

# St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

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**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](http://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*

## FOURTH 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.



May the birth of Christ be for you and those you love a source of joy and peace this Christmas and throughout the year.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

December 25, 2018 – January 1, 2019

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### The Solemnity of The Nativity of The Lord

#### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62.11-12 Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.15-20

**5:00 pm** For Our Parish Families

7:40 pm German Christmas Carols

**8:00 pm** ††Emilie & Adalbert Scholtz, †Ernst, †Stefie & †Ewald Mausser, †Adolf Kump  
(Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:40 pm Christmas Carols

**12:00** For the Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas Midnight Flowers

#### Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

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

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

#### Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – The Feast of St. Stephen

Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22

**11:00 am** †Rita Rudolph

#### Thursday – St. John

**NO ADORATION AND MASS TODAY**

#### Friday – The Holy Innocents

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Saturday – Fifth Day Within The Octave of The Nativity

**NO 8:00 AM MASS TODAY**

4:00 am Confession

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.41-52

**5:00 pm** ††Aurea & Harold Cahill, †Joe MacDonald, †Sam Hicks

#### Sunday

**8:00 am** †Mary Fitzgerald

**9:15 am** (Bilingual German/English Mass)

**11:00 am** For Our Parishioners

**3:00 pm** For Mike Fedy (Traditional Latin Mass)

7:00 pm Evensong

#### The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

#### Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve

Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21

**9:15 am** (Bilingual German/English Mass)

**11:00 am** ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan

**1:00 pm** For the Przygocki Family

### CR CORNER



With just a few days away from Christmas, it is appropriate that we put attention on Mary, our mother. Jesus is of course, the Word-made-flesh and is the reason for this great feast. However, it was Mary's humble cooperation with the plan of salvation God had for his people that made the Incarnation of God a reality. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth calls Mary *blessed* because God chooses her to be the mother of Jesus.

To grow in love for Jesus and to be with God one day in heaven, we must imitate Mary's example of being obedient to God's will and God's plan for our lives. We must also turn to our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf so that we may be receptive to the graces to remain steadfast in faith and love of our Lord.

Elizabeth's visit to Mary strengthened her to believe in the message God planned for her and for her son, John the Baptist. The angels announced that her son would be great in the eyes of God and humankind and that he would prepare a people fit for the Lord (Luke 1:17). This was not easy for Elizabeth to believe since she was known to be barren. Nevertheless, the word of God was fulfilled, and John was born.

Mary continues today to help people believe that what God promises for his people will be fulfilled. Elizabeth asked the question "*why should the mother of my Lord come to see me?*" Do each of us ask the same questions about whether or not we are worthy and fit for the kingdom or why would Jesus come to the earth to save someone like me?" Mary's "yes" to God's invitation even though she did not always understand how this could come about, helps guide us to echo that same "yes" to God and to trust in his loving providence even when we don't always understand.

Written by: Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R.

**OFFERTORY: December 16, 2018**

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in the December 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Thank You for your continued generous support!

**COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S**

**December:**

- 24: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- 30: 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

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

**January 2019**

- 5: 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 pm
- 6:00 pm Marienchor Christmas Party
- 5/6: All Masses Building & Maintenance Collection

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

Please be sure to bring your box filled with goodies for our St. Vincent de Paul to any of the Christmas Masses. It can be dropped off at the main doors of the church. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this project. Your efforts will help keep our pantry shelves full this winter.

**2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Envelopes are still available for pick up 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 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 are 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Effective Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, weekday Masses from Tuesday through Friday will be held at 12 noon. Saturday Mass will remain at 8 am and Thursday Eucharistic Adoration will remain at 11 am.

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> is also World Day of Peace. Spend some time with your family to pray for peace around the world.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**



A compilation of all questions are available at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://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.

**Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?**

There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.



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