



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.stmarysrchurch.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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**MASS INTENTIONS
December 21 - 26, 2021**



Tuesday – ferial

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45

12:00 pm †Paul Kessler

Wednesday – ferial

1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56

12:00 pm †Feliciano Boeiro & †Antonio Ratinho

Thursday – ferial

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Joaninha Farias

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24TH

Isaiah 62.1-5 Acts 13.16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1.18-25

4:00 pm For Our Parish Families

6:00 pm For Our Parishioners

8:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-16++

**Midnight For the Intentions of the Donors to
Christmas Flowers**

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25TH

Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18

11:00 am For the Sick and Shut-In of Our Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21

Luke 2.41-52

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am ††Paul & Martina Stagl

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

Last Sunday we celebrated Gaudete Sunday and this past week we have been lighting the pink or rose candle on our Advent Wreaths. Gaudete Sunday's second reading is from Philippians 4:4-7 that begins: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Gaudete is Latin for the English word: Rejoice.

Some of us might think that now the Church is telling me to be happy and jolly just like the secular world. But that is not the meaning of Gaudete! Happiness is a feeling based upon circumstances while Joy is an attitude that defies circumstances. Elise M. Boulding a Norwegian-born American Quaker sociologist had this to say about the subject: For the real difference between happiness and joy is this: happiness is grounded in this world, but joy is grounded in eternity. Happiness cannot encompass suffering and evil. Joy can. Happiness depends on the present. Joy leaps into the future and triumphantly creates a new present out of it.

So even though the days continue to get shorter. Even though the floods are rising in British Columbia. Even though tornadoes are swirling around the United States. Even though Omicron has reared its ugly head prolonging this never ending pandemic. We can still be joyful and rejoice because our Hope is in the Lord. Jesus is the foundation of our Joy! Putting the focus on ourselves we despair but putting the focus on Jesus we Rejoice! "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4)

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

OFFERTORY – December 11/12, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$2,656.00
Christmas	\$270.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Furnace Fund	\$715.00
Debt Fund	\$545.00
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



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!

PLEASE NOTE

There is no noon Mass on December 24th and no 5 pm Mass December 25th. There will also be no weekday noon Mass between Christmas and New Year's, December 28th through 31st.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from December 24th through to the 28th and will reopen on Wednesday, December 29th. We will also be closed December 31st through January 3rd and reopen on January 4th.

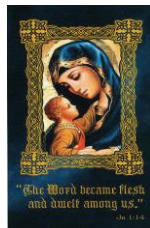
2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still at the back of the church for pick up. 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 received in 2022. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are **Friday, December 31st at 5 pm and Saturday, January 1st at 11 am.** The Blessed Virgin Mary said "yes" to God and gave birth to his son, Jesus. This event enriches and blesses our lives and our families. We can make our homes

places where love for Jesus is fostered. As we welcome this new year, may we be blessed by God and experience the peace that can come to us only through Christ.

January 1st is also World Day of Peace. Spend some time with your family to pray for peace around the world.

IN OUR AREA

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

The kickoff 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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