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*Under the Guidance and Administration of
the Religious Fathers of The Congregation of the Resurrection
www.resurrectionist.ca*



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 or contact Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at 226-989-1057 or 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*

SECOND 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 December 5 - 11, 2016

Monday - ferial

Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 5.17-26

12:10 pm Intentions for Jane Jagas

Tuesday - St. Nicholas

Isaiah 40.1-11 Matthew 18.12-14

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Intentions for Ivan Jagas Sr.

Wednesday - St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40.25-31 Matthew 11.28-30

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am †Jan Sikora

Thursday - The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Genesis 3.9-12, 20 Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12 Luke 1.26-38

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

11:50 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

12:10 pm For Deceased Benefactors and Parents of the Congregation of the Resurrection, For the Costa Family

Friday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Isaiah 48.17-19 Matthew 11.16-19

7:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 am Special Intention

Saturday - ferial

Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17.10-13

8:00 am †Ponciana Ortega

4:00 pm Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

5:00 pm †Lydia Roussy, †Carl Glasser, †Ken Shiry

Sunday

8:00 am Our Parishioners

9:15 am †Edelgard Schinke, †Katharina Rill

11:00 am Intentions of Mae Hicks

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, visit vocationculture.ca.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

December:

3/4:	All Masses	Building & Maintenance Collection
4:	4:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 4 th 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 Advent Social
20:	11:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group
27:	8:00 pm	Living Sober Group

2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2017 are still available in the Lower Hall. They are labelled and in alphabetical order. Please notify the parish office if there are any discrepancies in your name or address, so 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. PLEASE do not use these envelopes until 2017. Any received will be held until January. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S CWL GENERAL MEETING



Sunday, December 11th following 11 am Mass.

Please join us in the Lower Hall for a Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon – beverages will be provided but please remember to bring, not only your FAVOURITE food(s), but your plates and cutlery as well. As we've done before and in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas giving, we are putting together a 'care package' for the women at Anselma House: i.e. hygiene products, lotions, body wash, scarves, gloves, P.J.'s, etc. If possible, please bring an item to go into this box. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and refreshments with one another, as we pray and anxiously anticipate the Birth of Jesus!



Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic Faith by attending St. Mary's, may consider us their own parish, no matter where they live. They just simply need to register!

Forms are located at all entrances of the church, at the parish office on our website.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE



Monday, December 12th, 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. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

- 11:00 am Mass in English

Feast of St. Stephen - Monday, December 26th

- 11:00 am Mass in English

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Saturday, Dec. 31st

- 5:00 pm Mass in English

Sunday, January 1st

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



EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE - DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament. Our local MPP's are:

Kitchener Centre : Daiene Vernile (Liberal)

3-379 Queen Street South, Kitchener ON N2G 1W6

Kitchener-Conestoga : Michael Harris (PC)

4-4281 King Street East Kitchener ON N2P 2E9

Kitchener-Waterloo : Catherine Fife (NDP)

401-22 King Street South, Waterloo ON N2J 1N8

OFFERTORY: November 26 - 27, 2016

Sunday Donations (203 env)	\$4,381.50
Loose Donations	\$ 326.25
Christmas Flower Fund Donations	\$1,099.00
Debt Fund Donations	\$4,766.15

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Now to the Last Sunday of Advent, December 18th, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener

OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS!

Saturday, December 10th, 9 am - 2 pm. Please join us for a life-changing day! We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ in preparation for Christmas! No registration fee. Refreshments provided. Bring a bag-lunch. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, December 21st at 7 pm. If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

IN NEED OF PRAYERS?

The members of the Congregation of the Resurrection pray for people requesting prayers for themselves or others. View their web site resurrectionist.ca and send in your request for prayers. A Mass is celebrated each week at Resurrection Manor Waterloo, for the intentions sent in during the previous month.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

Please contact your parish and they will assist you with your questions and liturgical arrangements. For more information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations please call 1-800-661-5985 or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

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