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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 - 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 details regarding 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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Schedule and Intentions This Week

March 7 - 13, 2016

Monday - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

Isaiah 65.17-21 John 4.43-54

12:10 pm †Jim Huck

Tuesday - St. John of God

Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 John 5.1-16

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday - St. Frances of Rome

Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.16-30

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Irene De Silva

Thursday - ferial

Exodus 32.7-14 John 5.18, 31-47++

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the
Congregation of the Resurrection, †Michael-Paul
Hallman

Friday - ferial

Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

Saturday - ferial

Jeremiah 11.18-20 John 7.40-53

8:00 am ††Ed and Jo Boudreau

4:00 pm Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.8-14 John 8.1-11

Annual Share Lent Collection

5:00 pm †Peter Kofler, †Peter Hirschberger, †Jerry Eckert

Sunday

8:00 am †Noble Galloway

9:15 am

11:00 am Our Parishioners

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, our regular weekday Mass schedule will prevail **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.**

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit resurrectionists.ca/vocations.

DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION

As a Little Child



Meditation: Once, when I was deeply moved by the thought of eternity and its mysteries, my soul became fearful; and when I pondered about these a little longer, I started to be troubled by various doubts. Then Jesus said to me, **My child, do not be afraid of the house of your Father. Leave these vain inquiries to the wise of this world. I want to see you always as a little child. Ask your confessor about everything with simplicity, and I will answer you through his lips** (*Diary*, 290).

My daughter, have fear of nothing; I am always with you. All your adversaries will harm you only to the degree that I permit them to do so. You are my dwelling place and my constant repose. For your sake I will withhold the hand which punishes; for your sake I bless the earth (*Diary*, 431).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, with childlike simplicity, may I always trust in You. I will then watch with delight to see how You work things out in Your providence.

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Coming Up at St. Mary's

- Mar. 5/6: All Masses - Building & Maintenance Collection
- Mar. 8: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- Mar. 9: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- Mar. 10: 1:00 pm German Men's & Ladies Group
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Mar 12/13: All Masses - Annual Share Lent Collection
- Mar 13: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting
3:00 pm Parish Lenten Retreat
- Mar 14: 7:00 pm Lenten Penitential Service
- Mar. 15: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- Mar. 16: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- Mar. 17: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Mar. 19/20: All Masses - St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Mar. 20: 10:15 am German Congregation Social
- Mar. 22: 11:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
8:00 pm Living Sober Group
- Mar. 23: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal
- Mar. 24: Easter Triduum Begins

MUSIC NOTES



During the Season of Lent, musical instruments are restricted to giving necessary support to singing only, with the exception of Laetare Sunday, today the 4th Sunday in Lent. Also, the faithful do not sing "Alleluia" until the believers have undergone conversion, and are ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning, beginning at the Easter Vigil.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, March 13th following 11 am Mass. Join us for our next general meeting and a bite of lunch in the Lower Hall. Soup and beverages provided – you may wish to bring your own brown bag sandwich. Our special guest speaker will be Father

Pawel Szymanowski, CR, Associate Pastor to Father George, who will provide us with a Lenten reflection. We encourage you to join us, as we journey through this Lenten season together toward Easter.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 13th from 3 - 6 pm. Everyone is invited to join us in the Lower Hall for our Lenten Retreat. The theme will be "Mercy & Identity" and all are welcome.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Monday, March 14th at 7 pm
Several Priests will be available for individual Confessions. We encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate this season of Lent and Easter with joy and renewed hearts.

Lent is a time to confess our sins so that we might know the abundance of forgiveness that God has given us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Each confession takes us deeper into the truth about ourselves and also reveals the truth about God: That God's love for us is greater than our sins. The Sacrament of Confession is not a time to beat yourself up because you have sinned – we're all sinners. If we weren't we wouldn't need Jesus! Confession is a time to rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins!

EASTER SCHEDULE
March 24 - 28, 2016

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life
Followed by Adoration Before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

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

8:00 am For the Schmalz and Daly Families
9:15 am
11:00 am Our Parishioners

EASTER MONDAY

12:10 pm †Sr. Barbara Frank, SSND

OFFERTORY: February 27 - 28, 2016

Sunday Envelopes (192)	\$4,082.25
Loose Donations	\$ 312.45
Building & Maintenance Fund (1)	\$ 5.00
New Years Donation	\$ 10.00
Initial Donation	\$ 4.00
Easter Flower Fund	\$1,223.00
Seminary Education	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Events in Our Area

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, WATERLOO

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PRESENTATION

Monday, March 7th at 7 pm. D&P presents Ary Regis, Executive Director of D & P's partner SAKS in Haiti. Mr. Regis specializes in the field of education and communication. SAKS programs focus on community radio designed to bring about social change, cultural development and democracy. Join us as Mr. Regis speaks about his native Haiti, pre and post earthquake, the democratic movement, social change and the effects of climate change.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, KITCHENER

EVENING RETREAT

Wednesday, March 9th beginning with Stations of the Cross at 7 pm and Retreat from 7:30 - 9 pm. Speaker, Fr. Frank Freitas, will lead us through "A Recipe for Lenten Renewal". For more information, contact Barbara at bdiemert@rogers.com.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, ST. CLEMENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MUSICAL REFLECTION

Friday, March 11th at 7 pm. A free will offering is requested for the musicians. For more information, email john@johnbmiller.ca.

ST. AGATHA CHURCH HALL, ST. AGATHA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY

Sunday, March 13th at 2 pm. Door Prizes, Draws and a delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission \$10/person and includes stew, beverage and dessert. Quilt and raffle draws at 4:30pm.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, KITCHENER

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Beginning Tuesday, March 22nd 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 the Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext 2249 or St. Francis 519-745-7301. Level I fee is \$35 and Level II fee is \$45.

ST. MARK'S PARISH, KITCHENER

FIND THE KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Beginning Tuesday, March 22nd from 7 - 9 pm. A 10 week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for more meaningful relationships. Cost is \$45. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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