

# 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](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com)**

**Website: [www.stmarysrchurch.ca](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://tinyhometakeout.com) for more information.



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

### MASS INTENTIONS

December 28, 2021 – January 2, 2022



### FROM SORROW TO JOY!

Like St. Mary many people who have contributed to A Better Tent City - building tiny homes for the homeless - have often felt called to say "yes" without knowing all the answers to questions that arise. During our recent move to Ardel Place there was some sadness because of the need for flush toilets, showers, and a place to gather and eat. We asked the question: How are we going to do all of this before it gets really cold? Then we get a call from David Buttler from Alair Homes! He offered to help orchestrate the digging, moving, engineering and renovating required. With much joy we can now say that flush toilets and showers are going to be a reality for Christmas! Thanks to David and the countless other advocates of A Better Tent City for the countless ways you continue to turn sorrows into Joy!

May Christ's hope and joy be with us all this Christmas, especially when we say "yes" to a call without knowing all the answers.

Written by: Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

#### Tuesday – The Holy Innocents

1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18

**No Mass Today**

#### Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of the Nativity

1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35

**No Mass Today**

#### Thursday – 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of the Nativity

1 John 2.12-17 Luke 2.36-40

**No Mass Today**

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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

**5:00 pm For the Intentions of Levi Dvorak**

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY – JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

**11:00 am For Our Parishioners**

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2.1-12

#### Sunday

**8:30 am †Jakob Berschl**

**11:00 am For Our Parishioners**

#### OFFERTORY: December 18/19, 2019

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in the January 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin. Thank you for your continued generous support!



### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed until December 28<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also be closed December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### FURNACE FUND

**REMINDER! ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT.** We have an anonymous donor who is willing to match any and all donations given to the Furnace Fund from now until Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - 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!

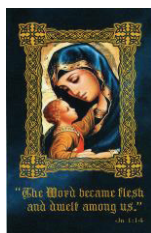
### 2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

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

### 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**If you haven't picked up your 2022 Offertory Envelopes, please do so this weekend. They are still 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.

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



#### January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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.

### IN OUR AREA

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY RESOURCE

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared the attached link to the diocese website with a beautiful resource for families to share and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family.

In particular, as we face new concerns with COVID-19 and in-person celebrations, many families may find this helpful in guiding their devotions at home.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/>

#### YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page:

<https://www.hamiltondiocesellearns.com/>





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