



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

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Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

No matter who you are or where you're from, we extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us at:

Phone: 519-576-3860

Email: stmarys@rogers.com

Website: www.stmarysrchurch.ca

Our Parish Team

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. – Pastor
Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. – Assisting Priest
Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant
Robert Tasse – Music Director
Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager
Andrew Olinski – Caretaker

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Outreach

Are you interested in getting involved? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Tony at tonys.stmarys@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 weekdays, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday: 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:30 – 11:50 am
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday after Mass until 1:00 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office for details.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick.

Tiny Home Takeout

Everyone deserves a great meal, free of charge. Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'! Visit tinyhometakeout.com for more information.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS January 4 - 9, 2022



Tuesday – ferial

1 John 4.7-10 Mark 6.34-44

12:00 pm †Ubaldo John D’Souza

Wednesday – ferial

1 John 4.11-18 Mark 6.45-52

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Debbie Bergman

Thursday – ferial

1 John 4.19-5.4 Luke 4.14-22a

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Lynn Chen

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

Friday – St. André Bessette

1 John 5.5-13 Luke 5.12-16

**12:00 pm For the Intentions of Mikayla
Van Houwelingen**

Saturday – ferial

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 Acts 10.34-38 Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

5:00 pm †Bryan Shantz, †Katharina Bortscher

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Elena Faur

OFFERTORY – December 18/19, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$5,181.60
Christmas	\$705.00
Building Fund	\$225.00
Furnace Fund	\$1,215.00
Debt Fund	\$80.00
Outreach Fund	\$205.00

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

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and we read the account of the three Magi coming to bring gifts to the infant Jesus. We may quickly dismiss the story as a cute account of little significance. Some have light-heartedly asked what if the three men were women: Three wise women would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, brought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and there would have been peace on earth!

However, the deeper significance of the story is that salvation is open to all. I have listened to a grandmother ask me if her unbaptized granddaughter who died would get to heaven. I shared with her the story of the Magi. I have had a husband and his Jewish spouse ask me if one day they could be together in paradise. I shared with them the story of the Magi. I have had so called “good” Catholics come to me and say that they think “bad” Catholics will not be saved. I shared with them the story of the Magi.

Today’s Solemnity reveals to us what we call in theology: God’s Universal Salvific Will! That means that it is God’s deepest desire that everyone should be saved and that no one should be lost. God desires to and is able to save everyone! No one is outside of God’s plan for salvation! We don’t understand how it works. In fact, we often try to throw huge obstacles to some to be able to enter into heaven. I think that God just laughs at our feeble attempts to exclude those who are not like us. This Good News of Salvation for all turns our Sorrow into Joy!

Written by: Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.



OFFERTORY: December 24/25/26, 2021

Due to the advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Season, the offertory report will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your continued generous support!

OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for the New Year Holiday on Monday, January 3rd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are still ready for pick up at the back of the church. They are labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the parish office if there are any errors in your name and/or address so that we can keep our records in order. 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 past years envelopes as the numbers have changed.** Thank you.

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



Receipts will be available at the main entrance of the church next weekend. They will be in alphabetical order for your convenience. **PLEASE take yours**

whether you need it or not. Any receipts not picked up by February 15th will have to be mailed. Help us save postage costs. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions is satisfied, you are encouraged to make your requests known as soon as possible. All intentions are on a first come basis. The offering of Mass for special intentions such as wedding anniversaries, for healing, for comfort to those who are sick, for deceased members of family and friends, for personal intentions, for a special intention, etc., is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. Families may request 1 Sunday Mass (8 or 11 am), and any number of Weekday Masses each calendar year. Multiple Intentions are available on Saturday at 5 pm Mass. Please visit our website and see if your preferred date(s) is available. Thank you.

IN OUR AREA

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

The kickoff to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be this month, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7 - 8:30 pm on January 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Healthy Leaders for a Healthy Church

On January 22, 2022 CLC will be hosting the third webinar in our latest series with Rev. Stephan Kappler, Psy.D., C.Psych., President and Chief Psychologist, The Southdown Institute. Fr. Stephan will be presenting on "Healthy Leaders for a Healthy Church." Many concerned lay Catholics want to know about recruitment, screening, formation and supervision of our priests. Fr. Kappler and Southdown play a key role in the Church in Canada, providing clinical expertise in screening of candidates for the priesthood and treatment of clergy and religious requiring mental health supports. Registration will open the first week of January. To register, please visit <https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/>

BIBLE SUNDAY

Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday. This year it will be observed on Sunday, January 23rd. Prayer Cards will be available at all Masses that weekend. We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God.



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