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Under the Guidance and Administration of the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection www.resurrectionist.ca

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 - <u>unless</u> 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 <u>at least</u> 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) 5:00 pm St. Edmund's Ordinariate Liturgy (Anglican Use) Preceded by Confession

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week December 7 - 13, 2015

Monday - St. Ambrose

Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26 **12:10 pm †Jo Boudreau**

<u>Tuesday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed</u> Virgin Mary

Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Luke 26-38 7:30 am Morning Prayer 8:00 am †Carl Glasser

Wednesday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Jeannette Henhoeffer

<u>Thursday - ferial</u>

Isaiah 41.13-20 Matthew 11.11-1511:00 am Eucharistic Adoration11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Vocations to the Congregation the

Resurrection, †Annette Schneider

Friday - St. Damasus I

Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For Persecuted Christians

Saturday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2.10-13 Luke 1.39-47

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm

6.50 alli Eucharistic Audration until 12.00 pm

4:00 pm Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.10-18

5:00 pm †Lydia Roussy, ††Aurea and Harold Cahill,

†Angela Lis, †Martha Anton

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am †Viktor Pomper, †Annette Schneider, †Frank

Morscher, †Anna Klein

11:00 am For Evangeline Strauss



Please remember: Prayer shawls for those experiencing difficulties and joyous events are <u>free</u> and available in the parish office.

Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

Coming Up at St. Mary's		
Dec. 8:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 9:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Dec. 10:	1:00 pm	German Men's and Ladies Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 12:	10:00 am	"Mercy" Study Group (last session)
Dec. 13:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
Dec. 14:	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
Dec. 15:	7:00 pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 16:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Dec. 17:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 19/20	: All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Collection
Dec. 22:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting
Dec. 23:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal (Church)
Dec. 29:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Meeting

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop will be open this weekend and next weekend after all Masses. Stop by and pick up your Advent Prayer Companion, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnet, Advent Candles and those last minute gifts!

A TOKEN OF CHRISTMAS



Next weekend, December 12th/13th. The Kitchener Knights of Columbus, Council 1504, will be at the main doors of the Church after all Masses with a small token of Christmas for everyone.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday December 13th following 11 am

<u>Mass.</u> Please join us in the Lower Hall for a Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon – beverages will be provided but please remember to bring, not only your FAVOURITE food(s), but your

plates and cutlery as well. As we've done before and in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas Giving, we are putting together a `care package' for the women at Anselma House: ie: hygiene products, lotions, body wash, scarves, gloves, PJ's, etc. If possible, please bring an item to go into the box. 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 14th, beginning at 7

pm. We strongly 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 a 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.

2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Donations to St. Mary's for the 2015 calendar year, <u>must</u> reach the parish office no later than Wednesday,

December 30th at 12 noon to be included on a 2015 income tax receipt. This will enable us to process any donations received before closing on the 31st. Donations received after December 30th will be receipted in 2016. Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFERTORY: NOVEMBER 28 - 29, 2015

Sunday Envelopes (209)	\$3,	535.00
Loose Donations	\$	412.00
Debt Fund	\$4	,516.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$	82.00
Christmas Donation	Ś	10.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Events in Our Area

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, KITCHENER APOSTLES OF THE RESURRECTION



Tuesday, December 8th **at 7 pm.** The Lay Associates Programme of the Congregation of the Resurrection invites you to our first Commitment Ceremony which will take place on Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Our first Apostles will make their promises during Festive Mass presided by V. Rev. Murray McDermott, CR, and then celebrate with a reception in the Parish Hall. Come and support your fellow parishioners, and to learn more about the Programme. **Please RSVP by Sunday, December 6**th: fr.michal.cr@gmail.com or 905 379 8299. See you there!

ST. AGNES CHURCH, WATERLOO

37th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA



Friday, December 4th to Saturday, December 12th. An invitation to prepare well for Christmas! Nine daily Masses at 6:30 am. Note exception: Sunday, December 6th, Mass is at 9 am or 11 am or you are welcome to attend your

own church on this day. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

Sunday, December 13th at 7 pm. As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins, join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the Celebration of the Word. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, KITCHENER

COPING WITH "A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS"

Monday, December 14th, from 1 - 2:30 pm. Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you. Join us and we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more information please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, WATERDOWN

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Saturday, December 19th at 10 am. It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. AGATHA

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Now until December 23rd, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade jams, jellies, honey, loaves, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

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