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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*

FIRST 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.

Mass Intentions: December 4 - 10, 2017

Monday	<i>St. John Damascene</i>
Isaiah 2.1-5 Matthew 8.5-11, 13++	
12:10 pm †Doreen Yawney	
Tuesday	<i>ferial</i>
Isaiah 11.1-10 Luke 10.21-24	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am †Terry Gole	
Wednesday	<i>St. Nicholas</i>
Isaiah 25.6-10a Matthew 15.29-37	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am Intentions for Macaire Vieux-Fort	
Thursday	<i>St. Ambrose</i>
Isaiah 26.1-6 Matthew 7.21, 24-27	
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	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>
Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12 Luke 1.26-38	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am †Erwin Preiditsch	
Saturday	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>
Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++	
8:00 am For the Re-Christianization of Society	
4:00 pm Confession	
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14 Mark 1.1-8	
5:00 pm †Carl Glasser, †Lydia Roussy, †Gunaseeli Varma	
Sunday	
8:00 am Our Parishioners	
9:15 am †Erwin Preiditsch, For Deceased Members of the Piller Family and For Good Intentions	
11:00 am ††Joseph & Ida Boegel	

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday, December 6th.

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

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

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

December:

2/3:	All Masses	Monthly Building/Maintenance Collection
5:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
6:		Parish Office Closed
	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
7:	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
11:	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
13:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Lady's Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
15/16:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
17:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social
19:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
20:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
21:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
26:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group

OFFERTORY: November 25 & 26, 2017

Sunday Envelopes (188 of 305 env. – avg. \$21.26)	\$3,997.00
Loose Offerings	\$457.05
Building & Maintenance Envelopes	\$20.00
Debt Fund	\$4,131.45
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$932.00
Christmas Offerings	\$10.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are ready 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 discrepancies 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 2018 envelopes will be held until January and WILL NOT appear on your 2017 income tax receipt.** Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP



Thursday, December 7th at 1 pm. Do you knit/crochet or would like to learn? Join us in the Lower Hall. Hope to see you there! Please also remember: **FREE prayer shawls**, for those experiencing difficulties and/or joyous events are available at the parish office. Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, December 10th following 11 am Mass. Join us in the Lower Hall for our annual Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon - beverages provided but please remember to bring, not only your FAVOURITE food(s) to share, but your plates and cutlery as well. As we've done in the past, and in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas Giving, we are putting together a 'care package' for Marillac Place. They recently experienced flood damage, and we were told they have many needs for the mom's and their children. Personal hygiene products and/or gift cards for food and baby supplies, would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and refreshments with one another, as we pray and anxiously anticipate the Birth of Jesus!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Monday, December 11th, beginning at 7 pm. We encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate Christmas with joy and renewed hearts. Through

this privileged encounter with God we are offered forgiveness, healing, made whole again and restored to intimacy with God. To prepare for this graced encounter with Jesus, we should begin by asking the Holy Spirit to give us insight into our innermost being so that we can discover what needs to be changed in our life and relationships, express true and sincere sorrow for our failures, be desirous of changing our life, confess our faults in the sacrament of reconciliation and do the penance assigned. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

MYANMAR CRISIS RELIEF

In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Development and Peace is also assisting Bangladeshis with food and other emergency relief given the enormous strain that the refugee crisis is having on their own country's very limited resources. Visit the Development and Peace website www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.

REFLECTIONS ON SUNDAY READINGS

Every Monday a reflection on the scripture readings for the following Sunday is posted on www.resurrectionist.ca. We encourage you to read these reflections as an introduction and preparation for participating in the weekly parish Mass.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

In Front of Freeport Hospital

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, December 7th from 9 to 10 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

39th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA



Friday, December 8th to Saturday, December 16th. Nine daily Masses at 6:30 am. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on December 16th. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Note

exception: On Sunday, December 10th, you are welcome to attend your own church on this day or St. Agnes at 9 am or 11 am. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS ...

Monday, December 11th from 7 – 8:30 pm. Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas when you have lost a loved one. Facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. This event is FREE of charge, but please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443.

Dublin, Ireland

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place August 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **BUT** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018 or call Teresa Hartnett at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250. **Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.**



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