



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

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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. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. – Assisting Priest
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
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 Tony at tonys.stmarys@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 weekdays, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:30 – 11:50 am
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday after Mass until 1:00 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office 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, free of charge. Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'! Visit tinyhometakeout.com for more information.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS December 14 - 19, 2021



Tuesday – St. John of the Cross

Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21.28-32

12:00 pm †Katherine Hubley

Wednesday – ferial

Isaiah 45.6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Luke 7.19-23

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Vicky Dvorak

Thursday – ferial

Isaiah 54.1-10 Luke 7.24-30

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Joanne Markovic

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

Friday – ferial

Genesis 49.2, 8-10 Matthew 1.1-17

12:00 pm †John Heffner

Saturday – ferial

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45

5:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory, †Joseph Roussy, For the Intentions of the Offak Family, For the Bartlett & Brazier Families, †Edith Brazier

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Ruth Ibey

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

This past Monday as I was rushing out of the Board Office, after hours, I saw someone who appeared to be homeless at the foyer phone, in what I thought was an attempt to enter the building. I was being "Martha" as I was in a rush and thought to myself: "I don't have time for this!" So I decided to try to ignore the fact that he was in the little foyer between the doors and make a quick escape to my next "very important" event.

Then he said: "Excuse me." At first, I was going to ignore him and keep moving but then I said: "I'm sorry I can't let you in. Only someone with whom you are meeting can do so." He replied: "I am not trying to get in." I judged that he was looking for money and I said: "I'm sorry but I can't give you money." To which he replied: "I'm not asking for money. I was wondering if someone could help me find St. Andrew's Church."

Busted! I had hastily judged this child of God and I had no right to do so! And so sheepishly I replied: "I can direct you. You are not very far." So I walked over to Weber St. with him and directed him to the corner of Queen and Weber. He was so grateful and said: "Thanks brother, I really appreciate it." and he began to walk towards his destination. At first, I didn't really want to see him. I didn't see him as a child of God. And here he was calling me his "brother"!

He turned my sorrow into JOY! I am always talking about and preaching about the fact that the Risen Lord will "appear" to us in many unexpected ways throughout the day. If only we had the "eyes" of faith to recognize him. The Risen Lord came to me and treated me with dignity and respect and with courtesy and gratitude. The Risen Lord called me: "brother." He turned my sorrow into JOY! This is the heart of Advent!

Written by: Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

SUNDAY MISSALS

There are still 2022 liturgical year Missals available. They can be purchased for \$5 at the back of the church and through the parish office. **Lectors:** please be sure to pick up your complimentary copy to enable you to prepare your readings in advance.

OFFERTORY – December 4/5, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$3,955.00
Christmas	\$125.00
Building Fund	\$547.00
Furnace Fund	\$800.00
Debt Fund	\$25.00
Outreach Fund	\$50.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

*St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
Christmas Mass Schedule*

*December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 12:00 Midnight*

*December 25 - Christmas Day
11:00 am*

*Registration is required for all Mass times
Please email stmarys@rogers.com
or call 519-576-3860*

Registration begins December 13th

A golden silhouette illustration of a nativity scene, showing Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a bright star above the stable.

FURNACE FUND

Reminder! We have an anonymous donor who is willing to match any and all donations given to the Furnace Fund from now until Thursday, December 29th - matching all donations up to 20,000. Please consider an end of year donation to the Furnace Fund knowing that it will count as double what you give and enable us to pay off the heating and air conditioning bill by the end of the year. Thank you for your support!

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church. They are labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the parish office if there are any errors in your name and/or address so that we can keep our records in order. Anyone who does not have envelopes and wishes to, please complete a Parish Registration form and submit it to the office. **PLEASE DO NOT use these new envelopes until 2022 as the numbers are different.** Any new envelopes received in 2021 will be held until January and the donation will not appear on your 2021 tax receipt. Thank you.

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Any donations to St. Mary's Church for the 2021 calendar year, must reach the parish office no later than noon on Thursday, December 30th to be included on a 2021 income tax receipt. This will enable us to process all donations before closing on the 31st and get the tax receipts ready in a timely manner. Any donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2022. Thank you for your cooperation.

IN OUR AREA

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7 - 8:30 pm on January 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



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