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The 160th Anniversary of Our Parish

The building of the first church extended from 1854 to 1856, and the assignment of a residing Pastor the following year, officially marked the establishment of the Parish

IN 2017 WE CELEBRATE

The Centennial of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

We are asked to do penance and pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and for peace in the world



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 our 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 parishioners inquiring about 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 or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you feel at home. If you are new to St. Mary's, please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Parish Family by completing a registration form.

Mass Schedule and Intentions January 30 - February 5, 2017

Monday - ferial

Hebrews 11.32-40 Mark 5.1-20

12:10 pm †Paul Belanger

Tuesday - St. John Bosco

Hebrews 12.1-4 Mark 5.21-43

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions for Claus Ruthardt

Wednesday - ferial

Hebrews 12.4-7, 11-15 Mark 6.1-6

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions for Indira Moores and Family

Thursday - The Presentation of The Lord

Malachi 3.1-4 Luke 2.22-40

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

Hebrews 13.1-8 Mark 6.14-29

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Special Intention

Saturday - Our Lady's Saturday

Hebrews 13.15-17, 20-21 Mark 6.30-34

8:00 am For the Conversion of Sinners

4:00 pm Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58.6-10+ 1 Corinthians 2.1-5 Matthew 5.13-16

5:00 pm All Benefactors of St. Mary's

Sunday

8:00 am Intentions for the Donors to Our St. Vincent de Paul

9:15 am †Stephanie Mausser

11:00 am Our Parishioners

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Visit vocationculture.ca for more information.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

February:

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| 1: | 7:00 pm | Marienchor Rehearsal |
| 2: | 1:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 4: | 8:30 am | Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm |
| | 8:30 am | Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions |
| 4/5: | All Masses | Building & Maintenance Collection |
| 7: | 8:00 pm | Living Sober Group |
| 8: | 7:00 pm | Marienchor Rehearsal |
| 9: | 1:00 pm | German Men's and Ladies Group |
| 11/12: | All Masses | Seminary Education Collection |
| 12: | 12:00 pm | CWL General Meeting |
| 14: | 8:00 pm | Living Sober Group |
| 15: | 7:00 pm | Marienchor Rehearsal |
| 16: | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 18/19: | All Masses | St. Vincent de Paul Collection |
| 19: | 10:15 am | German Congregation Social |
| 21: | 11:00 am | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting |
| | 8:00 pm | Living Sober Group |
| 22: | 7:00 pm | Marienchor Rehearsal |
| 23: | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| 27: | 5:30 pm | CWL Executive Meeting |
| 28: | 8:00 pm | Living Sober Group |

2016 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts are still available at the main doors of the church for pick-up. **PLEASE take yours whether you need it or not!** Any receipts not picked up by February 13th will be mailed out. Help us save postage costs! Thank you.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, February 2nd. Mass will be celebrated at **12:10 pm** with the traditional ceremony for the blessing of candles at the beginning of Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP



Thursday, February 2nd at 1 pm. Do you knit/crochet or would like to learn? Join us in the Lower Hall. Hope to see you there! Please also remember: **FREE** prayer shawls are available at the parish office. Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



Friday, February 3rd. Mass will be celebrated at **8 am** with the blessing of throats. Everyone is invited to attend.

Prayer: Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

February 4th. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some quiet time in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We begin with Mass at 8 am, followed by Adoration until 12 pm.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS DEVOTIONS



Saturday, February 4th, after 8 am Mass. All are welcome! We meet at the back of the church to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and then gather in the Lower Hall for a time of meditation and discussion. Come and grow in devotion to our loving Mother Mary.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, February 12th, following 11 am Mass. Please join us for a bite of lunch in the Lower Hall (soup and beverages provided - you may wish to bring your own brown bag sandwich). Hart and Marilyn Bezner will share with you their long-standing connection with Mexico, specifically Baja California and their involvement with the Church there - their talk will be accompanied by pictures. You will be pleased to know that St. Mary's Church has provided encouragement to the Church in Baja. Don't miss this special presentation - looking forward to seeing you there! Gentle reminder for League members that your Membership Fee is due - many thanks to all who have already paid!

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!

Beginning Saturday, March 4th. 33 Days to Merciful Love is a group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6 week DVD program, by Fr. Michael Gaitley, will take place Saturdays at 10 am in the Lower Hall. The retreat book can be ordered on our website or at the parish office. Cost is \$25. To order on the website, stmaryscchurch.ca click the "give online" button in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. When confirming the donation, please write in the comments box that this is to order the 33 Days retreat book.

Registration/Order Deadline is February 3rd. Those wishing to go deeper and order the full participant packet with the book and "Retreat Companion" will need to order individually, online from the USA at shopmercy.org/33-Days-to-Merciful-Love-Participant-Pack-with-Book/MLPSWB/itd/27240002/132/508/AHA. Orders from the USA will take longer. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at vmdvorak@gmail.com or 519-743-3089.

OFFERTORY: January 21 - 22, 2017

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| Sunday Donations (172 env) | \$4,116.25 |
| Loose Donations | \$ 390.80 |
| New Year's Donations | \$ 50.00 |
| Initial Donations | \$ 20.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Freeport Hospital, Kitchener

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, February 2nd from 9 - 10 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

St. Louis Parish, Waterloo

EUCCHARIST DVD STUDY

Begins Monday, February 6th at 7:30 pm. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass. The program is free, but there is a cost for optional materials. To find out more or to register, contact Anna at 519-743-4101.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.

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