

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

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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 – Carektaker
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.

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

Email: stmarys@rogers.com

Website: www.stmarysrcchurch.ca

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 tinyhometakeout.com for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS October 5 - 10, 2021



Tuesday – ferial

Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 10.38-42

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Peter Delind Vanwijngaarden

Wednesday – ferial

Jonah 4.1-11 Luke 11.1-4

12:00 pm †Fr. Lorford Keasey, C.R.

Thursday - Our Lady of the Rosary

Malachi 3.13-4.2 Luke 11.5-13

11:30 am Confession until 11:50 am

12:00 pm For the Intentions of Lulu Regimbal & Family

12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 1:00 pm

Friday – ferial

Joel 1.13-15; 2.1-2 Luke 11.15-26

12:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory

<u>Saturday – ferial</u>

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 7.7-11 Hebrews 4.12-13 Mark 10.17-30

5:00 pm †Joe MacDonald

<u>Sunday</u>

8:30 am †Thomas Nicholas Schonhoffer

11:00 am For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY - September 25/26, 2021

Sunday Envelopes &	Loose	\$1,602.00
Building Fund		\$25.00
Debt Fund		\$30.00
Needs of the Canad	ian Church	\$375.00

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

FROM SORROW TO JOY!

Recently I was approached by a parishioner with a story I have heard a few times but this time it had a surprise ending. The story began about how a friend (let's call her Sophie) had drifted from her faith because she was quite upset with past and present abuses that had taken place in the Church. The drifting brought sorrow to them both because they missed the days when they would attend Mass together and get involved in various church activities. But one day Sophie decided to come back to her faith. It happened because people in Sophie's neighbourhood wanted her to sign a petition to stop residents of A Better Tent City from coming to their part of the Region. She thought to herself "if I don't care for these people who will?" It reminded her of the part of her faith that she knew and loved - caring for the less fortunate. Not only did Sophie not sign the petition, she was able to move through the sorrows within the Church and find renewed joy in caring for those who are suffering with a friend who was elated with her return.

Written by: Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.



YOUR SUNDAY CHUCKLE!



A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. The man watched the game in astonishment for a while.

"I can hardly believe my eyes!" he said. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"He's not so smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him 3 games out of five."

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.



News Release

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives

27 September 2021 – Ottawa – The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), expressed hope that these efforts will support meaningful projects across Canada and make a significant difference in addressing the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the residential school system.

"When the Bishops of Canada came together in Plenary last week, there was universal consensus that Catholic entities needed to do more in a tangible way to address the suffering experienced in Canada's residential schools. Comprised of local diocesan initiatives, this effort will help support programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of residential school survivors and their communities, ensuring resources needed to assist in the path of healing."

Funding for projects will be determined locally, in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in each region. The Bishops of Canada have committed and tasked themselves to develop national principles and strategy, timelines, and the public communication of these collective initiatives this November.

Bishop William McGrattan, Vice President of the CCCB, articulated the importance of working together with Indigenous Peoples on local goals, timing, and distribution of funds. "The Bishops of Canada have been guided by the principle that we should not speak about Indigenous People without speaking with them. To that end, the ongoing conversations with local leadership will be instrumental in discerning the programs that are most deserving of support. There is no single step that can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, but by listening, seeking relationships, and working collaboratively where we are able, we hope to learn how to walk together in a new path of hope."

Today's news follows a <u>national apology</u> that was issued by the Canadian Bishops on Friday, 24 September. In the weeks and months ahead, the CCCB will continue to provide updates on this work, as part of a long path towards healing and reconciliation.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

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