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the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection*
www.resurrectionist.ca



Father George Nowak, CR - Pastor

Father Paul Szymanowski, CR - 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 **registered, regularly attending parishioners only**. 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 parishioners inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office at least one 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, CR, 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: Monday's by 4:00 pm.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you feel at home. If you are new to St. Mary's, please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Parish Family by completing a registration form.

Mass Schedule and Intentions December 19 - 25, 2016

Monday - ferial - Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

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

12:10 pm †Sam Hicks

Tuesday - ferial

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d Luke 1.26-38

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Mary Glover

Wednesday - St. Peter Canisius

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Luke 1.39-45

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions of Jim Glover

Thursday - ferial

1 Samuel 1.24-28 Luke 1.46-56

9:30 am WCDSB Mass

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For the Beatification of the Founds of the Congregation of the Resurrection, †Iria Soares Vagas

Friday - St. John of Kanty

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6 Luke 1.57-66

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Special Intention

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, December 24th

5:00 pm Our Parish Families

8:00 pm ††Andreas and Rosalie Petsche and Family, †Edward Ronald Dale, Deceased Members of the Piller and Berschl Families, ††Leopold and Theresia Farkas, ††Frank and Anna Gruber Sr., ††Adalbert and Emilie Scholtz, †Andreas Kikel, †George Molinauskas

12:00 am Intentions of the Donors to the Flower Fund

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, December 25th

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



We extend a heartfelt thank you to St. Mary's Mannergruppe for their generous donation to the parish.

2016 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's Parish for the 2016 calendar year, **must** reach the parish office by Thursday, December 29th before 12 noon to be included on a 2016 income tax receipt. This enables us to process all donations before closing on the 30th. **Donations received after December 29th will be receipted in 2017.** Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The following is the schedule for the parish office during the Christmas Holidays:

Friday, December 23 rd	- Closed
Monday, December 26 th	- Closed
Tuesday, December 27 th	- Closed
Wednesday, December 28 th	- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday, December 29 th	- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday, December 30 th	- 8:30 am - 1 pm
Monday, January 2 nd	- Closed

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Saturday, December 31st at 5 pm and Sunday, 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.

OUR WEBSITE - www.stmarysrcchurch.ca

Did you know ... you can view and request Mass intentions, make a donation to St. Mary's by debit/credit card or your PayPal account, check out our weekly bulletin, or look at the events calendar to see what's happening, all from our website? Visitors to the site have commented how beautifully designed and easy it is to navigate. If you haven't yet checked it out, please do! We would love to hear your feedback! Thanks again to Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR, for taking on this monumental project.

OFFERTORY: December 10 - 11, 2016

Sunday Donations	\$4,752.00
Loose Donations	\$ 421.99
Christmas Flower Fund Donations	\$ 25.00
Building & Maintenance Donations	\$ 225.00
Debt Fund Donations	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE - DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament. Our local MPP's are:

Kitchener Centre : Daiene Vernile (Liberal)

3-379 Queen Street South, Kitchener ON N2G 1W6

Kitchener-Conestoga : Michael Harris (PC)

4-4281 King Street East Kitchener ON N2P 2E9

Kitchener-Waterloo : Catherine Fife (NDP)

401-22 King Street South, Waterloo ON N2J 1N8

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Until December 18TH, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, 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. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister visit vocationculture.ca.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ The King, Hamilton

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Saturday, December 24th beginning at 11:30 pm. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass, preceded by Carols. Both the Carols, and the Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8 am on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LAUDATO SI, A CALL TO CONVERSION

Wednesday, January 11th, 7 pm. Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but *Laudato Si* is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB)

Knights of Columbus Centre, Waterloo

STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR

Saturday January 14th. - Why Abortion Statistics Matter featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema, Lawyer at ARPA Canada. Fish and Chip Dinner at 5 pm \$10. Social at 4:30 pm - Speakers at 6 pm with Silent Auction - All proceeds go the STOP CENSORSHIP Initiative Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve your place or table. Sponsored by KW Right to Life.

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