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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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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 March 6 - 12, 2017

Monday - ferial

Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25.31-46

12:10 pm Intentions for Luba Kawalec

Tuesday - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

Isaiah 55.10-11 Matthew 6.7-15

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For the Protection of Christians

Wednesday - St. John of God

Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am For the Gift of Faith

Thursday - St. Frances of Rome

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

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Vocations to the Congregation of the Resurrection, †Irene and Oliver De Silva

Friday - ferial

Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm For the Conversion of Sinners

Saturday - ferial

Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48

8:00 am For the Protection of Children

4:00 pm Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

5:00 pm For Christian Culture

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am

11:00 am †Sally Bauer

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, visit vocationculture.ca for more information.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

4/5:	All Masses	Monthly 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
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
10:	11:30 am	Stations of the Cross
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
11:	10:00 am	33 Days to Merciful Love Group Study
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
17:	11:30 am	Stations of the Cross
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
18:	10:00 am	33 Days to Merciful Love Group Study
18/19:	All Masses	Monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection
19:	10:15 am	German Congregation Social

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, our regular weekday Mass schedule prevails **except on Fridays** when we have Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am, followed by Mass at 12:10 pm. **Please note there is no Morning Prayer or 8 am Mass on Friday's during Lent.**

BIBLE STUDY



Every Friday during Lent from 6 - 7 pm,

everyone is welcome to join Ania Krysiak in the Lower Hall for a Lenten Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Bring your bible and a friend!

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!

Saturday's at 10 am in the Lower Hall. 33 Days to Merciful Love is a 6 week DVD group retreat preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy, by Fr. Michael Gaitley. If you have any questions, contact Vicky at 519-743-3089 or vmdvorak@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, March 12th, 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. We welcome Father Paul Szymanowski, C.R. as our guest speaker - his topic being "Rediscovering Spirituality of Fasting". Join us for this special time of prayer and reflection, as we begin this year's Lenten journey. Gentle reminder for League members - there are still a few Membership Fees due - many thanks to all who have already paid!

MASS INTENTIONS

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions may be satisfied, we urge you to make your requests known as soon as possible. The offering of Mass for special intentions such as wedding anniversaries, for healing, for comfort to those who are sick, for deceased members of family and friends, for personal intentions, for thanksgiving for favours received, for a "special" intention, etc., is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. All intentions are reserved on a first come basis. We urge you to give serious consideration to availing yourself of this special opportunity for grace and exercise of faith. You can check our website to see if your preferred dates are available. Under "Parish Life" click on "Mass Intention Request". You will be directed to a calendar with all booked intentions. From there you can send a request to book your intention. Mass Intentions may also be paid for online by clicking the "Give Online" button. Please make sure you indicate in the comments section that it is for a Mass Intention.

43RD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Depart - Monday, August 7th and return Saturday, August 12th. Plan to join us for our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec. Pricing details will be available soon. For reservations contact Rose Gunn, 519-744-5923 or rosejgunn@gmail.com or Erna Spoenlein 519-743-1030.

OFFERTORY: February 25 - 26, 2017

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener

LENTE RETREAT

Wednesday, March 8th. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by the Retreat led by our Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. Drawing from 26 years of ministry, Ruthann will lead us in a retreat entitled "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us." This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. Hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Please bring your bible.

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THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES

Thursday afternoons beginning March 9th. Join us for a four part Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. We begin with Mass at 1 pm, followed by the talk. Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich Exhortation called **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy the love in our own families. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q&A. You do not have to read the exhortation prior to the series, but if you wish to you can access it online at www.vatican.va or purchase the book at St. Mary's parish office.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Kitchener

THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION

Monday, March 13th at 7 pm. The Kitchener K of C invites you to a free viewing of this thought provoking and emotionally-gripping film, produced by the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, that will impact hearts and minds. It sets out to expose the main deceptions of doctor assisted dying, so-called "compassion" associated with killing and reveals safeguards that can protect the vulnerable. Following its presentation, Alex Schadenberg, will answer questions. Plan to attend!

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR DOCTORS

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying, in December, we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. It is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard.

There is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit the website at: <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Resources: bit.ly/callforconscience

Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>

No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience. Let's help make sure Ontario protects the conscience rights of all.

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