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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*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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 we look back on the 160th anniversary of our parish, we thank almighty God for the many graces received this past year, and in past generations, through the loving hands of Our Blessed Mother.

This Year marks another 160th anniversary, the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous, at the Grotto of Massabielle, Lourdes. Like her apparitions in Fatima, it was to a poor and unimportant child that she came, and despite ridicule, doubt, and opposition, her faithful echo of the Gospel message was heard around the world.

Just as her Son's healing of bodily ills was a sign of His still greater power to forgive sins, the miraculous healings which continue at Lourdes to this day are signs of the Blessed Virgin Mary's still greater message of forgiveness and hope, her ability to call her children to a genuine spiritual conversion. In this upcoming year, which also marks the 50th anniversary of Bl. Pope Paul VI's fearless and prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, may we answer her call for prayer and penance, participating in our own conversion and the conversion of others. And may we together discover anew the peace, strength, and joy that comes from being children of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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

Mass Intentions: January 1 - 7, 2018	
Monday	THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21	
11:00 am †Deloris Rittinger	
Tuesday	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
1 John 2.22-28 John 1.19-28	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am †Donna Fyfle	
Wednesday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 John 2.29; 3.1-6 John 1.29-34	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am †Manuel Castorena	
Thursday	ferial
1 John 3.7-10 John 1.35-42	
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, †Casey Johnson	
Friday	ferial
1 John 3.11-21 John 1.43-51	
7:30 am Morning Prayer	
8:00 am Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	ferial
1 John 5.5-13 Mark 1.4-5, 7-11++	
8:00 am In Reparation for the Sins of Canada	
8:30 am First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration	
4:00 pm Confession	
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12	
5:00 pm †Eileen Malleck	
Sunday	
8:00 am Our Parishioners	
9:15 am	
11:00 am For All Benefactors of St. Mary's	

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!

OFFERTORY: November 16 & 17, 2017

Sunday Envelopes (189 of 305 env. – avg. \$34.16)	\$6,458.00
Loose Offerings	\$813.20
Building & Maintenance Envelopes	\$140.00
Debt Fund	\$550.00
Christmas Flower Offerings	\$10.00
Christmas Offerings	\$45.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

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
- 14: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting
- 17: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- 18: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 20/21: **All Masses Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection**
- 21: 10:15 am German Congregation Social
- 23: 11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- 24: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- 25: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 30: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

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.

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available at the main doors of the Church. The cost is \$5.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now available at the main doors of the church. Please pick yours up as soon as possible as they will be moved to the parish office on January 15th. 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. Thank you.



Pray the Rosary Daily

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. 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.*

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday January 14th following 11 am Mass.

This is our first meeting of the New Year and we invite you to join us for a bite of lunch (soup and beverages will be provided - you may wish to bring your own brown bag sandwich), in the Lower Hall. There will be a special Liturgy, to "ring in" this New Year! January is the time when you are reminded of your Membership Fee being due - the fee is still \$25.! Thank you for your kind attention to this matter; (many thanks to those who have already paid!!). Looking forward to seeing you, as we share Prayer and Fellowship!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

On December 17th we introduced the idea of Pre-Authorized (Direct Debit) Donations in the bulletin. Please give this method or donating serious thought. Forms to express interest in this plan are at all church doors or call the parish office with any questions. If this plan is feasible for St. Mary's we will begin in a month or two. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener


PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, January 4th from 9 - 10 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Louis Parish, Waterloo

DAVID THE KING STUDY COURSE

Begins Monday, January 8th at 7:30 pm. The whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in Bishop Robert Barron's newest 6 part DVD Bible study. David's kingship recalls the kingship of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows the kingship of Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but he failed. Later, David emerged as the hope of Israel who sought to restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But being imperfect, David did not fully accomplish this task. So, God promised to send a *son of David* who would be the perfect and eternal king. Course is free. Fee for optional materials. For more information and to register, call St. Louis Parish, 519-743-4101.



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