



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

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Welcome to St. Mary's Parish!

No matter who you are or where you're from, we extend you a warm welcome and hope that you feel at home. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us at:

Phone: 519-576-3860

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Website: www.stmarysrcchurch.ca

Our Parish Team

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. – Pastor

Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. – Assisting Priest

Penny Laurette – Administrative Assistant

Robert Tasse – Music Director

Tony D'Amato Stortz – Outreach Coordinator

Amy Cyr – Chef, Kitchen Project Manager

Andrew Olinski – Caretaker

Nadine Greene – A Better Tent City Site Coordinator

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Outreach

Are you interested in getting involved? Do you have ideas about how we might better serve our neighbours? If so, please contact Tony at tonys.stmarys@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs call 226-988-5915 weekdays, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. For information on volunteering, please email Don McClure at don@teambilton.com.

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday: 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays: 11:30 – 11:50 am

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday after Mass until 1:00 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please email the parish office for details.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion and Sacrament of the Sick.

Tiny Home Takeout

Everyone deserves a great meal, free of charge. Visit us Tuesday – Saturday from 5 – 6:30 pm and 'grab a bite, give if you can'! Visit tinychometakeout.com for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS
October 26 - 31, 2021



Tuesday – ferial

Romans 8.18-25 Luke 13.18-21

12:00 pm †Fidel Barit

Wednesday – ferial

Romans 8.26-30 Luke 13.22-30

12:00 pm †Zorica Markovic

Thursday – St. Simon & St. Jude

Ephesians 2.19-22 Luke 6.12-19

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm †Paul Kessler

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

Friday – ferial

Romans 9.1-5 Luke 14.1-6

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Emily Dvorak

Saturday – ferial

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 6.2-6 Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 12.28-34

5:00 pm †John Heffner, For the Intentions of Tony D'Amato Stortz, For the Intentions of Bob Tasse

Sunday

8:30 am For Our Parishioners

11:00 am ††Deloris & Murray Rittinger

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

My first year teaching high school students was an awful time and there were several nights I cried myself to sleep. By Christmas time I seriously contemplated leaving the profession because I had made such a terrible mistake. But I stayed with it. I learned so much for my colleagues and especially from my students. Reflecting upon my experience and learning from it helped to transform my teaching from a disastrous experience into one of the favourite ministries to which I was called. If I had worked through the sorrows and hardships of the first year I would never have experienced the joy of being a secondary school teacher. The pains were growing pains that made me the person I am today. They were birthing pains that brought me from regretting being a teacher to loving the profession.

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

TINY HOME TAKEOUT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers to help out at Tiny Home Takeout. 3 shifts available: 10 am - 2 pm, 1 - 5 pm or 4 - 8 pm Tuesday – Saturday. If you are available for 1 or more shifts a week, drop by the Kitchen or email tinychometakeout@gmail.com or for more information.

FURNACE FUND FUNDRAISER

To help increase the Furnace Fund we are having a parish takeout Schnitzel Dinner on Sunday November 21ST. Gluten-free and Vegan options will also be available. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

Please consider donating to the Furnace Fund online through our website or by using the envelopes at the back of the church.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are in the process of ordering and preparing 2022 envelopes for distribution at the end of November. If you are presently using envelopes and have any changes to your address or other information, or if you would like to begin using envelopes (and received an official tax receipt), please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you.

OFFERTORY – October 16/17, 2021

Sunday Envelopes & Loose	\$2,750.00
Building Fund	\$90.00
Furnace Fund	\$940.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$6.00
World Mission Sunday	\$25.00

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

TINY HOME TAKE OUT NEWS

SUPPORTERS OF THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH

Their annual fundraiser is this Monday and St. Mary's has the honour of hosting the event. There will be Mass for the well-being of the Sisters and a takeout dinner prepared by our own Chef Amy and volunteers. Please keep the Carmelite Sisters in your prayers.

TASTE OF EUROPE EVENT

Chef Amy and our volunteers are participating in this event at the Kitchener Market this Tuesday in collaboration with Viking Cruise Lines. Donations from the event will help support our Tiny Home Takeout.

IN OUR AREA

UNPACKING UNPLANNED: BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING

Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocesan Family Ministry Office are bringing you an online information session regarding UNPLANNED, the story of Abby Johnson, the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic director in the U.S., and how she changed her mind on abortion. The Zoom event will combine video, questions and discussion on Wednesday, October 27th from 7 - 8:30 pm.. The session is free, but donations will be accepted during registration. To register, contact Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065.

LETTER FROM BISHOP CROSBY

October 22, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Hamilton Diocese,

Family is a powerful influence in our lives. The family models and lives the gifts of love, caring, compassion, humour, kindness and patience. It is in the family that we first learn about God and grow in faith, so we regard the family as the Domestic Church, the first community of faith for each person.

On March 19, 2021, Pope Francis officially opened a Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, celebrating and commemorating the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia. The exhortation both celebrates family and looks at the challenges families face in their everyday living. In his message launching the year, Pope Francis said that the family fulfills two main functions, "the frankness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment". These

are crucial tasks and the Church supports families as they endeavour to live together in love, compassion, obedience and faith.

The Pope announced the upcoming year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 27, 2020. This year of Amoris Laetitia Family overlaps the Year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8, 2020. These two years are connected by the foundation of family so vital to each of us. We read at the end of the Apostolic Exhortation, "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed: families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love." (Amoris Laetitia, 325) The Pope goes on to remind us that support for this essential vocation comes by living in loving community with the Holy Family. St. Joseph played a pivotal role within the Holy Family as a faithful earthly father to Jesus and his life serves as a model for us all; the overlap of the two years unites the Holy Family and all families in their vocation.

The example of love, devotion, faith and trust in God that Mary and Joseph demonstrated in their daily living and care for Jesus should inspire us during this year. The family provides a safe refuge for us to develop ourselves fully and to cultivate the particular gifts God provides each person. The Church offers its full presence and support for families as they experience the highs and lows, the opportunities and challenges of domestic life. As you strive to teach and learn what it means to give and forgive, to work together for a common purpose, and to share both joys and sorrows, may you remember that by nurturing the gift of faith your children they will be able to grow into mature Disciples of Christ. We look forward to offering you support through Diocesan initiatives over the coming months, including a family conference at the end of May 2022. May these events serve to provide assistance, learning and inspiration for you in your essential role as family.

Pope Francis ended his announcement of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year with the following: "May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity." Together let us continue to work in solidarity to strengthen and care for all families.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI



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