

# St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

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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](http://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations) or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto: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*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week February 29 - March 6, 2016

#### Monday - *ferial*

2 Kings 5.1-15a Luke 4.24-30

12:10 pm †Cam Truong Trinh

#### Tuesday - *ferial*

Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Matthew 18.21-35

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Brian McKay

#### Wednesday - *ferial*

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Matthew 5.17-19

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Elek Betlehem and †Tatai Vince

#### Thursday - *ferial*

Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23

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 - *St. Casimir*

Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm Intentions of Ron Coombs

#### Saturday - *ferial*

Hosea 5.15b-6.6++ Luke 18.9-14

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12 pm

4:00 pm Confessions

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Monthly Building & Maintenance Collection

5:00 pm For Our Parish Families

#### Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am

11:00 am Intentions for Luba Kawalec

#### LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

**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.**

**The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [resurrectionists.ca/vocations](http://resurrectionists.ca/vocations).**

#### DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION

##### Only with Your Help



**Meditation:** Today, I heard these words: **You see how weak you are, so when shall I be able to count on you?** (*Diary, 722*).

**Without special help from Me, you are not even capable of accepting My graces. You know who you are** (*Diary, 738*).

**My daughter, you have not offered Me that which is really yours ... Daughter, give Me your misery, because it is your exclusive property** (*Diary, 1318*).

**My Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, You know my misery. I cannot even accept Your graces of mercy without help from You. Jesus, help me to trust in You and accept Your mercy.

(*Courtesy of Lighthouse Catholic Media*)

#### Coming Up at St. Mary's

Feb. 27/28: All Masses - Easter Flower Fund Collection

Mar. 1: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

Mar. 2: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

Mar. 3: 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Mar. 5: 8:30 am Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions

Mar. 5/6: All Masses - Building & Maintenance Collection

Mar. 8: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

Mar. 9: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

Mar. 10: 1:00 pm German Men's & Ladies Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Mar 12/13: All Masses - Share Lent Collection

Mar 13: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting

3:00 pm Parish Lenten Retreat

Mar 14: 7:00 pm Lenten Penitential Service

Mar. 15: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

Mar. 16: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

Mar. 17: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Mar. 19/20: All Masses - St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Mar. 20: 10:15 am German Congregation Social

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS



To help supplement Food Bank provisions, we are in need of nonperishable food donations year round for the food hampers our parish distributes to the needy of our community. Any food donations can be placed in the basket marked SVdeP under the pew outside the Lower Hall doors.

Food vouchers, for perishable items for our clients, will continue to be funded from your generous monthly monetary donations. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and distributed with great care. **Currently, we are in urgent need of boxed cereals, canned fruits, vegetables and canned pastas.**

**ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING**



**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> following 11 am Mass.** Join us for our next general meeting and a bite of lunch in the Lower Hall. Soup and beverages provided – you may wish to bring your own brown bag sandwich.

Our special guest speaker will be Father Pawel Szymanowski, CR, Associate Pastor to Father George, who will provide us with a Lenten reflection. We encourage you to join us, as we journey through this Lenten season together toward Easter.

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 6 pm.** Everyone is invited to join us in the Lower Hall for our Lenten Retreat. The theme will be "Mercy & Identity" and all are welcome.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one or special intention, you can make arrangements a number of ways. Now, you can check our website to see if the date you desire is available and email your request directly from that page. As always you can also: visit, phone or email the parish office; or drop your request in the collection basket. The suggested stipend, in the Diocese of Hamilton, for a Mass Intention is \$10. If you are using the collection basket for your request or payment of a previous request, PLEASE use a plain envelope marked "MASS INTENTION" on the front. Be sure to include your name and phone number, the name for the intention, whether they are living or deceased and your preferred time or date, OR complete a Request Form located at all church doors. **PLEASE DO NOT put your request or payment in your Offertory Envelope!** All Masses are reserved on a first come, first served basis, so request your intention early, especially if you have a preferred date. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY: February 20 - 21, 2016**

Sunday Envelopes (209).....	\$4,570.25
Loose Donations .....	\$ 288.35
Building & Maintenance Fund (3).....	\$ 375.00
Debt Fund .....	\$ 25.00
Easter Flower Fund .....	\$ 5.00
Seminary Education .....	\$ 300.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

**Events in Our Area**

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, WATERLOO

**CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CATHOLICS?**

**Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Caterina Lindman, leader of the St. Jerome's Social Justice Committee and the Waterloo Region Citizens' Climate Lobby, will give a presentation about Pope Francis's teaching and actions that we can take at both a personal and political level. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, KITCHENER

**EVENING RETREAT**

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning with Stations of the Cross at 7 pm and Retreat from 7:30 - 9 pm. Speaker, Fr. Frank Freitas, will lead us through "A Recipe for Lenten Renewal". For more information, contact Barbara at [bdiemert@rogers.com](mailto:bdiemert@rogers.com).

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, ST. CLEMENT

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** A free will offering is requested for the musicians. For more information, email [john@johnbmiller.ca](mailto:john@johnbmiller.ca).

CANADA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, TORONTO

**BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Father/Son rates available. For tickets and more information: [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070 or [BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/](http://BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, WATERLOO

**KW RIGHT TO LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 5 pm.** Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director/International Chair Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will speak on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada. Social hour with bar, silent auction and dinner at 6 pm. Menu — Fish purchased at the club, about \$10. Donation boxes at each table. Receipts will be issued. Tables of 8 available. Everyone welcome. Call the KW RTL office at 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

The best way to assist your children to thrive is to give them a good sense of security and self-worth. These feelings are best accomplished when parents understand their role as leaders of their families: they set the rules, make sure the rules are followed and discipline when necessary. In order to assure good balance in their family role as leaders, parents need to spend quality time with their children, which helps their children know they are loved, valued and important. Parents need to be an authoritative figure in their children's lives, which means they can't always be the fun friend, but they can love their children enough to help them become healthy and well-functioning adults!

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

No marriage or relationship remains stagnant – life changes and experiences that occur on a day to day basis mold and shape us and therefore, our relationships. Now and then it is good to stop and check the new you and see how you have changed: how have these changes impacted your relationship with those you love, especially your spouse? Are you communicating well with your spouse, continuing to be open and honest about your needs and wants and to finding out what theirs might be? Marriage is a work in progress which thrives when we remember to do a checkup now and then! (Family Ministry Office, 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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