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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*

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 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 18 – 24, 2017

Monday <i>ferial</i>
Jeremiah 23.5-8 Matthew 1.18-24 12:10 pm †Sabina Kuczynski
Tuesday <i>ferial</i>
Judges 13.2-7, 24-25a Luke 1.5-25 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am †Zbigniew Kuczynski
Wednesday <i>ferial</i>
Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am Intentions for all the Steuernal Grandchildren
Thursday <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration 11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:10 pm For Vocations to the Congregation of the Resurrection, †Jan Michalowski
Friday <i>ferial</i>
1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am †Alfons Hoegler
Saturday <i>St. John of Kanty</i>
Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66 8:00 am For the Protection of Our Children 4:00 pm Confession
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38 5:00 pm †Stephen Bacon, †Joe MacDonald, Intentions for Herb & Gina Reiko, †Lee Grespan
Sunday
8:00 am For Our Parishioners 9:15 am †Edith Leidl, †Sebastian Schoenhoeffer 11:00 am †Jothy Arockiasamy

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:	
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
January 2018:	
1:	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
2:	8:00 pm Living Sober Group
6:	8:30 am First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration
	8:30 am Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions
6/7:	All Masses Building & Maintenance Fund Collection
9:	8:00 pm Living Sober Group
11:	1:00 pm German Men's & Lady's Group

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, †Adolf Kump, ††Viktor & Alexander
8:00 pm Pomper, †Stefie Mausser, ††Ottilia & Ferdinand Birl, ††Maria & Lazlow Vadaslacky, †Loepolda Bittrich	
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	

OFFERTORY: December 9 & 10, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,168.00
Loose Offerings	\$379.20
Building & Maintenance Envelopes	\$780.00
Debt Fund	\$205.00
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$100.00
Christmas Offerings	\$575.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still in the Lower Hall. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. Be sure to notify the parish office if there are any discrepancies (name/address) 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.

2017 DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2017 calendar year, must reach the parish no later than during the 11 am Mass on December 31st to be included on your 2017 income tax receipt. ALL Donations received at the 5 pm Mass on December 31st will be receipted in 2018. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Sunday, December 31st at 5 pm and Monday, January 1st at 9:15 am (German/English) and 11 am. 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

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.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Salt+Light Catholic Television will air the celebration live on television and on their website. CHTV of Hamilton will also carry the telecast. This year we are happy to welcome Father Paul Murray, OP and Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Rome) as special guests.


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.**

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Rita McNeil's Christmas song titled, *With My Family*, has the following line: "All I want under my tree is peace and love and harmony." It is what we all want in our relationships, but it is important to ask ourselves what we are willing to do to get it. Will we take a peaceful approach to conflict, will we love the good pieces and the struggling pieces of our spouses and will we act in ways that bring us together in our decisions. The line ends with, "Wrap it with a ribbon please, I'll share it with my family." What a great Christmas gift to your spouse – a promise to work on peace and love and harmony! (Family Ministry Office, 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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