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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 rienne.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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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. Stop by the Welcome Station, we'd love to meet you!

MASS INTENTIONS March 3 - 8, 2020

Tuesday – ferial

Isaiah 55.10-11 Matthew 6.7-15

12:00 pm †John de Viveiros

Wednesday – ferial

Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32

12:00 pm †Rita Bergman

Thursday – ferial

Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 Matthew 7.7-12

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm Intentions for Emma Peco

Friday – ferial

Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm Intentions for Luba Kawalec

Saturday – ferial

Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48

8:00 am Intentions for Bernard van Kerrebroeck

8:30 am First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12.1-4 2 Timothy 1.8b-10 Matthew 17.1-9

5:00 pm †Matilde Geiring, Intentions for Eva Dvorak

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Sr. Catherine Peco, O.L.M.

3:00 pm †William Reid Stewart (Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – February 22nd & 23rd, 2020

Sunday Offerings	\$5,871.07
Building Fund Offerings	\$246.62
Seminary Education Offerings	\$10.00

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

YOUR SUNDAY CHUCKLE!



After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

CR CORNER



The creation story of Genesis provides us with the message that God is the source of all life and his wonderful gift to humanity is to grant us dominion over these gifts to use for his glory.

Adam and Eve, who represent humanity in scripture, have been granted these gifts and through serving God and being obedient to his commands, they would enjoy fulfillment and happiness. The evil one's temptation for Adam and Eve was to convince them through deception that they were the "givers" of these gifts rather than the one been given the gifts. Therefore, they came to a belief that they were God, rather than serving God who has blessed them with the gifts.

Jesus' temptation in the desert is one of many scriptural passages that parallel the human condition. The weakness in temptation of Adam was humanity's fall from relationship with God. Jesus' strength to withhold giving in to temptation was God's action of restoring humanity's relationship with God. He faced temptation in the desert but remained faithful to his Father by emptying himself in love for the world rather than seeking personal gain at the expense of the world serving him.

When each of us faces the temptation to sin, we are deceived like Adam and Eve that all our words and actions reflect a belief that each of us IS God and we have nobody else to serve but our own self. Serving ourselves often comes with the price of hurting or alienating others. When we fall to temptation, Jesus came to restore that grace lost through disobedience. He now has compassion on us in our weakness and freely offers us forgiveness and strengthens us to grow stronger in his love. Jesus is the new Adam. His coming among us is the saving act that each of us now seek with hope.

When we grow stronger in his love and are obedient to his commands, we care for all that God has given us by loving and serving others in need.

May the beginning of this Lenten season open our hearts to that mercy and forgiveness of God, and may we continue to deepen our union with him and our brothers and sisters through acts of charity, sacrifice and prayer.

Written by Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Please remember: Prayer shawls, for those experiencing difficulties and joyous events are **FREE** and available at the parish office.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

March:

29/1: All Masses Monthly Building Fund Collection

- 1: 9:30 am Coffee Social
- 12:00 pm Coffee Social
- 12:15 pm Sandwich Outreach Project
- 4:00 pm Latin Congregation Social
- 3: 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Hampers
- 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- 4: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- 5: 7:00 pm 11 am Choir Rehearsal
- 6: 11:30 am Stations of the Cross
- 4:30 pm Sandwich Outreach Project
- 7: 8:30 am First Saturday Adoration until 9:30 am
- 9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Hampers
- 7/8: All Masses Debt Fund Collection
- 8: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting
- 4:00 pm Latin Social

FOOD BANK SORT NIGHT


Tuesday, March 3rd from 6 – 8 pm at The Food Bank of Waterloo Region (50 Alpine Court, Kitchener). St. Mary's has been invited by Nexus Church to join them for an evening of service sorting food donations. There is room for 10 volunteers from our parish to join. This is a great opportunity for both individuals and families as children aged 6+ are welcome. Please RSVP to Rianne at rianne.stmarys@gmail.com or the parish office.

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MEET-UPS

Beginning Thursday, March 5th from 7:30 - 9 pm.

St. Mary's is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall. We will continue every Thursday during Lent. Through guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

 **Sunday, March 8th, following 11 am Mass.** Join us in the Hall! While preparation for the new kitchen, etc, are in the works, we ask that you please bring a brown bag lunch - coffee and tea provided. As part of our Lenten journey, we will be praying and reflecting on "Mary's Way of the Cross". We encourage you to join us, as we walk through this Lenten season together, toward Easter. All CWL ladies attending are asked to please celebrate this Mass by sitting together as a group! Looking forward to seeing you, as we share Prayer and Fellowship! Gentle reminder for League members that your Membership Fee is due - many thanks to all who have already paid!

GARDEN PROGRAM

St. Mary's is getting ready for another season of Garden Program! This program is run in partnership with Circle of Friends, which is an organization that provides opportunities for social inclusion for individuals who once faced homelessness. If you are passionate about social inclusion and are willing to try out gardening with the rest of us, consider joining this year! We meet weekly throughout the summer months, on Wednesdays from 10:30 am - noon. Talk to Rianne for more details.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CONCERTS AT ST. MARY'S

Laurier's Faculty of Music will be hosting two community concerts at St. Mary's. Admission is free or by donation, and all proceeds go toward supplying food for the homeless at this year's winter overflow shelter.

Saturday, March 14th, 2 – 3 pm, internally-renowned pianist, Anya Alexyev, will perform works from Sixes, Haydn, Schumann, and Scriabin.

Saturday, March 21st, 2 – 3 pm, students from WLU will perform a variety of music including: classical piano, singer-songwriters, and community music. Don't pass up on this opportunity to hear Anya and her students play! All are welcome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

KITCHENER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

Friday March 6th:

- St Anne's Catholic Church, at 11 am
- St George's Anglican Church, at 11 am
- St James'-Rosemount United Church, at 2 pm
- St Teresa's Catholic Church, 2 pm

Refreshments follow all services. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Zimbabwe, with the theme, "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".

St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo

EDUCATION CAFÉ

Sunday, March 8th from 2 – 3 pm. All are welcome to attend a one hour special event as **Fr. Toby Collins, CR** - St. Mary's Parish, & **Francis Doyle** - Director of Stewardship, Diocese of Hamilton, co-present a great talk on the challenges we can all face with balancing priorities, particularly the pressures around our time & money. Do we own our possessions or do they own us? How can we use our gifts, such as our time, wealth, and relationships, expanding them while developing freedom from possessiveness? Complimentary event, with Q & A and refreshments.



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