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**Robert Tasse - Music Director**

**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.

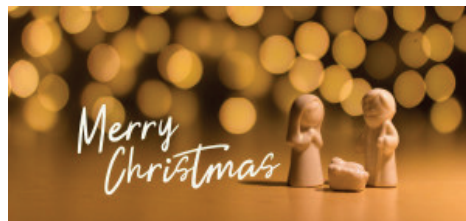
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in your estate plan and when recommending  
expressions of sympathy. Thank you.***

## FOURTH 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.



Emmanuel is another name for Jesus that means "God with us." It is extraordinary to ponder that the creator of the entire

universe wants to be that close to us. In our stables, homes, institutions, parks, and favourite getaway spots. God wants to be with us! To celebrate, console, teach, affirm, and offer us hope and peace during times of despair and unrest. It is because of the journey of profound love and forgiveness he, and those around him, walked for our sake that we are forever blessed with God's love. May we deepen our awareness of God desiring to be with us everytime we see the baby Jesus laying in a manger. And may we always respond with gratitude, love, and generosity towards others. Or as Bishop Crosby said in his Christmas address this year "we are blessed, and so we bless."

On behalf of all of the staff here at St. Mary's parish I would like to wish you and those you love a profound encounter with Jesus this Christmas as God's desire to be with us continues to be revealed through him.

Yours in Emmanuel,  
Fr. Toby Collins, CR - Pastor

### CR CORNER



The Advent-Christmas cycle in the liturgical year has to do primarily with the presence of Jesus Christ, past, present and future and so this liturgical time is divided up into three parts.

The **first** part of Advent (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent to December 16) deals with the *future* coming of Christ. It boldly announces Christ's second coming and encourages us to be awake, alert and prepared for "the Day of the Lord". The readings at Mass are identical to those of the end of the liturgical year and so the spiraling of liturgical time unfolds.

The **second** part of Advent (December 17 to December 24) deals with the *past* presence of Jesus. It deals with Christ's first coming among us by the power of the Holy Spirit and with Joseph and Mary's cooperation in God's plan. This is really the time to celebrate and remember his past birth among us.

The **third** part of the cycle (Christmas Eve until the Baptism of our Lord) deal with the *present* reality of Christ in our midst today! The Christmas season is not primarily about the past event of his birth, as most unfortunately believe it is; this season is primarily about "Emmanuel", which means: God With Us! Even though the secular world will be finished with Christmas by Christmas day, as Christians we focus our attention upon the fact that the child once born in Bethlehem IS STILL AMONG US NOW!

May we heed his future coming and be prepared! May we celebrate his first coming amongst us! May we BE and SEE his presence to and for one another! We pray that Emmanuel will bless you and yours with his special gifts of faith hope and love, now and in the upcoming year!

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### The Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

#### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

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

4:40 pm Christmas Carols

**5:00 pm For Our Parish Families**

7:40 pm German Christmas Carols

**8:00 pm For the Homeless in Downtown Kitchener**

11:40 pm Christmas Carols

**12:00 For the Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas Midnight Flowers**

#### Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

10:40 am Christmas Carols

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

**1:00 pm †John de Viveiros** (Traditional Latin Mass)

#### Thursday – St. Stephen

**NO ADORATION AND MASS TODAY**

#### Friday – St. John

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Saturday – The Holy Innocents

**NO 8:00 AM MASS TODAY**

4:00 am Confession

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

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

**5:00 pm Intentions for Levi Peter Dvorak, ††Aurea & Harold Cahill, †Tomek Olszewski**

#### Sunday

**8:30 am †John de Viveiros**

**11:00 am For Our Parishioners**

**3:00 pm †A. J. Peter** (Traditional Latin Mass)

7:00 pm Evensong

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

#### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve

Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21

**5:00 pm †Florence Chaplin**

#### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day

**11:00 am For Our Parishioners**

**1:00 pm Intentions for Jane Jagas** (Traditional Latin Mass)

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through to the 27<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will also be closed at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup> and reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S**

**December:**

- 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**
- 28: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
- 29: 4:00 pm Latin Congregation Social  
7:00 pm Evensong & Social
- 31: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach  
8:00 pm Living Sober Group

**January 2020**

- 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 4: 8:30 am First Saturday Adoration until 9:30 am  
9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
- 4/5: All Masses Monthly Building Fund Collection
- 5: 9:30 am Coffe Social (tentative on hall reno)  
11:00 am Coffe Social (tentative on hall reno)

**OFFERTORY – December 15, 2019**

Sunday Offerings	\$6,065.34
Outreach	\$374.00
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$20.00
Christmas Offerings	\$520.00
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$350.00
Debt Fund Offerings	\$5.00

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

**2019 DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Financial donations to St. Mary's for the 2019 calendar year, must reach the parish office 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.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**



Please bring your box of food to the back of the church at any of the Christmas Masses. For a 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. 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. 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!

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**




January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am and 1 pm (Traditional Latin). 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 1<sup>st</sup> is also World Day of Peace. Spend some time with your family to pray for peace around the world.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions is satisfied, you are encouraged to make your requests known as soon as possible. All intentions are on a first come basis. The offering of Mass for special intentions such as wedding anniversaries, for healing, for comfort to those who are sick, for deceased members of family and friends, for personal intentions, in thanksgiving for favours received, for a special intention, etc., is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. **Families may request 1 Sunday Mass (8 or 11 am), and any number of Weekday Masses each calendar year.** Multiple Intentions are available on Saturday at 5 pm Mass. Please visit our website and see if your preferred date(s) is available. Thank you.





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