

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

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Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor

Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor

Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

Penny Laurette - Admin Assistant

Robert Tasse - Music Director

Rianne Rops - Outreach Coordinator

Andrew Olinski - Caretaker

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

Baptism and Marriage - Please email the parish office for details and to submit your requests.

Parish Outreach - Are you interested in getting involved in outreach initiatives? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Rianne at 519-576-3860 or rianne.stmarys@gmail.com to let her know that you're interested and/or to share your ideas.

St. Vincent de Paul - For assistance with groceries and other needs please call 226-988-5915 weekdays, except Tuesdays, between 9:00 am and noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

(Children's Liturgy Sept. - June at 11:00 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:15 - 11:45 am Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration - **Thursday mornings** 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 9:30 am.

Visits to the Sick - Please notify the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, please remember 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.

In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church in your estate plan and when recommending expressions of sympathy. Thank you.



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online at stmarysrcchurch.ca, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS January 14 – 19, 2020

Tuesday – ferial

1 Samuel 1.9-20 Mark 1.21-28

12:00 pm †John de Viveiros

Wednesday – ferial

1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20 Mark 1.29-39

12:00 pm For the Holy Father

Thursday – ferial

1 Samuel 4.1c-11 Mark 1.40-45

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm †Albin Perko & Intentions of Olga Perko & Family

Friday – St. Anthony

1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a Mark 2.1-12

12:00 pm †Anne Minna

Saturday – ferial

1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a Mark 2.13-17

8:00 am †Erin Berges-Pettapiece

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49.3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1.1-3 John 1.29-34

5:00 pm †William Shoults, †Joe MacDonald

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Ralph Beechey

3:00 pm †Bryan Shantz

(Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – January 4th/5th, 2020 Sunday Offerings \$3,029.05 Mary, Mother of God (New Year) Offerings \$705.00 Initial Offerings \$460.00 Building Fund Offerings \$739.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are at the back of the church for this weekend only, please pick yours up! They will be moved to the parish office on Monday to make way for income tax receipts. 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 OLD (2019 & prior) envelopes as the numbers are different. Thank you.

CR CORNER



The Christmas Season comes to a close with today's celebration of the Baptism of our Lord. Sometimes we confuse Christmas as the Feast of the Incarnation. However, the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25th) is really the

feast of the Incarnation when the Word becomes flesh. Christmas therefore, is more properly known as the Feast of the Manifestation where we can actually see the Incarnate One for the first time.

This is followed by other manifestations during the Christmas, Epiphany when the Magi manifest to us who Jesus is and finally the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord when God, God's self, manifests to Jesus and to us who He really is! This is because God's greatest desire is to manifest God's self to us in order to draw us deeper into the mystery of God's unmerited and unconditional love for us and finally into salvation!

In today's Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17) after Jesus is baptized, just when he is coming out of the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. Then there was a voice from heaven which resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

It was not only Jesus who was baptized. You and I were also baptized and this Solemnity gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our Baptism. To ask ourselves the question: What does it mean for me to be baptized? What are the implication for my daily life?

It was not only Jesus who had the Spirit of God descending upon him like a dove and alighting on him. You and I when we were baptized and later confirmed also had the Spirit of God come upon us. What does it mean for me to have the Spirit of God in me? What are the implication for my daily life?

It was not only Jesus who heard God's voice say that he was the Son, the Beloved. At our Baptism we too (even though we may not remember it) were also told that we were God's beloved daughter or son. What does it mean for me to be a child of God? How do I live my life as a child of God? What does it mean for me to be God's beloved? How do I live my life as someone who is beloved by God?

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S			
January:			
12:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting	
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social	
13:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group	
14:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach	
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
15:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
16:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal	
18:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach	
	10:00 am	Mass at Victoria Place Retirement Home	
18/19:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection	
19:	9:30 am	Coffee Social	
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social	
20:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group	
21:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach	
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
22:	•	Marienchpr Rehearsal	
23:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal	
25:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach	
25/26:	All Masses	Chalice Sponsorship Weekend	
26:	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social	
	5:30 pm	Umbrella Brigade Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Evensong & Social	
27:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group	
28:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach	
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
29:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
30:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal	

LECTORS NEEDED

Persons High School age or older are asked to ponder in your heart joining our team as a lector at Saturday and Sunday Masses. All training is provided. Please call the parish office for more information and to sign up. You will be contacted by Mark Lubczuk, co-ordinator. Our next training session is expected early in February. You will only be scheduled at the Mass of YOUR choice.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for donations made in 2019 will be available next weekend, January 18th/19th.

THE UMBRELLA BRIGADE

As spring showers approach, consider signing up for St. Mary's Umbrella Brigade! This new, fun and easy ministry is for all ages – families are welcome. Join our on-call team of volunteers who will escort parishioners from the parking lot into the church on rainy Saturday evenings/Sundays with bright, yellow umbrellas! Information meeting Sunday, January 26th from 5:30 - 7 pm, dinner provided, in the hall. Please RSVP to rianne.stmarys@gmail.com.

HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

Due to the process of obtaining permits from the City of Kitchener, the renovation is set to begin in early February. We are grateful to our architect Jorge Cortes for working closely with the City to ensure that all requirements are met. In the mean-time we continue to work out details such as floor plan, table and chair selections, flooring and paint colours. Thank you for your patience the wait will be well worth it!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo 2020 LABYRINTH PROJECT

Saturday, January 18th from 9:30 am – noon. All are welcome to come and try praying with the labyrinth. The labyrinth is a great tool for helping us to focus on our prayers. A short introduction will be presented at 9:30 am. Those who are experienced with this mode of prayer might wish to come anytime during the morning. Please see webpage https://whyatbreakfast.com/2020-labyrinth-project/ for details.

St. Mark Parish, Kitchener KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, January 28th - March 24th. Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! "Keys" is a 10 week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

YOUR SUNDAY CHUCKLE!



A small local town has become the first community in the area to introduce a knitting needle exchange program for local grandmas. Knitters can drop off their es in a "sharps container" at area thrift stores, where

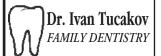
old needles in a "sharps container" at area thrift stores, where they will be given fresh needles no questions asked.

"Some of these ladies have been using the same knitting needles for years, it really becomes a public health concern, especially since these women tend to congregate together in church basements and who knows what all goes on there."

Local grandmas are excited about the new program, which has been seen as both a harm reduction initiative and also a chance to get free stuff. "I've been for waiting for something like this for a long time," said 83-year-old Mary. "I've been using the same needle since the 60s!"

While many are supportive, the program is not without it's critics. "This just encourages knitting," said a concerned citizen. "When you buy handicrafts, all you're doing is feeding this addiction."

If successful, the knitting needle exchange program will be expanded to communities nationwide. So far, however, other towns have been quite cautious as knitting needle drop-off points have been known to attract the wrong kind of crowd.



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