



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

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2019

**Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor**

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**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 [rienne.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:rienne.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](mailto: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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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 at [stmarysrcchurch.ca](http://stmarysrcchurch.ca), or by using the form provided at all church doors.

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 17 – 22, 2019

#### Tuesday – ferial

Genesis 49.2, 8-10 Matthew 1.1-17

12:00 pm †Adele Gahlinger

#### Wednesday – ferial

Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24

12:00 pm Intentions for Sylvia Keresztes

7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service

#### Thursday – ferial

Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25

10:00 am WCDSB Mass

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm Intentions for Vicky Dvorak

#### Friday – ferial

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38

12:00 pm For the Holy Father

#### Saturday – ferial

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45

8:00 am †Isabel Fassel

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-24

5:00 pm †Joe MacDonald, †Joseph Roussy, ††Brenda & Stephen Bacon, †Guenter Cwiklenski

#### Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am Intentions for Helen Dvorak

3:00 pm Intentions of the Belford Family

(Traditional Latin Mass)

### OFFERTORY – December 8, 2019

Sunday Offerings	\$5,586.49
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$35.00
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$317.00
Debt Fund Offerings	\$1,005.00

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

### VOCATIONS

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger, Vocation Director, Congregation of the Resurrection at 519-576-3860 or email [vocationculture@gmail.com](mailto:vocationculture@gmail.com).

### CR CORNER



All three readings on this third Sunday of Advent offer us comforting words. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "Have courage, do not be afraid" In the second reading, the letter of James points out: "Be patient! Do not lose heart!" In the gospel, we have the lovely words of Jesus spoken to his cousin John, "Happy the person who does not lose faith in me." These words shared by prophets as Isaiah and Jesus and the apostle James were comforting words to those who heard them. They all found themselves in situations where there was devastation in their lives. The chosen people in the time of Isaiah and the early Christians in the first century were suffering at the hands of the great Roman Empire and their temple was destroyed: a sign of God's presence to them. John the Baptist heard Jesus' words while he was in prison feeling discouraged for his situation after all the preaching he did.

How often do we find ourselves in those same situations in our lives when we believe that we are doing such good in the sight of God, but misfortunes or setbacks occur? We find our faith in God tested and face the temptation of giving up hope. These are opportunities for us to turn to prayer, the sacraments and the support from the community of faith to open our hearts to renewed trust in God. When the darkness of sin, tragedy and hurt overwhelm us, God's comforting words that were given through Jesus, James and Isaiah: "Do not be afraid; do not lose heart, I am with you" are words shared with us.

Written by Fr Dan Lobsinger, CR

### COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

#### December:

14/15: All Masses Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection

15: 9:30 am Parish Social

16: 8:00 pm Glorious Weakness Group

17: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

18: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

19: 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm 11 am Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Latin Choir Rehearsal

21: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

10:00 am Victoria Place Retirement Home Mass

22: 4:00 pm Latin Congregation Social

23: 8:00 pm Glorious Weakness Group

24: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



When your box is full, please bring it to the back of the church next weekend or to any of the Christmas Masses. For pick-up call Don at 519-573-6663. The Reverse Advent calendar encourages us to think of others as we wait to celebrate Jesus' birthday. What a great way to serve this Advent!

### 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**Envelopes are still in the hall for pick up.** They are labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the office if there are any errors in your name and/or address so 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 2020 as the numbers are different. Any 2020 envelopes received in 2019 will be held until January and the donation will not appear on your tax receipt for this year. Thank you.**

### WINTER OUTERWEAR DONATIONS

We are continuing to collect emergency winter **outerwear** throughout the winter season. Donations of coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots can be dropped off in the white bin at the back of the church. Items are available in our parish hall for anyone who needs it, and are also sent to the overflow shelters as needed.

### SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Now that the region's overflow shelters have opened, St. Mary's has been continuing to support the homeless by sending 100 sandwiches to St. Mark's overflow shelter every Friday evening until April. Each of the parish groups has been contacted and invited to sign up for a Friday. If your group has been missed and you would like to participate, email Rianne at rianne.stmarys@gmail.com. A special thank you to Jacqueline Heidenreich for coordinating this fantastic initiative! We are collecting donations for cheese, deli meat, and soft bread, either in-kind or through the Interac machine at the back of the church. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YW WOMEN'S SHELTER

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,** we are teaming up with Nexus church and Circle of Friends to host a Christmas party at the YW women's shelter. Everyone is invited to help decorate the YW shelter community room and wrap gifts from **6:30 – 8 pm on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.** We are also collecting baked goods for the party on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rianne if you are interested in joining.

### 2019 DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Financial donations to St. Mary's for the 2019 calendar year, must reach the parish no later than 11 am on **Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** to be included on your 2019 income tax receipt. **ALL Donations received after 11 am will be receipted in 2020. Thank you for your cooperation.**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 pm** For Our Parish Families  
**8:00 pm** For The Homeless in Downtown Kitchener  
**12:00 Midnight** For the Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas Flower Fund

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am** For the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish  
**1:00 pm** †John de Viveiros (Traditional Latin Mass)

#### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 pm** †Florence Chaplin

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11:00 am** For Our Parishioners  
**1:00 pm** Intentions for Jane Jagas (Traditional Latin Mass)

**Please note: There are no weekday Masses on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and no 8 am Mass on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

At Christmas we gather with love ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

### CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When death occurs or is expected, please contact the parish and we will assist you with your questions and liturgical arrangements. For more information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations please visit [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca) or call 1-800-661-5985.





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