

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

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**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](http://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations) or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto: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*

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



### **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 26, 2016 - January 1, 2017**

#### **Monday - St. Stephen**

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

**11:00 am** †Bernice Couture

#### **Tuesday - St. John**

1 John 1.1-4 John 20.2-8

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am** †Cecile Gamache

#### **Wednesday - The Holy Innocents**

1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am** †Renie Classens

#### **Thursday - St. Thomas Becket**

1 John 2.3-11 Luke 2.22-35

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**12:10 pm** For the Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection

#### **Friday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am** Intentions of Steve and Gisela Steuernol

#### **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

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

#### **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 pm** †Jean-Charles (Chuck) Bélanger

#### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:15 am** †Kathleen Tasse, †George Molinauskas,  
†Andreas Kikel

**11:00 am** †Kathleen Tasse

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Visit [vocationculture.ca](http://vocationculture.ca) for more information.



*Dear Parishioners and Guests,*

*For many people throughout the world, this has been a difficult year. Heaven has received many new martyrs and saints. Just like the martyrs and saints, we too are called to give witness to our faith, especially where the secular seems to leave no room for the sacred.*

*As we commemorate the Nativity of God, in the first coming of Jesus, born in Bethlehem, we also await in hope, His second coming as our King. Yet even now, we can enthrone him as our King and allow Jesus to reign in our hearts and homes. Let us look to our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who allowed God's Holy Will to be made fruitful within her through the virtues of humility and courage. And may we too, humbly kneel before our infant Lord and courageously choose to follow him. May our precious Saviour fill our trusting hearts with his love that together we might joyfully sing with all the saints and angels in heaven: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth."*

*With Love and Prayers,*

*Fr. George Nowak, CR and Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR*

#### **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

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

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - Closed

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> - Closed

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - 1 pm

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Closed

#### **2016 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

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



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.

### **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



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

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

To ensure that everyone’s desire regarding Mass Intentions may be satisfied, you are encouraged to make your requests known as soon as possible. The offering of Mass for special intentions such as wedding anniversaries, for healing, for comfort to those who are sick, for deceased members of family and friends, for personal intentions, for thanksgiving for favours received, for a “special” intention, etc., is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. All intentions are reserved on a first come basis. We urge you to give serious consideration to availing yourself of this special opportunity for grace and exercise of faith. You can check our website to see if your preferred dates are available. Under the “Parish Life” click on “Mass Intention Request”. You will be directed to a calendar with all booked intentions. From there you can send a request to book your intention. Mass Intentions may also be paid for online by clicking the “Give Online” button. Please make sure you indicate in the comments section that it is for a Mass Intention.

### **OFFERTORY: December 17 - 18, 2016**

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in the January 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin. Thank You for your continued generous support!

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

#### **LAUDATO SI, A CALL TO CONVERSION**

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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)

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#### **STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR**

**Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>.** - 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.

#### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

At Christmas it’s easy for children to get so wrapped up in what they want that they forget the reason for the season: the birth of Christ. Jesus came to offer a great sacrifice – his life so our sins could be forgiven. He taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care of 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. When we teach our children what Christmas really represents and why we celebrate, it helps them know God loves them and to spread his love to others.

#### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Pope Francis, in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), challenges married couples to understand that their love is a call to sacrificial love. He invites each spouse to see their married love as love that must be first and fore-most self-giving. When a person in a relationship understands this, it helps them to reach beyond themselves and indeed grow. When we take the time to discern our vision of married life and then reach into ourselves to make it happen, both spouses benefit. The Pope is reminding us that love may not be perfect, but it is love and when we nurture it from within, we strengthen and build a deep bond between us.

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