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

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Under the Guidance and Administration of the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection www.resurrectionist.ca

## **JUBILEE OF MERCY**

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



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 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 - <u>unless</u> 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 details regarding marriage, contact the parish office <u>at least</u> 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

## Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week March 21 - 27, 2016

#### Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42.1-7 John 12.1-11

12:10 pm ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For Persecuted Christians Around the World

#### Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4-9a Matthew 26.14-26 7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For Those Serving in the Military

## HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-15
7:00 pm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life
Followed by Adoration Before the Altar of Repose

#### **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-19.42

11:00 am Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

> Liturgy of the Word - Veneration of the Cross Holy Communion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL**

Genesis 1.1-2.2 Genesis 22.1-18 Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1++ Isaiah 54.5-14 Isaiah 55.1-11 Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 Ezekiel 36.16-17a, 18-28 Romans 6.3-11 Luke 24.1-12

8:00 pm Intentions of the Donors of Easter Flowers

The Service of Light and Procession Liturgy of the Word - Blessing of Baptismal Water Renewal of Baptismal Promises - Liturgy of the Eucharist

## EASTER SUNDAY THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18++

8:00 am For the Intentions of the Schmalz and Daly

**Families** 

9:15 am †Hans Neidenbach, †Anna Schustereit, †Bernhard

Didio, †John Orsan, †Erika Bauer

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit resurrectionists.ca/vocations.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

<u>Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup></u>, the office will be closed for the Easter Holiday.

#### **DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION**

#### **The Battle for Souls**



Meditation: Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come. After these words, I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one (Diary, 1452).

Today I said to the Lord Jesus, "Do You see how many difficulties there are [to be overcome] before they will believe that You Yourself are the author of this work? And even now, not everyone believes in it. Be at peace, My child; nothing can oppose My will. In spite of the murmuring and hostility of the sisters, My will shall be done in you in all its fullness, down to the last detail of My wishes and My designs (Diary, 1531).

<u>My Prayer Response:</u> Lord Jesus, thank You for supporting us in our battle for souls. Despite opposition to Your work, may Your will be done in all its fullness.

(Courtesy of Lighthouse Catholic Media)

## Coming Up at St. Mary's

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Mar. 20:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social	
Mar. 21:	5:30 pm	CWL Executive Meeting	
Mar. 22:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
Mar. 23:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
Mar. 24:	Easter Tri	duum Begins	
Mar. 24:	Parish Office is Closed for Good Friday		
Mar. 26:	11:00 am	Blessing of Easter Food	
Mar. 28:	Parish Office is Closed for Easter Monday		
Mar. 29:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
Apr. 1:	7:00 pm	Mini Bible Study - Zechariah	
Apr. 2:	8:30 am	Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions	
	10:00 am	"Come Holy Spirit" DVD Study	
Apr. 2/3:	All Masses - Building & Maintenance Col		
Apr. 5:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
Apr. 6:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal	
Apr. 7:	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	
	7:00 pm	Mini Bible Study - Zechariah	
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Apr. 9:	10:00 am	"Come Holy Spirit" DVD Study	
Apr. 10:	12:00 pm	CWL General Meeting	
Apr. 12:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group	
Apr. 14:	1:00 pm	German Men's & Ladies Group	
	7:00 pm	Mini Bible Study - Zechariah	

#### **PASCHAL FAST**

Good Friday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat. The Church of God fasts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joys of the Lord's Resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

#### **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

After hearing the passion of Jesus on Good Friday, we approach the cross to venerate it as the means of our salvation. The cross remains the greatest symbol of Christianity which has been revered and honoured through the ages. As we venerate the cross, we honour God who transformed this sign of death into a sign of forgiveness and life through the death of his son, Jesus. You may venerate by bowing, touching or kissing the Cross.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION**

During the Good Friday Liturgy, a special collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken in all Churches throughout the world. This collection helps support future priests, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Please give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

#### **MINI BIBLE STUDY**

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 pm. Ania Krysciak, Chaplain at the University of Guelph, is offering a mini study on the book of Zechariah for 3 evenings in April, in the Lower Hall. All are welcome!

#### **COME HOLY SPIRIT**



Beginning Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. "Come Holy Spirit" is a seven week DVD program by Dr. Tom Curran that will fan into flame the light of the Holy Spirit you received at Baptism and Confirmation. Prepare for the Feast of Pentecost! Join us Saturday mornings in the Lower Hall. No materials required. All are welcome!

#### **HOUR OF GREAT MERCY**



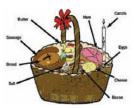
<u>Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm</u>. In April 2000, on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II declared that the first Sunday after Easter was henceforth to be known throughout the universal Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us as we honour God, who is rich in mercy!

#### OFFERTORY: March 12 - 13, 2016

Sunday Envelopes (185)	\$4,433.20		
Loose Donations	\$	300.75	
Building & Maintenance Fund (7)	\$	145.00	
Easter Flower Fund	\$	25.00	
Share Lent		\$2,172.80	

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

#### **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**



Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. One of the favourite Polish Easter traditions is the Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday. It is a custom that many Churches around the world have adopted. After the fast of Lent, it is now time to celebrate the Resurrection of the

Lord! The Blessing of Easter Food is a festive occasion where decorated baskets containing a small sampling of Easter foods (listed below), are brought to the Church to be blessed.

<u>Butter</u> - Often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have toward all things.

<u>Easter Bread</u> - A round or long loaf topped with a cross or fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Horseradish - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ, still in our minds.

Eggs - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

Sausage (Kielbasa) - Symbolic of God's favour and generosity

<u>Ham</u> - Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Christians that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God".

<u>Smoked Bacon</u> - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

<u>Salt</u> - A necessary element in our physical life; symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavour of the earth.

 $\underline{\textbf{Cheese}}$  - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

**<u>Candle</u>** - Represents Christ as the light of the World.

<u>Colourful Ribbons & Greenery</u> - Attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

<u>Linen Cover</u> - Drawn over the top of the basket, which is ready for the trip to church where it is blessed. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

Consider bringing your basket of Easter Food to the Lower Hall for this wonderful tradition!

#### **Events in Our Area**

#### **NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2016**

The 2016 Mission "Merciful Like the Father" will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, and repeated again at 10 pm. It will be hosted by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB. To support the Mission or to get more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council, 1-888-383-6277.

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, KITCHENER

#### PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

**Beginning Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 - 9 pm.** Level I "Learning to Cope" and Level 2 "Accepting the Situation" will both be held for 11 weeks. To register, contact St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301.

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