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*On the 13th day of each month, we respond to the message of Our Lady of Fatima
by making reparation for the sins of Canada.*



Pastor
Father George Nowak, C.R.

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 **regularly attending parishioners who have been registered at least 1 year**. 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 registered parishioners inquiring about marriage, contact the parish office 1 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, C.R., 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

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.

Rosary - Monday to Friday after Mass.

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: Please email any announcements by 4:00 pm Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

*In your kindness, please remember St. Mary's Church in your estate plan
and when recommending expressions of sympathy*

PALM SUNDAY



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's and to request Sunday Offertory envelopes, please complete a Registration form – either online at the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

Mass Intentions: March 26 – April 2, 2018

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42.1-7 John 12.1-11

12:10 pm For Andrew Matthew

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Stephen Strauss Jr.

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50.4-9a Matthew 26.14-26

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Doreen Yawney

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Isaiah 61.1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Revelation 1.4-8++ Luke 4.16-21

7:00 pm Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Followed by Adoration Before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

11:00 am Stations of the Cross

11:30 am Reflection – The 7 Last Words of Jesus on 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 Mark 16.1-8

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 †Carl Glasser

9:15 am For a Safe Journey, †Nick Frank

11:00 am Our Parishioners

EASTER MONDAY

Acts 2.14, 22-33 Matthew 28.8-15

11:00 am ††Albert & Marcella Menard

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

March:

27: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

28: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

29: EASTER TRIDUUM BEGINS

30: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

11:00 am Stations of the Cross

11:30 am Lenten Reflection with Ania Krysciak

**3:00 pm Needs of the Church in the Holy Land -
Good Friday Collection**

31: 11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food

April:

31/1 All Masses Building & Maintenance Fund Collection

2: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

OFFERTORY: March 17 & 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes (152/276 env. – avg. donation \$19.83) \$3,014.80

Loose Offerings \$515.67

Easter Flower Offerings \$20.00

Share Lent Offerings \$1,139.00

Good Friday-Needs of the Holy Land Offerings \$35.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Good Friday, March 30th, after 11 am Stations of the Cross. Join us for the final reflection on The 7 Last Words of Jesus on The Cross. Presented by Ania Krysciak.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Good Friday, March 30th and Easter Monday, April 2nd, the office will be closed for the Easter Holiday.

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.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Holy Saturday, March 31st at 11 am.

A favourite Polish Easter tradition, and a custom that many Churches around the world have adopted, is the Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday. After the fast of Lent, it is time to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! This is a festive occasion where decorated baskets containing a small sampling of Easter foods (see below), are brought to the church to be blessed.



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

Easter Bread - 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.

Ham - 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".

Smoked Bacon - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

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

Cheese - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

Candle - Represents Christ as the light of the World.

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

Linen Cover - Drawn over the top of the basket, which is ready for the trip to church where it is jointed with the baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Begins on Good Friday and continues for nine days.

Pamphlets are available at all church doors. Pray it in community or pray it privately - both are effective and spiritually beneficial.

HOUR OF GREAT MERCY



Sunday, April 8th at 3 pm. Come and receive the incredible graces that Jesus wants to pour out on those who venerate and invoke His Mercy. In union with churches all over the world, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy that Pope John Paul II established in the year 2000 when he canonized Sr. Faustina. We pray the Chaplet and Litany of Divine Mercy and venerate the picture of Divine Mercy as well as celebrate Benediction. Everyone is welcome to join us as we honour God, who is rich in mercy!

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, April 8th, following 11 am Mass. Please join us for a bite of lunch (soup and beverages provided - you may wish to bring your own brown bag sandwich), in the Lower Hall. The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday - we will be celebrating this with Reflections/Meditations on God's merciful love for mankind. Looking forward to have you join us for Prayer and Fellowship! Save the Date: our Catholic Women's League will be hosting a "Spring Bake Sale" on May 5/6 weekend following each Mass. We sincerely hope our members and Parishioners will participate. More info to follow in upcoming bulletins!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, March 26th at 7 pm. During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed, Sacred Chrism will be consecrated and all Priests present will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese. All are welcome!


GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY'S

Maryhill Heritage Community Centre

11 am to 7 pm. Eat in or take out. NO reservations! Haddock with fresh hand cut fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 or 2 piece dinner available. Dessert, bar & refreshments also available. Cash only. Phone 519-648-2939.

Knights of Columbus #5135 Hall, Waterloo

Seating's at 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, and 7:30 pm. 1 piece dinner \$12., 2 piece dinner \$14. tax included. Fish, Chips, Tartar Sauce, Roll, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert. Tickets available Tuesday, March 27th, must come to club to pay and pick up, no reservations.



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