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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 rianne.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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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 please complete a Registration form – either online on the parish website, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS March 26 - 31, 2019

Tuesday – ferial

Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Matthew 18.21-35

12:00 pm †Jerald Halliday Jr.

Wednesday – ferial

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Matthew 5.17-19

12:00 pm †Joedy Tamiat

Thursday – ferial

Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm Intentions for Susan Dvorak

Friday – ferial

Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm †David Cresswell

Saturday – ferial

Hosea 5.15b-6.6++ Luke 18.9-14

8:00 am For the Holy Father

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

5:00 pm †John Kiertscher, †Donna Montague

Sunday

8:30 am †James William Roberts

11:00 am Our Parishioners

3:00 pm †Joaquina Gomes da Costa (Traditional Latin Mass)

7:00 pm Evensong

OFFERTORY – March 17, 2019

Sunday Offerings	\$3,429.45
Sunday Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$858.00
Easter Flower Offerings	\$20.00
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$45.00
B & M Pre-Authorized (per week)	\$222.23

**We thank all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors
for their generous support!**

PRAYER SHAWLS



Please remember: Prayer shawls, for those experiencing difficulties and joyous events are **FREE** and available at the parish office. Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

CR CORNER



This third Sunday of Lent Jesus tells us the parable to the fig tree planted in the vineyard and how the owner came looking for fruit on it for three years and found none. His immediate response is to cut it down but the gardener replied: "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." (Luke 13:1-9).

While human beings constantly give up on each other; in this parable Jesus tells us he is the gardener who is **always** willing to ask for another chance. In fact the way Jesus tells the story we are led to believe that in one year if the fig tree had yet not borne fruit the gardener would have asked for another year and another year until it bore fruit.

The preface entitled "Lent 1" and subtitled "the spiritual meaning of Lent" of the 1969 Sacramentary states: "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed."

First of all it challenges us to see Lent as a joyful season where the gardener is working on us and it calls to see renewal as the bearing of fruit. Lent is precisely this time for conversion or "metanoia", i.e., to "pull a 180" – to completely turnaround from sin and the ways we are making bad choices and to turn to grace and new life. Each year we are given Lent because our conversion is not a moment in the past but an ongoing process.

The parable of the fig tree introduces us to the God of "infinite" second chances. God is always willing to start again with us. This Lent, God is willing to dig out around us and to put "manure" around our roots so that we will bear fruit. However, we live in the misconception that there will always be a next year were we can respond to the call to bear fruit. However, the reality is that one year will be our last year. Let us live this year as if it is our last and surrender ourselves to the transforming power of God's love.

Written by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

SEEKING: PING PONG TABLE

The parish hall is looking for one more ping-pong table to complete our collection. If you own a ping-pong table that isn't being used and would like to donate it, please contact the parish office.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

March:

24:	9:30 am	Coffee Social
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social
26:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
27:	7:00 pm	Marienchoir Rehearsal
28:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
29:	11:30 am	Stations of the Cross
30:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
31:	9:30 am	Coffee Social
	7:00 pm	Evensong & Social

April:

2:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
3:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
4:	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5:	11:30 am	Stations of the Cross
6:	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration until 9:30 am
	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
6/7:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Collection
7:	9:30 am	Coffee Social
	12:00 pm	Coffee Social

COFFEE SUNDAYS

Come on down to the lower hall after Mass for some coffee, tea, and 'Lent-friendly' treats! Whether you can stay for just a minute or an hour, join us. Let's make St. Mary's a place where "everybody knows your name". There will be ping-pong!

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL FUNDRAISER

The countdown is on for the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign fundraiser taking place here at St. Mary's. **On the weekend of April 6th and 7th**, we will be introducing our strategy to raise funds for wheelchair accessible washrooms, a new kitchen and flooring for the lower hall. This will enable us to have socials that include everyone and projects that better meet the needs of our neighbours. Stay tuned!

NOTICE REGARDING REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

To ensure that everyone's desire regarding Mass Intentions is satisfied, you are encouraged to make your requests known as soon as possible. All intentions are on a first come basis. The offering of Mass for special intention is an act of deep faith and a desire to unite oneself with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. **Families may request one (1) Sunday Mass (8:30 am or 11 am), and any number of Weekday Masses each calendar year. Multiple Intentions are available on Saturday at 5 pm Mass only.** Please visit our website or contact the parish office to see if your preferred date(s) is available. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

IT'S KICKOFF TIME!

The preparation phase of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is moving into the active phase! **A campaign kickoff Mass will be held at noon on Monday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI. The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.onehearttonesoul.ca.

St. Basil Parish Rectory, Brantford

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, March 25th at 7 pm. Remarkable scientific advancements have occurred since the rhythm method of the 1930's. No need for thermometers or rhythm calculations! Did you know the Billings Ovulation Method has a success rate of 99% in postponing pregnancy? Join us for a presentation and introduction into Natural Family Planning. For more information or to register please contact Janine Doyle at 519-304-6422 or janinedoyle@hotmail.ca.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Waterloo

PRAYING WITH THE LABYRINTH

Thursday, March 28th, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Centuries ago, pilgrims who were unable to go to Jerusalem, would make a symbolic pilgrimage, following the path of the labyrinth in their own cathedrals. We invite you to try this prayerful experience by putting on your indoor walking shoes and joining us in making that journey on a labyrinth in the parish hall. Praying with the labyrinth may help us see our own faith journey towards God and how we carry that faith to the world. Charlie Van Alphen, a retired principal and religion consultant in the Catholic School Board, will be our facilitator. Everyone is welcome.

St. Teresa Parish, Kitchener

LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 31st – Wednesday, April 3rd. Mass will begin the retreat at 7 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Our retreat master is Fr. David Perrin of St. Jerome's University. All are welcome.

RELAY FOR LIFE @ ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary's High School annual cancer research fund raiser is approaching quickly. If you would like to start or join a team go to <https://stmary.wcdsb.ca/> and click on the Relay for Life slide in the moving banner. Interested in donating to or sponsoring the event? Contact tony.paolo@wcdsb.ca. Please help us reach our goal of \$45,000.



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