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

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2018

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor
Fr. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R. - Associate Pastor
Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. - Assisting Priest

#### **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** - 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 those inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office.

**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. All enquires are confidential.

**St. Vincent de Paul Update** - Special thanks to the new wave of volunteers who are keeping this form of outreach going. We continue to share in Christ's life together through the time and monetary gifts we offer. Please continue to give with great generosity and know that your gifts are reaching those who need it most.

#### **Most Holy Sacrifice of The Mass**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am 9:15 am (German/English) 11:00 am

3:00 pm (Traditional Latin Mass)

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

#### **Weekday Masses and Devotions**

Please Refer to the Schedule Inside Bulletin

#### Confession

Thursday: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm and 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.

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass.

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 Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick. If you enter the hospital, 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 Deadline:** Please email any announcements by 4:00 pm Monday to be considered for the weekend bulletin.



#### 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 please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

#### MASS INTENTIONS January 15 - 20, 2019

#### Tuesday – ferial

Hebrews 2.5-12 Mark 1.21-28

12:00 pm †Yvonne Picard

#### Wednesday – ferial

Hebrews 2.14-18 Mark 1.29-39

12:00 pm Int. for Barb Priamo

#### Thursday - St. Anthony

Hebrews 3.7-14 Mark 1.40-45

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:30 am Confession until 12:00 pm

12:00 pm In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

#### Friday – ferial

Hebrews 4.1-5, 11 Mark 2.1-12

12:00 pm †Shailendra Maharaj

#### Saturday - Our Lady's Saturday

Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 2.13-17

8:00 am For the Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.4-11 John 2.1-12

5:00 pm †Ben De Silva, †Jean Visneskie, †Joe MacDonald

#### Sunday

8:00 am Int. of Iris Hong

9:15 am (Bilingual German/English Mass)

11:00 am Our Parishioners

3:00 pm ††George & Joan Jones (Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – January 1, 2019				
Mary, Mother of God Offerings	\$2,871.25			
Sunday Offerings	\$115.00			
Initial Offerings	\$829.35			
Christmas Offerings	\$20.00			
Building & Maintenance Fund Offerings	\$20.00			

OFFERTORY – January 6, 2019	
Sunday Offerings	\$3,486.97
Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$903.00
Mary, Mother of God Offerings	\$180.00
Initial Offerings	\$315.00
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$1,355.00
B & M Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$231.46

## We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for their generous support!

#### **CR CORNER**



Waiting. The Secret Ingredient to Building Relationships.

In the first reading for this Sunday, the coastlands will wait for the teachings of their Messiah. The gospel reading describes a

moment when John the Baptist and his followers wait for Jesus to make himself known to the people anticipating the fulfilment of a promise for true and lasting justice. After he is baptized, Jesus prays and waits for the Holy Spirt to descend upon him. There is a lot of waiting going on here. Perhaps it's to strengthen the faith of those waiting and build their expectation. Maybe it happens to demonstrate that God is the ultimate source of all transformation. Could it be that the people's hearts and minds were not yet ready to comprehend what was happening or what was to follow?

I think most of us don't like to wait that long. Especially in a culture that has made more things instant than anything before. Pondering the waiting in our lives may prove to value it as a gift. If we are to take a closer look at the readings there is great depth of relationship. For hundreds of years the people of Israel are growing in relationship with God and each other. Learning what God truly desires and putting it into practice in their communities. Learning about themselves and how they could be more honest about the ways that they fail, at times, to do this and need to work on reparation and new disciplines that make them better lovers of God and neighbour. It takes time.

Perhaps one of the things we might want to take home with us this Sunday is that transformative and lasting relationships take time to build. And even though we might not be aware of it we try to trust that we are learning, growing, understanding and even falling in love in a way that only hindsight can reveal. It goes against our cultural norms that create in us an appetite for instant results, reward, insight, pleasure, and meaning. As Christians we are always part of something much deeper. A revelation of love that began long before we were conceived and one that will continue long after we die. And if we give God the benefit of the doubt in times when we are asked to wait, we might one day grasp fully the mystery of love and fulfillment that Jesus knew in that moment when the Holy Spirt descended upon him. And until that day may God grant us the patience needed to continue to deepen our relationship with Christ and one another.

Written by Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

	<u>COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S</u>				
	<u>January 2019</u>				
	13:	12:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting		
	15:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program		
	15:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group		
	16:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal		
	17:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal		
	19/20:	All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Collection		
	20:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social		
		4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social		
	22:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program		
		8:00 pm	Living Sober Group		
	23:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal		
	24:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal		
	27:	7:00 pm	Evensong & Social		
	28:	7:00 pm	RTL Candle-light Prayer Vigil Speaker		
	29:	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program		
		8:00 pm	Living Sober Group		
	30:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal		
	31:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal		
February:					
	2:	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am		
	2/3:	<b>All Masses</b>	Building & Maintenance Collection		

#### 2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still available for pick up at the back (main doors) of the church. 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 2018 envelopes as the numbers have changed. Thank you.

#### 2018 TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for donations made in 2018 are now available at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. Please help us reduce our mailing expenses by picking up your receipt by February 15<sup>th</sup>, even if you don't require it.

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



This Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 \$25.00! 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.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of our many Downtown Kitchener neighbours who are less fortunate and are among the most vulnerable and needy in our Community, we wish to thank the Parishioners of St. Mary's for your incredible support last month for the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive. Through your generosity, we were blessed with 1,631 pounds (739 Kilos) of food gathered over Advent. This will supplement the food we distribute weekly from the St. Vincent de Paul Cupboard in the Lower Hall. With gratitude, thank-you from your St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Our next event is a Volunteer Drive in March- to encourage your direct participation with us in Christ's work in our Community- only an hour or so a week or a month by many will bring huge benefits to our Downtown Kitchener Community.

## In Front of Kitchener City Hall (Skating Rink) KW RTL CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for 1 hour. 30 years without any law to protect unborn human beings in the womb with no restrictions up until birth. We pray for the spiritual adoption of all preborn babies in danger of abortion. This event is followed by refreshments in St. Mary's Lower Hall with speaker Stephen Woodworth at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Call KW Right to Life, 519-746-5433, for more information.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Mondays, beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 - 9 pm.

St. Louis Church Large Hall, Waterloo FAITH ENRICHMENT

Frances Hogan's Gospel of Luke. It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. No cost. Bring your Bible.

Thursdays, beginning January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 2:30 pm.

Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear series led by Dr. Tim Gray. Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'? Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful fourteenpart series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. No cost for the course. Workbook \$25. For more information on both seminars call 519-743-4101.



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