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Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. - Pastor

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



Welcome to St. Mary's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. To register with St. Mary's please complete a Registration form – either online at stmaryscchurch.ca, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

MASS INTENTIONS November 26 – December 1, 2019

Tuesday – ferial

Daniel 2.3, 9a, 10a, 27a, 31-45++ Luke 21.5-11
12:00 pm †Gino Zanatta

Wednesday – ferial

Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Luke 21.12-19
12:00 pm For the Holy Father

Thursday – ferial

Daniel 6.11-28 Luke 21.20-28
11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am
12:00 pm †Adele Gahlinger

Friday – ferial

Daniel 7.1-14++ Luke 21.29-33
12:00 pm †Adele Gahlinger

Saturday – St. Andrew

Romans 10.9-18 Matthew 4.18-22
8:00 am †Frank Spoenlein
4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.37-44
5:00 pm ††Aurea & Harold Cahill, ††Catherine & Eugene
Geffros & Family, ††Eddy & Betty Strub
7:00 pm Advent Concert

Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners
11:00 am †Mary Fitzgerald
3:00 pm ††Sarah & Abraham McArthur
(Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – November 17, 2019

Sunday Offerings	\$4,962.46
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$350.00
Outreach Donations	\$2,200.00

Thank you to all our Parishioners, Visitors and Benefactors for your generous support!

SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2020 St. Joseph Missals are still available. They can be purchased for \$5 at the main entrance of the church and through the parish office. **Ministers of the Word**, please be sure to pick up your complimentary copy in the Sacristy, to enable you to prepare your readings in advance.

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Offering Mercy and Hope Make Christ our King

This week there has been a tsunami of activity at St. Mary's. So many people suffering, giving, learning, problem solving and caring. The number of "thank you's" and acts of kindness has been overwhelming. One that stood out for me came from a high school student who said with a depth unusual for someone his age: "Thank you for caring. I was homeless once and nobody gave a @#%\$ about me. But you do!"

This solemnity of Christ the King uses a gospel reading that recalls a time when Jesus was in great pain. Physically and emotionally because of the intense rejection he must have experienced as he hung upon the cross. Remarkably, In that moment he chooses to care. He looked at the repentant thief and offered him mercy when no-one else would. And with the words "today you will be with me in paradise" he also offered him hope.

This is precisely what makes Christ our King. When down and out he reveals to us what he is made of. Love. And love in it's brokenness bleeds mercy and offers hope. I know we don't always do this ourselves but we can be empowered to extend mercy and offer hope if we dare to be more like our King. Embracing the brokenness with all experience. And in it finding a source of hope that darkness cannot overcome. Ever. May our King continue to lead us as we embrace our own brokenness and open our eyes to the suffering on our doorstep. And may he continue to bring out the best of who we are as we seek to offer mercy and hope to those who turn to us for help.

Written by Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

November:

23/24:	All Masses	Christmas Flower Fund Collection
		Debt Collection
24:	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social
	7:00 pm	Evensong & Social
25:	8:00 pm	Glorious Weakness Group
26:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
27:	7:00 pm	Marienchor Rehearsal
28:	7:00 pm	11 am Choir Rehearsal
		Latin Choir Rehearsal
30:	9:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Program
	7:00 pm	Advent Concert

December:

30/1:	All Masses	Monthly Building Fund Collection
1:	9:30 am	Parish Social
	12:00 pm	Parish Social
	4:00 pm	Latin Congregation Social

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE



During the month of November we pray for the souls of our beloved dead. Everyone is invited to inscribe the names of their loved ones in our Book of Remembrance located in front of the Blessed Virgin Altar.

ADVENT CONCERT

Saturday, November 30th at 7:00 pm. Join us for "Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus", presented by John B. Biller & Friends. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated at the door. Visit johnbmiller.ca for more information. Everyone is welcome!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The idea behind this seasonal calendar is simple. Pick out a sturdy basket or box or take one of the boxes that will be provided at the back of the Church next weekend, decorate it if you like with Christmas paper and fill it with food for our St. Vincent de Paul Cupboard— one item for every day in December. During the winter months our pantry shelves quickly become bare and these donations help us to continue to help those in need during the cold winter months. When your box is full, bring it to the back of the church on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of Advent or to any of the Christmas Masses. For pick-up call Don at 519-573-6663. The Reverse Advent calendar encourages us to think of others as we wait to celebrate Jesus' birthday. What a great way to serve this Advent!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS SALE

Weekend of December 7th/8th after all Masses. Now is the time to get ready for the Christmas season and assist in the work of the Kitchener K of C. We have produced a festive Nativity Scene and other seasonal decorations. These will be for sale after Masses. Take advantage of the opportunity to decorate this festive season with a K of C ornament. Sales of these items support Council 1504 in our charitable endeavours.

YW SHELTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 19th. This Christmas, we will be sharing our love and cheer with the women and families at the YW women's shelter by teaming up with Nexus church to throw a Christmas party! We are looking for volunteers to... a) help decorate the YW's community room on the evening of Tuesday, December 17th; b) send homemade baked goods for the party on the 19th; and c) lead a family-friendly craft or activity at the event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Rianne at the parish office or rienne.stmarys@gmail.com.

INTERAC DONATIONS

There is an Interac terminal at the back of the church for anyone wishing to make an electronic donation by debit or credit card. 100% of all donations made using this method will go directly to our Outreach Program. You can tap or swipe your card and the funds are deposited directly into St. Mary's account. As always, you can also donate by offertory envelopes, pre-authorized giving or through our website, stmaryscchurch.ca. Your gifts are being met with deep and sincere gratitude being expressed by those in need.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be ready for pick up in the hall next weekend. They will be labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the parish office if there are any errors in your name and/or address so that we can correct them and keep our records in order. Anyone who does not have envelopes and wishes to, please complete a Parish Registration form and submit it to the office. **PLEASE DO NOT use these new envelopes until 2019 as the numbers will be different.** Any new envelopes received this year will be held until January and the donation will not appear on your 2019 tax receipt. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

St. Mark's Parish Hall, Kitchener


CWL ADVENT RETREAT

Thursday, November 28th. Mass at 6 pm, followed by Retreat at 7 pm. Do you ever feel that the hectic pace of life, especially at Christmas has taken control of your serenity? Has your frenzied schedule interfered with time for reflection and quiet moments with God? We invite you to join in a time of peaceful Advent reflection. Refreshments will be served! Our presenter is Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Diocesan Family Ministry Office. All are welcome! No charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Anna at 519-577-8519 or cjoseph1231@rogers.com.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 7th at 7:30 pm. Join us for A Family Christmas Concert With John McDermott & Special Guest Dala, Featuring The Waterloo Regional Police Chorus in support of the Gies Family Centre Hospice of Waterloo Region. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at hospicewaterloo.ca/events.



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