

# St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

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**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](http://www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations) or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto: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 ADVENT



### ***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 November 28 - December 4, 2016**

#### **Monday - ferial**

Isaiah 4.2-6 Matthew 8.5-11, 13++

**12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory**

#### **Tuesday - ferial**

Isaiah 11.1-10 Luke 10.21-24

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am Intentions for Ivan Jagas Sr.**

#### **Wednesday - St. Andrew**

Romans 10.9-18 Matthew 4.18-22

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am Special Intention**

#### **Thursday - ferial**

Isaiah 26.1-6 Matthew 7.21, 24-27

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**12:10 pm For the Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, †Carole Ann Seguin**

#### **Friday - ferial**

Isaiah 29.17-24 Matthew 9.27-31

7:30 am Morning Prayer

**8:00 am Intentions for Francis Costa**

#### **Saturday - St. Francis Xavier**

Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++

**8:00 am †Joedy Tamiat**

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 pm

4:00 pm Confessions

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-9 Matthew 3.1-12

**Building & Maintenance Collection**

**5:00 pm Intentions for Emma Bernhardt, †Julie Herron**

#### **Sunday**

**8:00 am †Claire Leblanc**

**9:15 am †Theresia Farkas, In Thanksgiving, Special Intention**

**11:00 am Our Parishioners**

**"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, visit [vocationculture.ca](http://vocationculture.ca).**

### **COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S**

#### **November:**

26/27: All Masses Debt Fund & Christmas Flower Collections

28: 5:30 pm CWL Executive Meeting

29: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 pm Living Sober Group

30: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

#### **December:**

1: 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

3: 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration until 12 pm

8:30 am Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions

3/4: All Masses Building & Maintenance Collection

4: 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mass

6: 8:00 pm Living Sober Group

7: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

8: 1:00 pm German Men's and Ladies Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

11: 12:00 pm CWL General Meeting

12: 7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service

13: 7:00 pm Living Sober Group

14: 7:00 pm Marienchor Rehearsal

15: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

17: All Masses St. Vincent de Paul Collection

18: 10:15 am German Congregation Social

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Please join us in offering our prayers and sympathy to our Choir Director, Bob Tasse, on the passing of his mother, Kathleen.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.*

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.** If you need immediate assistance, please call and leave a message.

#### **2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for 2017 are still available in the Lower Hall. They are labelled and in alphabetical order, so please be sure to pick up the correct box. Please notify the parish office if there are any discrepancies (name spelling or address change) so that we can correct any errors 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. For the first few collections please put your name on your envelopes. Thank you.



*Pray the Rosary Daily*

**PRAYER SHAWLS**



**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm.** Do you knit/crochet or would like to learn? Join us in the Lower Hall. Hope to see you there! Please also remember: FREE prayer shawls are available at the parish office. Donations to defray the cost of yarn are greatly appreciated.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS DEVOTIONS**



**Every First Saturday after 8 am Mass.**

We meet at the back of the church to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and then gather in the Lower Hall for a time of shared meditation and discussion until about 10 am. Come and grow in devotion to our loving Mother Mary. All are welcome!

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**



**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 pm.** We strongly encourage everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate Christmas with joy and renewed hearts.

Through this privileged encounter with God we are offered forgiveness, healing, made whole again and restored to intimacy with God. To prepare for this graced encounter with Jesus, we should begin by asking the Holy Spirit to give us insight into our innermost being so that we can discover what needs to be changed in our life and relationships, express a true and sincere sorrow for our failures, be desirous of changing our life, confess our faults in the sacrament of reconciliation and do the penance assigned.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 pm Family Mass
- 8:00 pm Mass in German/English
- 12:00 am Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00 am Mass in English

**Feast of St. Stephen - Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00 am Mass in English

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 5:00 pm Mass in English

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:15 am Mass in German/English
- 11:00 am Mass in English



**EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE - DID YOU KNOW?**

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. To learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government, visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca).

**OFFERTORY: November 19 - 20, 2016**

<b>Sunday Donations (184 env)</b>	<b>\$4,432.25</b>
<b>Loose Donations</b>	<b>\$ 294.75</b>
<b>Christmas Flower Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Christmas Donations</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Building Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>Debt Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

St. Mark's Parish Hall, Kitchener

**EXPOSITION OF RELICS**

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.** All are invited for a teaching and exposition of over 150 sacred relics. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics. You may examine and venerate each relic and are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion and pictures of ill friends/family, which you may touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Freepoint Hospital, Kitchener

**PRAYER VIGIL**

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** from 9 - 10 am, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

**ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA**

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.** This Novena of 6:30 am Masses has been a tradition in K-W for 38 years! Bring your family and friends! Each day, a different celebrant and musicians come together in joyful praise and worship. Enjoy coffee and fellowship after each Mass and a breakfast on the final Saturday. Free will offering proceeds to the SVDP Christmas Hampers.

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