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The 160th Anniversary of Our Parish

The building of the first church extended from 1854 to 1856, and the assignment of a residing Pastor the following year, officially marked the establishment of the Parish

IN 2017 WE CELEBRATE

The Centennial of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

We are asked to do penance and pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world



Father George Nowak, C.R. - Pastor

Father Paul Szymanowski, C.R. - Associate Pastor

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 - Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically - unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Mary's, the Sacraments are available to **regularly attending parishioners who have been registered at least 1 year**. 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 registered parishioners inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office 1 year before the preferred date.

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 or contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or crvocations@gmail.com. All enquires are confidential.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am 9:15 am (German/English) 11:00 am
(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Weekday Masses and Devotions

Please Refer to the Schedule Inside Bulletin

Confession

Saturday : 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Weekdays: Before Daily Mass

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday 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 12:00 noon.

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 Confession, Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, be sure 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.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Please email any announcements by 4:00 pm Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 and to request Sunday Offertory envelopes, please complete a Registration form – either online at the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

Mass Intentions: December 11 – 17, 2017

Monday	<i>St. Damasus I</i>
Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26	
12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory	
7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service	
Tuesday	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am For Health & God's Blessings for Wojtek & Adam	
Wednesday	<i>St. Lucy</i>
Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am †Maria Luiza Damota	
7:00 pm In Reparation for the Sins of Canada	
Thursday	<i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-15	
11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration	
11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
12:10 pm For Deceased Benefactors & Parents of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Intentions for Veronica Dean & John Leech, Intentions for M. Ostrowski & Family	
Friday	<i>ferial</i>
Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am Intentions for Nicole Vieux-Fort	
Saturday	<i>ferial</i>
Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13	
8:00 am For the Protection of Christianity	
4:00 pm Confession	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	
5:00 pm †Joseph Roussy, †Eileen Malleck, †Frances Hieronimus, †Marie Englert	
Sunday	
8:00 am Souls in Purgatory	
9:15 am †Bernhard Didio, †Rosalia Kupersmidt	
11:00 am Our Parishioners	

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

St. Joseph Sunday Missals for the 2018 Liturgical year are still available at all Church doors. The cost is \$5.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

December:

10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
11:	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
13:	7:00 pm	Mass & Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima
	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Lady's Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
15/16:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
17:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social
19:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
20:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
21:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
25/26:		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
26:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group

OFFERTORY: December 2 & 3, 2017

Sunday Envelopes (172 of 305 env. – avg. \$21.26)	\$3,930.00
Loose Offerings	\$398.75
Building & Maintenance Envelopes	\$3,279.15
Debt Fund	\$540.00
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$120.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still in the Lower Hall. Be sure to pick up the correct box, they are labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the parish office if there are any discrepancies so that we can correct any errors 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 2018 envelopes in 2017! Any donations received in a 2018 envelope will be held until January and WILL NOT appear on your 2017 income tax receipt.** Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



This Sunday, December 10th following 11 am

Mass. Join us in the Lower Hall for our annual

Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon - beverages

provided. Remember to bring, not only your

FAVOURITE food(s) to share, but your plates/cutlery as well. As in the past, and in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas Giving, we are putting together a 'care package' for Marillac Place. Personal hygiene products 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!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



This, Monday, 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Wednesday, December 13th at 7 pm. Join us as we continue our commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Following the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we enter into a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Together, we pray the Rosary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, in reparation for sins, followed by Benediction. Everyone is welcome.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge
COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS ...

Monday, December 11th from 7 – 8:30 pm. Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas when you have lost a loved one. Facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. This event is FREE of charge, but please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443.

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

Saturday, December 16th beginning with Mass at 5 pm. After the amazing success of last year Catholic Young Adults groups across the Diocese of Hamilton (& Beyond!) are coming together for ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY! We want to invite all Young Adults near and far to come out! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to BE to meet other Young Adult Catholics. An awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner, live entertainment, door prizes, photo-booth, cash bar, DJ and dance floor. \$20 donation (\$45 value) at the door. Consider yourself INVITED! Please RSVP before December 14 (we need to get numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com or call 1-905 689 4857 ext. 8. Search "The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 2!" on Facebook.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener
LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, December 21st at 7 pm. If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. For more information please call 519-745-7301.

Dublin, Ireland
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place August 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **BUT** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018 or call Teresa Hartnett at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250. **Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 pm For Our Parish Families
†Adalbert & Emilie Scholtz, †Edith Leidl,

8:00 pm †Adolf Kump, †Viktor & Alexander Pomper, †Stefie Mausser

12:00 Midnight For the Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas Flower Fund

Monday, December 25th

11:00 am For the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Feast of St. Stephen Tuesday, December 26th

8:00 am †Doreen Yawney

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God


Sunday, December 31st

5:00 pm †Sam Hicks

Monday, January 1st

9:15 am

11:00 am †Deloris Rittinger



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