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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*

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 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.



Dear Parishioners and Guests,

As the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima comes to an end, we recall that it was to three shepherd children that Our Blessed Mother appeared. She brought with her a simple message – pray the Rosary for peace in the world, offer sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offenses against her Immaculate Heart.

How relevant is this message in our own day! Our Holy Father has remarked several times that another world war is already occurring, being fought in a “piecemeal” fashion. The multiplication of sins, some publicly condemned, others actively promoted, fills our headlines. And how the indifference, disrespect, and sometimes even hostility of her children pierces the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Saviour.

Yet, “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it,” because there was another message given to shepherds, a message of hope. “Good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” As we, together with the wise men and the shepherds, commemorate the Nativity of Our God in history, may we welcome Him this Christmas season, and look with hope to His coming again in glory.

With Love and Prayers,
Fr. George Nowak CR, and Cl. Raphael Ma CR

Mass Intentions: December 25, 2017 - January 1, 2018	
Monday	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-6 John 1.1-18 11:00 am For the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish	
Tuesday	St. Stephen
Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am †Doreen Yawney	
Wednesday	St. John
1 John 1.1-4 John 20.2-8 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am Intentions for Sidonie Vieux-Fort	
Thursday	The Holy Innocents
1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration 11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:10 pm For the Beatification of the Founders of the Congregation of the Resurrection	
Friday	St. Thomas Becket
1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	Sixth Day Within the Octave of The Nativity
1 John 2.12-17 Luke 2.36-40 8:00 am For the Protection of Christians 4:00 pm Confession	
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	
Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.22-40 Intentions of Steve & Gisela Steuernol on Their 40th Wedding Anniversary, †Jan Michalowski, †Eileen Malleck	
Sunday	
8:00 am For Our Parishioners 9:15 am †Ignatius Yo 11:00 am †Sam Hicks	
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	
5:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Monday, January 1st	
9:15 am 11:00 am †Deloris Rittinger	

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S	
December:	
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 & Ladies' Group

OFFERTORY: December 23, 24 & Christmas 2017

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in the January 7th bulletin. Thank You for your continued generous support!

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

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.



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.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 6th from 11 am – 12 noon (during First Saturday Adoration). Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist - Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. *a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life... St.JP2.* Call KW Right to Life for more information or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. 519-746-5433 *Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11.*

MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 am. Everyone is invited to join us for Morning Prayer followed by 8 am Mass.

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ...

A reminder to everyone that the members of the Parish Prayer Network will joyfully pray for your intentions. Please call the parish office, 519-576-3860, with your requests. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Parish Prayer Network team! Their dedication to the ministry of prayer is greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

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.

St. Boniface Church, Maryhill


ADORATION FOR LIFE

Friday, January 5th from 8:45 – 10 am. Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist - Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Call KW Right to Life for more information or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. 519-746-5433.

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday, January 21st at 1:30 pm. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.



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