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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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week
December 21 - 27, 2015**



Monday - St. Peter Canisius

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45

12:10 pm †Ida and Joseph Boegel

Tuesday - ferial

1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Jeannette Henhoeffer

Wednesday - St. John of Kanty

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

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions of Sylvia Keresztes

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 62.11-12 Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.15-20

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th

5:00 pm Our Parish Families

8:00 pm †Frank Spoenlein, ††Adalbert and Emilie Scholtz, †Annette Schneider, †Frank Morscher, †John Petsch, †Resi Kump, †Adolf Kump, Living and Deceased Members of the Heffner Family, Living and Deceased Members of the Kessler Family

12:00 am Donors of Christmas Flowers

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th

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

Saturday, December 26th - Feast of St. Stephen

Acts 6.8-12;7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22

8:00 am †Ed and Jo Boudreau

4:00 pm Confessions

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.41-52

5:00 pm †Bernie Reitzel, †Josephine Cowan, †Alfons G. Hoegler, Intentions for Rosy Thang

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am †Annette Schneider, †Frank Morscher, †John Petsch, †Jacob Krohn, †Maria Forthuber

11:00 am †Deloris Rittinger

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Last April, on Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis published a letter about the Jubilee of Mercy entitled *The Face of Mercy*. In the first words of the document, the Holy Father invited us to look upon the face of the Lord Jesus as the face of God's mercy. It is Jesus, God's eternal Son, born of Mary in Bethlehem, who has revealed the Father's mercy to us "by his words, his actions, and his entire person".

So, during this time of celebrating the Incarnation of God, let us look at the *face* of baby Jesus and see in Him our Salvation, the *Gift of Mercy* from God the Father. Jesus is looking at us with the eyes of mercy, asking us to believe in Him and trust Him. May Mary, the Mother of Mercy, help us to respond to Jesus invitation.

With Love and Prayers,

Fr. George Nowak, CR and Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR

Coming Up at St. Mary's

Dec. 22:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 23:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Church)
Dec. 29:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 2:	8:30 am	First Saturday Adoration
	8:30 am	Seven Sorrows Rosary Group
Jan. 2/3:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Fund Collection
Jan. 5:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 7:	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group
Jan. 10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Jan. 12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies Group
Jan. 16/17:	All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Jan. 16:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social
Jan. 19:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 25:	5:30 pm	CWL Executive Meeting
Jan. 26:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 28:	7:30 pm	Candle-Light Prayer Vigil Talk & Social

2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2015 calendar year, **must reach the parish office by Wednesday, December 30th at 12 noon to be included on a 2015 income tax receipt.** This will enable us to process them before closing on the 31st. Donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2016. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The following is the schedule for the parish office during the Christmas Holidays:

- Thursday, December 24th - 8:30 am - 12:00 noon
- Friday, December 25th - Closed
- Monday, December 28th - Closed
- Tuesday, December 29th - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 30th - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Thursday, December 31st - 8:30 am - 12:00 noon
- Friday, January 1st - Closed

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Thursday, December 31st at 5 pm and Friday, 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.

OFFERTORY: DECEMBER 12-13, 2015

Sunday Envelopes (188)	\$4,305.25
Loose Donations	\$ 378.90
Building & Maintenance Fund (10)	\$ 95.00
Debt Fund	\$ 15.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

RESURRECTIONIST NEWS

Each month news items concerning the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection are posted on their web site, resurrectionist.ca. We encourage you to learn more about the priests who serve your parish, and also about their community.

Events in Our Area

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, KITCHENER

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Monday, December 21st at 7 pm. At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. AGATHA

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Now until December 23rd, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade jams, jellies, honey, loaves, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Thursday, December 24th beginning at 11:30 pm. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols. Both the Carols, and the Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8 am on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Life sometimes throws so much "stuff" at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

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