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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.

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

THIRD 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 please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS December 18 - 23, 2018

Tuesday – ferial

Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24

8:00 am †Mary Fitzgerald

7:00 pm Adoration with Young Adults Group

Wednesday – ferial

Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25

8:00 am Special Intention

Thursday – ferial

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38

10:00 am WCDSB Mass

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am Confession until 12:00 pm

12:10 pm For Helen Shantz

Friday – St. Peter Canisius

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45

8:00 am †Jeanet Cresswell

Saturday – ferial

1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56

8:00 am For the Protection of Christians

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45

**5:00 pm ††Stephen & Brenda Bacon, †Joseph Roussy, For
Magdalena & Joe Kocsis, ††Alfons & Evan
Hoegler, For the Dean, Leech & Kania Families,
†Elizabeth Williams**

Sunday

8:00 am †Gerald Robillard

9:15 am †Viktor Pomper (Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

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

OFFERTORY – December 9, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,418.40
Sunday Loose	\$744.05
Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$702.00
Christmas Flowers Offerings	\$110.00
Building & Maintenance	\$197.00
B & M Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$203.60
Debt Fund	\$70.00

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

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

December:

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 ON 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!

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now ready for pick up in the Lower Hall. 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.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

St. Joseph Sunday Missals for the 2019 Liturgical year are still available at all Church doors. The cost is \$5.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

Monday, December 24th

5:00 pm For Our Parish Families

8:00 pm †Emilie & Adalbert Scholtz
(Bilingual German/English Mass)

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

Tuesday, December 25th

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

1:00 pm †Bill Sullivan (Traditional Latin Mass)

***Feast of St. Stephen* Wednesday, December 26th**

8:00 am †Rita Rudolph

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st

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

Monday, January 1st

9:15 am (Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am

1:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

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.



PRAYER SHAWLS



Please remember: Prayer shawls for those experiencing difficulties and joyous events are **free** and available in the parish office. Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, 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.



A compilation of all questions are available at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese’s operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese’s disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I’ve heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can’t those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: “All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy.” For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.

What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese’s financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.



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