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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, 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 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*



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
February 27 - March 5, 2017**

Monday - ferial

Sirach 17.24-27, 29 Mark 10.17-27

12:10 pm Special Intention

Tuesday - ferial

Sirach 35.1-12 Mark 10.28-31

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Katarzyna Sikora

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.12-18 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am All Benefactors of St. Mary's

12:10 pm †Ray Laurette

Thursday - ferial (World Day of Prayer)

Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Luke 9.22-25

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Intentions for Kristina Pajak and Family

Friday - ferial

Isaiah 58.1-9a Matthew 9.14-15

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

8:00 am Intentions for Marilyn Bezner

Saturday - St. Casimir

Isaiah 58.9b-14 Luke 5.27-32

8:00 am For the Protection of Christianity

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm

4:00 pm Confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++ Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

5:00 pm †Doreen Yawney

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am †Paul Tillich

11:00 am †Kathleen Tasse

"No one can serve two masters." If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit vocationculture.ca for more information.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

February:

28: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

March:

1: ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

2: 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

3: 11:30 am Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Bible Study

4: 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm

8:30 am Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions

10:00 am 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Study

4/5: All Masses Building & Maintenance Collection

7: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

8: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

9: 1:00 pm German Men's and Ladies Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

10: 11:30 am Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Bible Study

11: 10:00 am 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Study

12: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting

LENTEN COMPANION

The 2017 booklet is available in the parish office and after both Masses on Ash Wednesday. It contains small one page reflections for each day of Lent, Stations of the Cross and prayers for various occasions. The cost is \$5. Quantities are limited so get yours early.



March 1st. Ashes will be distributed during **Mass at 8 am and 12:10 pm.** Ash

Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The laws of fasting apply to

those between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation to abstain from meat binds those who are 14 years of age and older.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning March 3rd and all during Lent, our regular weekday Mass schedule will prevail **except on Fridays** when we have Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am, followed by Mass at 12:10 pm. **Please note there is no Morning Prayer or 8 am Mass on Friday's during Lent.**

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning March 3rd and every Friday during Lent from 6 - 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to join Ania Krysciak in the Lower Hall for Lenten Bible Study. Bring your bible and a friend!



ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!

Beginning Saturday, March 4th. 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6 week DVD program, by Fr. Michael Gaitley, will take place Saturdays at 10 am in the Lower Hall. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at 519-743-3089 or vmdvorak@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY: February 18 - 19, 2017

Sunday Donations (185 env)	\$4,079.00
Loose Donations	\$ 355.74
Easter Flower Fund Donations	\$ 15.00
Building Fund Donations	\$ 25.00
Seminary Education Donations	\$ 135.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, March 2nd 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.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY



Saturday, March 4th, 9 am - 5:30 pm. Our Lady of Lourdes CWL is organizing a bus to the Rally. Inspired talks and powerful witnesses of personal and family healing.

Adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth as there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets for the rally are \$25/adults and \$15/youth plus the bus cost of \$25/person. Those interested in attending, please contact Mel Raos at 519-885-0955 or raosma63@gmail.com, or Rita Coelho at 519-886-0085. For more information on the event itself check www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 4th from 8 am to 2 pm. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. There will be a 31 Independent Consultants and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener

LENTEN RETREAT

Wednesday, March 8th. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by the Retreat led by our Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. Drawing from 26 years of ministry at St. Francis, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Certificates in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, as well as a three-month sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, Ruthann will lead us in a retreat entitled "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us." This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. Hosted by the Catholic Women's League. PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR DOCTORS

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. It is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard.

There is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit the website at: <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Resources: bit.ly/callforconscience

Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>

No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience. Let's help make sure Ontario protects the conscience rights of all.

BECOME A WINNER

The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF), conducts The Catholic Charities Lottery to help Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Up to 1000 tickets are available at \$100 each! There are bi-weekly draws for \$1,000 from May to September, and you can win more than once! Plus there are early bird draws. Go to www.CCFOWR.org to find the ticket application or call the CCF office at 519-747-5661 and talk to Julie Hause.

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