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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 11 - 16, 2018

Tuesday – St. Damasus 1

Matthew 18.12-14 Isaiah 40.1-11

8:00 am †Carl Glasser

7:00 pm Adoration with Young Adults Group

Wednesday – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47

8:00 am †Mary Fitzgerald

7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service

Thursday – St. Lucy

Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-15

9:30 am WCDSB Mass

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am Confession until 12:00 pm

12:10 pm For the Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday – St. John of The Cross

Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19

8:00 am For Deceased Members of the Jim Kelly Family

Saturday – ferial

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

8:00 am For the Conversion of Sinners

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 †Lydia Roussy, †Gina Reiko, †Reinhard Meier

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

†Richard Schwegel, †Bernhard Didio, For Helga 9:15 am (Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am For Helen Dvorak & All Members of the Dvorak Family

3:00 pm †Joseph Bolarinho (Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – December 2, 2018		
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,912.10	
Sunday Loose	\$560.9035	
Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$702.00	
Christmas Flowers Offerings	\$206.00	
Christmas Offerings	\$25.00	
Building & Maintenance	\$1,392.00	
B & M Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$203.60	
Debt Fund	\$160.00	
Renovation Fund	\$30.00	
We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors		

for their generous support!

CR CORNER



In today's first reading from Baruch we read "Take off the garment of your sorrow and affection, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God." This passage speaks to us about God's desire to remove our

pain and suffering and sorrow and to replace it with the oil of gladness, the calm of peace and the experience of joy. This season of Advent challenges us to ask ourselves the question: Do we truly believe this? Do we truly believe that God can and is doing this?

The prophet Baruch goes on to say: "For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that comes from him." This season of Advent challenges us to ask ourselves the question: Do we believe that sorrow and vengeance and sin will win out over God's plan for us? And if we do, are we open to allowing the transforming power of God's love to work in our hearts?

Are we open to becoming more like St. Paul in our second reading to the Philippians and to pray with greater joy? Like Saint Paul, are we willing to grow in confidence that the One who began good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ? As Autumn gives way to Winter, Advent is this graced time to sit with these questions.

Written by: Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S		
December		
9:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
10:	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
11:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Hamper Program
	7:00 pm	Young Adult's Group Adoration and Praise & Worship
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
12:	7:00 pm	ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
	7:30 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
13:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies' Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
15:	9:00 am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
15/16:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
16:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social
18:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Hamper Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
19:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
20:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
23:	7:00 pm	Evensong & Social
27/28:	PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO MASSES IN THESE DAYS	
		PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
29:	PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO 8 AM MASS	
31:	PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED	

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The idea behind this calendar is simple. Pick out a sturdy basket or box and fill it with food for our St. Vincent de Paul – one item for every day in December. During the winter months our pantry shelves quickly become bare and these donations will help us keep stocked up so we can continue to help those in need during the cold winter months. When your boxes are filled, bring them to the Lower Hall – on the 4th Sunday of Advent or any of the Christmas Masses. The Reverse Advent calendar encourages us to think of others as we wait to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Please see the insert in this bulletin for needed items. What a great way to serve this Advent!

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



This Sunday, December 9th following 11 am Mass. Please join us in the Lower Hall for our annual Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon - beverages will be provided but please

remember to bring, not only your FAVOURITE food(s) to share, but your plates and cutlery as well. As we've done in the past, and in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas Giving, we will again be supporting and putting together a 'care package' for the Mom's and babies (ages 0 - 2) at Marillac Place. Personal hygiene products or articles, and/or gift cards for food and baby supplies, would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and refreshments with one another, as we pray and anxiously anticipate the Birth of Jesus!

ADORATION, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

<u>Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm.</u> All are invited to gather for an evening of reflection and silence in preparation for the birth of our Lord. Praise and worship will be led by a musical team of St. Mary's Young Adults. This is an opportunity to be in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. Several priests will also be available to hear confession. Let us adore and praise him in thanksgiving together!

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be ready for pick up in the Lower Hall next weekend. Be sure to pick up the correct box, they will be 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 will be 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Wednesday, December 12th, 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Waterdown
BIGGEST CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER!

Saturday, December 15th beginning with Mass at 5 pm. If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, and single, a couple or married, this will be THE place to BE! An awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner, live entertainment, dancing, DJ, photobooth, door prizes and more! Cash Bar. Asking a suggested \$25 per person. Menu is still being finalized but it will be surf n'turf! Please RSVP before December 12th. Contact: Justin Peter at 1-905-689-4857 ext. 8 or jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com, OR say 'Going' on the 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' Facebook Page. Please include dietary requirements.



A compilation of all questions are available at oneheartonesoul.ca. What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?

The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.



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