

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

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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.



#### 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 stmarysrcchurch.ca, or by using the form provided at all church doors.

#### MASS INTENTIONS October 8 - 13, 2019

#### Tuesday – ferial

Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 10.38-42

12:00 pm †Panching Almazol

#### Wednesday – ferial

Jonah 4.1-11 Luke 11.1-4

12:00 pm Intentions of the Santiago Family

#### Thursday – ferial

Malachi 3.13-4.2 Luke 11.5-13

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:15 am Confession until 11:45 am

12:00 pm For the Holy Father

#### Friday – ferial

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

12:00 pm †Marie Schnurr

#### Saturday – ferial

Joel 3.12-21 Luke 11.27-28

8:00 am †Therese Charlebois

4:00 pm Confession until 4:30 pm

#### **TWENTY – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kings 5.14-17 2 Timothy 2.8-13 Luke 17.11-19

5:00 pm ††Gerry & Rosemary Morgan, ††Gord & Yvonne Lobsinger, †Chuck Brohman

#### Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners

11:00 am †Fernando Julianelli

3:00 pm ††William & Ellen Devereaux (Traditional Latin Mass)

OFFERTORY – September 22, 2019	
Sunday Offerings	\$5,004.65
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$257.69
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$32.00

OFFERTORY – September 29, 2019	
Sunday Offerings	\$10,208.64
Building & Maintenance Offerings	\$205.00
Debt Fund Offerings	\$40.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$671.00

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

#### **CR CORNER**



The Prophet Habakkuk in the first reading is sharing an experience that perhaps many of us have had: praying to God for a favor and nothing happens! Whether these prayer requests are for material favors or spiritual

favours, it can appear to us that God is not answering our prayers not to reply to our prayers.

The prayers we can bring to God presuppose that we have faith in God to be able to deliver for us what we ask. However, we may have the tendency to bargain with God to deliver what we FEEL we need rather than having the faith to believe that God knows what is best for us.

These requests often are rooted in various human limitations. The first limitation would be because I want instant gratification and avoid suffering at all cost. If I'm struggling financially, why doesn't God solve my problem by allowing me to win the lottery? Then my problems would be over! The second limitation may be because I may feel a sense of entitlement and believe that because I have been faithful to God, then I deserve to live a good life free of any challenges or struggles. Let the pain of this life be endured by those who do not believe in God. Such thinking would create in a crisis of belief in God when something challenging comes my way and God doesn't grant what I want.

The gift of faith, which comes from God and when it is centered on doing the will of God, enables us to see the "bigger picture" of God's plan for us. This plan may not always be the way we see it. However, it calls us to trust that God loves us and will take care of us on our journey. On our part, we are invited to have patience and perseverance in believing that God is always with us and will transform our lives with his grace.

The parable of the "mustard seed" that we read in the gospel illustrates how the presence of God for each of us is a learning process throughout our lives just as the growth of the tree begins as a small seed and grows into a large shrub. The growth of the shrub may go through challenges in its growth from the outside dangerous elements that can threaten this growth. But the sun, rain and rich soil help it through the challenges so that it can thrive and become healthy. Likewise, all the experiences we have, both joyful and painful, shape our lives and open ourselves to understanding who God is for us. Prayer, Sacraments and the love we experience from others help us through the painful experiences to develop into the people God has created us to be.

Written by Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R.

#### VOLUNTEER SIGN UP WEEKEND

Thank you all for contributing to the many ministries that bring our parish to life. Congratulations to: **Andrea O., Ana S., Stan R., Vickie S., and Kinda A.** – our 5 lucky winners of Fr. Toby's apple pies!

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**



Thank you to all who signed up to pray for unborn children and their mothers on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider going out

and offering an hour of your time to pray for an end to abortion at any time during the campaign, now until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. May our support for families and belief that life begins at conception continue to be expressed in loving ways like this.

#### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



October 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. As we give thanks for our many blessings, we also take time to remember those who are in need. Please Join the St. Mary's - St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive -

#OneBagChallenge on Thanksgiving weekend. Please bring your donations of food to the baskets and blue boxes available at all church doors for non-perishable food items. A full list of some needed items is on the back page of the of the Thanksgiving Food Drive flyers that are located at all church doors. Thank you for your generosity.

#### ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> following 11 am

<u>Mass.</u> Please join us for a bite of lunch (soup and beverages provided - you may wish to bring you own brown bag sandwich), in the Lower

Hall. Our Liturgy will be on the Rosary, as October is the month of the Rosary of The Blessed Virgin Mary; as well as prayers of Thanksgiving for all God's blessings! Come celebrate with us in prayer and fellowship – all CWL ladies attending are asked to please celebrate this Mass by sitting together as a group! We will have reserved seating at the front of the church on the right hand side. See you there!!

#### **EXCITING NEWS!**

A grant has just been awarded to St. Mary Our Lady of Sorrows Parish from the Ex Corde Foundation in the amount of \$75,000.00. The purpose of the grant is to help with our kitchen and washroom renovations that will help with accessibility and provide assistance to those who go without meals and other basic necessities in downtown Kitchener. We at St. Mary's are very grateful to the contributors to and facilitators of the Ex Corde Foundation and look forward to being good stewards of this timely gift!

#### HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

Staff and Building Committee members are hard at work with our contractor, architect, and engineer, to move toward our goal of getting approval from the Diocese of Hamilton and the City of Kitchener by the end of October to start the renovations Updated plans for the renovation are at the back of the church. Further updates will follow.

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

# Albion Hotel, Guelph "THEOLOGY ON TAP"

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm. Come hear about "Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love" with Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. FREE finger food provided. Special shout out to young adults 19 - 40. All are welcome! For more information, visit us on Facebook, "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com."

## St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener **SILENT AUCTION**

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass**. Proceeds support St. Anne's refugee ministry. Included in the auction are a weekend in Niagara Falls, a bake sale, a raffle, book sale and 50-50 draw. Thank you for your support.

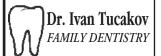
#### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Helping our children to become less focused on themselves and more interested in their neighbour is an essential role of every parent and caregiver. Children do not often think of others before themselves in the early years of their lives, so from a young age be sure to set clear limits on their behavior and the "things" they get, so they don't become entitled; praise them whenever you witness an unselfish act, no matter how small; model unselfish behavior both within and outside the home by sharing time, goods and talents. Children thrive in relationships, show less anger and aggression and feel good about themselves when they look outward, not inward. Jesus himself taught that next to loving God, loving neighbour is our most important role in this world.

#### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

It is important every now and then that spouses deliberately consider the needs and/or desires of their partner over their own, even if it may not be their first choice of action.

Acknowledging a spouse in this manner, in a variety of different circumstances, tells them that you are listening when they express their feelings/desires, puts their needs above your own and makes them feel both cared for and listened to by the one they love. When both remember to act in this manner, couples feel closer, see less anger in their relationship and experience the satisfying feelings of being cared for.



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