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JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

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 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 details regarding 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*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week

December 28, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Monday - The Holy Innocents

1 John 1.5-2.2 Matthew 2.13-18

12:10 pm †Sam Hicks

Tuesday - St. Thomas Becket

1 John 2.1-11 Luke 2.22-35

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions of Christine and Paul Kalan

Wednesday - 6th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

1 John 2.12-17 Luke 2.36-40

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions of Gisela and Steve Steuernal

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31st

5:00 pm Intentions of Rosy Thang

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1st

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Saturday - St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

Acts 6.8-12;7.54-59 Matthew 10.17-22

8:00 am †Ed and Jo Boudreau

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon

4:00 pm Confessions

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12

Monthly Building and Maintenance Collection

5:00 pm ††Eddy and Betty Strub

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am †John Petsch

11:00 am †Jeannette Henhoeffter



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.



BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Dear Parishioners and our Guests,

In the Holy Year of Mercy let us open our hearts and minds to our God who is "rich in mercy". God is rich in mercy especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. Let us place this sacrament at the centre of our life, for the mighty power of God is revealed in his endless capacity to forgive our sins and give us new life in Christ. May our experience of God's mercy empower us to do mercy to others. The practice of charity often leads others to Christ and his Church. Pope Francis in his letter on mercy writes this:

"It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead."

In order to pick up these challenges let us ask Mary, the Mother of Mercy, to accompany us along the way.

With Love and Prayers,

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The following is the schedule for the parish office during the New Year Holiday:

Monday, December 28 th	- Closed
Tuesday, December 29 th	- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday, December 30 th	- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday, December 31 st	- 8:30 am - 12:00 noon
Friday, January 1 st	- Closed
Monday, January 3 rd	- Regular hours resume

Coming Up at St. Mary's

Dec. 29:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 2:	8:30 am	First Saturday Adoration
	8:30 am	Seven Sorrows Rosary Group
Jan. 2/3:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Fund Collection
Jan. 5:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Jan. 6:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
Jan. 7:	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group
Jan. 10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Jan. 12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 13:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Church)
Jan. 14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 16/17:	All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Jan. 17:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social
Jan. 19:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 20	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
Jan. 21	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 25:	5:30 pm	CWL Executive Meeting
Jan. 26:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
Jan. 27:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
Jan. 28:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	RTL Candle-Light Prayer Vigil Talk/Social

2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2015 calendar year, must reach the parish office by Wednesday, December 30th at 12 noon to be included on a 2015 income tax receipt. This will enable us to process them before closing on the 31st. Donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2016. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Thursday, December 31st at 5 pm and Friday, January 1st at 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 LADY OF SORROWS MARIAN GROUP

Saturday, January 2nd, after 8 am Mass. All are welcome to join us! We meet at the back of the church to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and then gather in the Lower Hall for a time of meditation and discussion. Come and grow in devotion to our loving Mother Mary."

PARISH SUPPORT

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas season, the Sunday Offertory report for December 19/20 and 24/25, will be in the January 3rd bulletin. Thank You for your continued generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions may be satisfied, parishioners are encouraged to make their 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 all parishioners to give serious consideration to availing themselves of this special opportunity for grace and exercise of faith. You can now check our website to see if your preferred dates are available. Under "Parish Life" click on "Mass Intention Request" you will see a calendar with all booked intentions. From there you can send a request to book your intention.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage everyone who regularly shares in the Sunday Eucharist at St. Mary's to become registered parishioners. Parish Registration Forms may be picked up at the parish office, at all doors of the Church or by visiting our website. Once completed, the form can be dropped in the collection basket, mailed, scanned and emailed or brought to the parish office. A minimum of 1 year as a registered parishioner is required when you or members of your family wish to prepare to receive the sacraments (baptism, Marriage, etc) at St. Mary's. In order to keep records up-to-date, we ask you to notify the office when there is a change of address or telephone. If you were previously registered under your parents and are now over 18 years of age, **please** register in your own name. All information supplied remains confidential and is for the sole use of St. Mary's. Thank you for your cooperation!

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