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