



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
Tony D'Amato Stortz – Outreach Coordinator
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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS December 7 - 12, 2021



Tuesday – ferial

Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26

12:00 pm †Jose Carreiro & Edeviz Soza

Wednesday – St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14

12:00 pm †Italia Binelli

Thursday – ferial

Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-15

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Horacio Ballve

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

Friday – ferial

Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19

12:00 pm †Carl Glasser

Saturday – ferial

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.10-18

5:00 pm †Joe MacDonald, †Lydia Roussy, †Beatrice Kinahan, †Guenter Cwiklenski & Family & Kuebeck Family

Sunday

8:30 am For the Intentions of the Indigenous People of Canada

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

4:00 pm Taize Style Prayer

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

Like St. Mary, sometimes we say "yes" to something we believe is a response to a calling but we don't have all of the answers.

Building A Better Tent City was like this. Many people felt called to build but we didn't have the expertise or financial support we needed until 2 major partners stepped in to help. David Butler from Alair Homes offered to oversee the building of washrooms, showers, and a kitchen at our new site on Ardelt Place and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board stepped in with a large financial contribution as part of their concern for the homeless and the fulfillment of their pastoral theme called "Sent to Build."

Because of their contributions, so much anxiety and sorrow is turning to joy as construction continues toward completion in January. And as if that wasn't enough, volunteers like Dorothy, Danielle, and Lydia are providing showers and hospitality in our parish hall twice a week to bring warmth and care to the residents of A Better Tent City.

God is working through our faith and turning sorrow into joy!

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

FURNACE FUND

We have good news! 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!

SUNDAY MISSALS

There are still 2022 liturgical year Missals available. They can be purchased for \$5 at the back of the church and through the parish office. **Lectors:** please be sure to pick up your complimentary copy to enable you to prepare your readings in advance.

OFFERTORY – November 27/28, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$1,687.50
Christmas Flower Fund	\$645.00
Furnace Fund	\$1,530.20
Outreach Fund	\$150.00

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

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now ready for pick up 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.

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 receipted in 2022. Thank you for your cooperation.

IN OUR AREA

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

WHY@BREAKFAST

We are pleased to offer an online video presentation for your viewing anytime during Advent! **Sister Barbara Paleczny** will present "**St. Joseph: A Man Who Followed His Dreams.**" St. Joseph is well known for drawing on the wisdom of his dreams while carrying out his role as the earthly guardian of our Blessed Mother and our Christ Child. *No registration required!* Check out our website <https://whyatbreakfast.com> anytime during Advent! You are welcome to check out our links to past presentations on topics such as hope, healing, and receiving the Christ Child during difficult times too!

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

43RD ADVENT NOVENA



In keeping with the tradition that has been celebrated for many years, please join us at St. Agnes Parish, beginning **Friday, December 3rd at 7 pm.** Invite a friend to join you in preparing for the beautiful season of CHRISTMAS. Help us spread the word!

Note the Mass times for the rest of the week:

Saturday 9 am - Sunday – your own parish or 9 am or 11 am at St. Agnes

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 am

Thursday, Friday: 7 pm - Saturday: 9 am

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests, Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!



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