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Under the Guidance and Administration of the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection www.resurrectionist.ca

2018

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor
Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor
Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

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 our website. Please inform the office of any changes of address or telephone number.

Baptism and Marriage - 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 those inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office.

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. All enquires are confidential.

St. Vincent de Paul Update - Special thanks to the new wave of volunteers who are keeping this form of outreach going. We continue to share in Christ's life together through the time and monetary gifts we offer. Please continue to give with great generosity and know that your gifts are reaching those who need it most.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am 9:15 am (German/English) 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Please Refer to the Schedule Inside Bulletin

Confession

Thursday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm and 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.

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass.

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 Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, 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 Deadline: Please email any announcements by 4:00 pm Monday to be considered for the weekend bulletin.



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Monday, December 31st – New Year's Eve

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

5:00 pm ††Anna & Stephen Strauss & Family

Tuesday, January 1st – New Year's Day

9:15 am

(Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan

1:00 pm For the Przygocki Family

(Traditional Latin Mass)

Wednesday – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2.22-28 John 1.19-28

12:00 pm †Hubert Claerhout

Thursday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 2.29; 3.1-6 John 1.29-34

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am Confession until 12:00 pm

12:00 pm †John, †Barbara & †Michael Wingert

Friday – ferial

1 John 3.7-10 John 1.35-42

12:00 pm †Elizabeth Quinlan

Saturday - ferial

8:00 am For All Benefactors of the Congregation of the Resurrection

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

5:00 pm †George (Walter) Wunder

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00 am For All Volunteers of St. Mary's

9:15 am †Peter Sauer

(Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

3:00 pm For All Living & Deceased Members of the Latin
Mass Congregation (Traditional Latin Mass)

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES!



Effective Wednesday, January 2nd, weekday Masses from Tuesday through Friday will be held at 12 noon. Saturday Mass will remain at 8 am and Thursday Eucharistic Adoration will remain at 11 am.



On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of St Mary's Parish we wish you a blessed, happy, and holy New Year! Yours in Jesus name, Fr Toby, Fr Dan, and Fr Joseph.

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The Christmas Season in Conclusion...

God initiated a plan of salvation in the prophet Isaiah, through to John the Baptist, then the birth of the Messiah. This plan can be difficult to accept and have faith in. Sometimes we

want to be in control of our destiny, we don't want to be purged of what matters less, and we certainly don't want God to experience the poverty of a manger, derided by the crowd, and crucified next to thieves. Perhaps God does this to reveal to us that we're not in control after all. That we get side-tracked by things that don't matter in the end, and that we are capable of being very cruel. Why does God reveal this? Because we are one family and God wants to rub off on us. Wanting us to be more loving of each other. Wanting us to be more trusting of a God who made an eternal covenant of love with us the moment we were baptized. Wanting us to turn away from sin so that we can be more fully alive and freer to love and be loved. Wanting us all to admit we can be mean so a process of reconciliation can bring the family back together once and for all eternity. Reminding us that we were made for more and that God's desire to satisfy our deepest desires is more powerful and enduring than our desire to despair and go into hiding. That's what it means to be part of God's family. The baby Jesus may have reached you or even perplexed you this Christmas. This has been going on for centuries to remind us all that God never stops loving us and became one of us so that we would be reconciled to each other and God through the complete transparency and vulnerability of a baby. May his presence in our community continue to lay waste to what keeps us from becoming one family. And may his joy, forgiving heart, and eternal desire to reconcile all things to God rub off on each and every one of us in 2019!

Written by Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

OFFERTORY – December 16, 2018	
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,926.70
Sunday Loose	\$940.50
Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$706.15
Christmas Flowers Offerings	\$27.00
Christmas Offering	\$100.00
Building & Maintenance	\$267.00
B & M Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$230.31

We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for their generous support!

OFFERTORY: December 23 & 25, 2018

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in the January 6th bulletin. Thank You for your continued generous support!

2018 DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2018 calendar year, must reach the parish no later than 11 am on December 31st to be included on your 2018 income tax receipt. ALL Donations received after 11 am will be receipted in 2019. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times are Monday, December 31st at 5
pm and Tuesday, January 1st at 9:15 am
(German/English), 11 am (English) 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 1st is also World Day of Peace. Spend some time with your family to pray for peace around the world.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now available for pick up at the back (main doors) of the church. Be sure to pick up the correct box, 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 correct them and 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 2019 as the numbers are different. Any new envelopes received this year will be held until January and the donation will not appear on your 2018 tax receipt. Thank you.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S			
December:			
31:		PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED	
January 2019			
1:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
3:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
5:	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 pm	
	6:00 pm	Marienchor Christmas Party	
5/6:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Collection	
8:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Hamper Program	
	7:00 pm	Lector & Extraordinary Minister Meeting	
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
9:	5:00 pm	Altar Server Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
10:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
12:	9:00 am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	
13:	12:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting	
15:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
16:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
17:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our first Reverse Advent Calendar event. All of your efforts will help keep our St. Vincent de Paul pantry shelves full this winter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. David Catholic Secondary School

GRADE 8 PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, January 10^{th,} from 6:30 – 8 pm. Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15th, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.



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