

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

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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 28 – February 2, 2020

#### Tuesday – St. Thomas Aquinas

2 Samuel 6.12b-15, 17-19 Mark 3.31-35

12:00 pm †John de Viveiros

#### Wednesday – ferial

2 Samuel 7.1-17++ Mark 4.1-20

12:00 pm †Mary Fitzgerald

#### Thursday – ferial

2 Samuel 7.18-19, 24-29 Mark 4.21-25

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm †Fred Kau

#### Friday – St. John Bosco

2 Samuel 11.1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mark 4.26-34

12:00 pm ††Gordon & Doris Maloney

#### Saturday – ferial

2 Samuel 12.1-7a, 10-17 Mark 4.35-41

8:00 am †Albin Perko & Intentions for Olga Perko & Family

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3.1-4 Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18++ Luke 2.22-40

5:00 pm †Mary Fitzgerald, †John de Viveiros, †Donald Soehner, Intentions for Sr. Maria Iannuccillo

#### Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Paul Obert

3:00 pm †Terry Stien

(Traditional Latin Mass)

#### OFFERTORY – January 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday Offerings	\$2,844.99
Building Fund Offerings	\$429.62
Outreach Donations	\$200.00

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

#### **2019 TAX RECEIPTS**

Income Tax Receipts for donations made in 2019 are still at the back of the church. PLEASE take yours whether you need it or not to help us save on postage costs. Any receipts not picked up by February 15<sup>th</sup> will have to be mailed. If you have not yet picked up your 2020 offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

#### **CR CORNER**



Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, (the Feast of St. Jerome) named the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – "Word of God" Sunday! It is of

course in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity since the Sacred Scriptures is what intimately binds all followers of Jesus together!

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, says Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity".

The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist". Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples".

When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's Word, explains the Pope, "they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work".

The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as "the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy". God's Word, writes Pope Francis, "has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity".

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

<u>COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S</u>		
January:		
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
31:	4:30 pm	Sandwich Outreach Project
February:		
1:	8:30 am	First Saturday Adoration until 9:30 am
	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
1/2:	All Masses	Candle Blessing
		Monthly Building Fund Collection
		<b>Annual Seminary Education Collection</b>

#### **BIBLE SUNDAY**

Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday. Prayer Cards are at all church doors. Order forms for Bibles (\$12 & \$14) and the booklet 'Getting to Know the Gospel of Matthew' (\$1.50) are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to purchase them. Please record your name and phone number on the appropriate sheet and you will be called when they arrive at the parish office. 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.

#### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



<u>Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.</u> The traditional ceremony for the blessing of candles will occur at the beginning of all Masses this weekend. You are welcome to bring your

own candles to be blessed or box sets of 2 candles each will be available at the back of the church for purchase, \$6/bx.

#### **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**



Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical

counsels". Catholics throughout the world are invited on this day to give thanks for those men and women who live out their baptismal commitment by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. We pray for those who have dedicated their lives to God through these vows, especially our priests here at St. Mary's and all those who are living and serving within our Diocese of Hamilton. We also pray for the many men and women from our Diocese who are currently in formation with various religious communities.

#### 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 a team of volunteers who will escort parishioners

from the parking lot into the church on rainy Sundays with bright, yellow umbrellas! On sunny days, this team will greet parishioners by opening the front doors as they enter and/or help with parking questions in the lot. We are aiming for a once a month commitment. Information meeting this Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7 pm, dinner provided, in the hall. Please RSVP to rianne.stmarys@gmail.com.

#### ST. MOSES THE STRONG



Last week, our church welcomed an image of St. Moses the Strong to our Sanctuary. This is part of an initiative to honour saints from around the world to remind us that our faith is "catholic", which means "universal". St. Moses (332 C.E.)

lived in modern-day Ethiopia and is now the patron saint of non-violence. This is remarkable since St. Moses was known as a rough and violent man who once led a band of robbers! Even so, he searched for God. He would say to the sun: "If you are god let me know; and You, the God whom I know not, lead me to You." St. Moses was led to become a monk, and by God's grace was transformed from a severe man of violence into a man who was known for his strength of heart and warm hospitality. Particularly during these times of global unrest and division, let us pray: "St. Moses the Strong, pray for us."

#### SVDP REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR UPDATE

On behalf of our many Downtown Kitchener Friends who are among the most vulnerable and needy in our Community we wish to thank you, the Parishioners of St. Mary's, for your generous support with the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive which provided over 1,126 lbs. of food for our Cupboard food hampers. Through the further thoughtfulness of our Parishioners in raising \$307.50 from the Christmas Angel and Peace Light Candles and in conjunction with donations from The Waterloo Knights of Columbus and the Waterloo Foodbank, we were able to put toys under the Christmas tree, and smiles on the faces, of over 129 needy children in our Community. In a year when the St Mary's Parishioners have given so much and reached out to so many people in our community, the 24 Volunteers in your St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference wish to say "THANK-YOU" for helping us with the opportunity to give out over 987 food hampers from our SSVP Cupboard in 2019.

#### YOUR SUNDAY CHUCKLE!



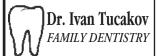
#### **Church Bulletin Bloopers:**

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth

keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when Fr. Jones preached.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



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