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Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor

Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor

Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

Penny Laurette - Admin Assistant

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 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.

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.

*In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church
in your estate plan and when recommending
expressions of sympathy. Thank you.*

SECOND 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, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 10 – 15, 2019

Tuesday – ferial

Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14

12:00 pm †Carl Glasser

Wednesday – ferial

Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30

12:00 pm ††Ida & Joseph Boegel

7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service

Thursday – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm †Adele Gahlinger

Friday – St. Lucy

Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19

12:00 pm Intentions for Victoria Maria Dvorak

Saturday – St. John of The Cross

Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13

8:00 am †Isabel Fassel

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

5:00 pm ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan, †Lydia Roussy,
†Tomek Olszewski

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Joseph Zettler

3:00 pm ††Joan & George Jones (Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – December 1, 2019

Sunday Offerings	\$9,379.24
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$257.00
Outreach Donations	\$530.00
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$961.00
Debt Fund Offerings	\$210.00

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

Every member of the Church has the responsibility of embracing their vocation in life and encouraging others to consider living out that same vocation with joy!

CR CORNER



The Prophet Isaiah is a key figure in our readings throughout the season of Advent. His role as prophet to the chosen people throughout salvation history came at a time where their hope in a Messiah was waning.

They had hoped that he would come and restore their prosperity after losing land, possessions, the temple and family to the invasion of the Assyrian empire. The prophet Isaiah had the task of continuing to preach the message of HOPE in a God that would be with them and restore all things in Jesus. His powerful image in the first reading of the “wolf shall live with the lamb and the leopard lie down with the kid, the bear shall graze with the cow” was his dream of a world where all live in peace and harmony with each other.

This dream was a far-fetched reality back then and it appears shared by many today. Wars, homelessness, poverty, persecution and discrimination continue to exist today. It is easy for us to lose hope in a loving, caring God when we keep praying for peace to no avail. However, the Advent season continues to call us to conversion in our hearts through prayer, penance and acts of loving service to others. John the Baptist in the gospel proclaims that we “prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths!” Are we preparing our hearts through these acts so that the path to our hearts are clear for Christ’s grace to enter? When Christ’s love, forgiveness and peace take root in our hearts and shared with others, THAT is where peace in our world can be a reality that Isaiah dreamed centuries ago.

Written by Fr Dan Lobsinger, CR

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

December:

7:	7:00 pm	John McDermott Concert for Hospice
7/8:	All Masses	K of C Christmas Nativity Sale
8:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social
9:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group
10:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
11:	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
12:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal
14:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
14/15:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
15:	9:30 am	Parish Social (tentative on hall reno)
16:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group
17:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
18:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
19:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The idea behind this seasonal calendar is simple. Pick out a sturdy basket or box or take one of the boxes provided at the back of the Church, decorate it, if you like, with Christmas paper and fill it with food for our St. Vincent de Paul Cupboard— one item for every day in December. During the winter months our pantry shelves quickly become bare and these donations help us to continue to help those in need during the cold winter months. When your box is full, bring it to the back of the church on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of Advent or to any of the Christmas Masses. For 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 ready for pick up in the Hall. They are labelled and in alphabetical order. 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 as the numbers are different. Any 2020 envelopes received in 2019 will be held until January and the donation will not appear on your tax receipt for this year. Thank you.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Wednesday, December 11th, beginning at 7 pm. We encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate Christmas with joy and renewed hearts.

Through this privileged encounter with God we are offered forgiveness, healing, made whole again and restored to intimacy with God. To prepare for this graced encounter with Jesus, we should begin by asking the Holy Spirit to give us insight into our innermost being so that we can discover what needs to be changed in our life and relationships, express true and sincere sorrow for our failures, be desirous of changing our life, confess our faults in the sacrament of reconciliation and do the penance assigned. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

2019 DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Financial donations to St. Mary's for the 2019 calendar year, must reach the parish no later than 11 am on Tuesday, December 31st 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm For Our Parish Families
8:00 pm For The Homeless in Downtown Kitchener
12:00 Midnight For the Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas Flower Fund

Wednesday, December 25th

11:00 am For the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish
1:00 pm †Bill Sullivan (Traditional Latin Mass)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st
11:00 am
1:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)


Please note: There are no weekday Masses on Thursday, December 26th and Friday, December 27th and no 8 am Mass on Saturday, December 28th.

HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

We have cleared out all the carpet and construction is set to begin before the end of the month. Plans are at the back of the church and we are very excited to have Gordiner Construction oversee the various phases that will leave us with a new kitchen, accessible washrooms, shower, tables, chairs, and flooring. If you would still like to make a domination to the project please fill out a form on the table in the back. Thank you once again for all of your prayers and financial support! Fr. Toby

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!



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