

ST. MARY OUR LADY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Kitchener, Ontario

Our parish of St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows draws members from throughout the city. Catholics choose St. Mary's because of our traditions and history, our beautiful church and our vibrant parish life. The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign serves as an opportunity to build on that foundation as the Diocese works to help parishes raise money to strengthen their communities. Beyond that, the campaign gives us an avenue to contribute to important diocesan ministries.

Based on feedback from you and others at St. Mary's, and looking at needs in our downtown community, there is a desire to strengthen parishioner fellowship and support more outreach in our neighbourhood. To reach these goals, we need a more effective parish hall – a hall that can allow for meals to be served and provide washroom access to those in wheelchairs. These improvements will allow us to say to one another in an even stronger way: "Welcome!"



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"This is an exciting time for our parish and our Diocese! The One Heart, One Soul Campaign puts parishes in the spotlight – their value, their vibrancy and their future. For St. Mary's, it's an opportunity to renovate our hall to create an accessible space for all and help build a lively place to gather for socials and outreach projects for seniors, youth and the poor in our community."

FR. TOBY COLLINS, CR, *Pastor of St. Mary's Parish*

Our overall parish fundraising goal for the campaign is \$500,000, and special features of the *One Heart, One Soul* effort will enable us to maximize the positive impact at the parish level:

- First, the parish will keep 75 percent of what is raised up to our minimum target of \$362,000.
- We will keep 85 percent of what is raised above \$362,000.
- Note that there are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is picking up those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

What an opportunity!

And that is why we have set a goal of \$500,000.

We want to maximize this chance to profoundly enhance our parish.

See the back of this page for more details about the parish needs that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign.



ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

PARISH GOAL: \$500,000

For parish campaign projects: \$388,800

- New kitchen in parish hall
- Updated washrooms
- New parish hall flooring
- Expanded outreach capabilities

For shared ministries: \$75,000

For parishes in need: \$36,200

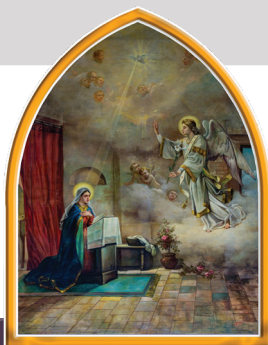


PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS (\$388,800)

OUR WAY OF THANKING YOU

Do these paintings look familiar?

Look up in our church and they will. They are of the Annunciation and the Resurrection, and they are two of the more than a dozen beautiful, life-size paintings featured on the Gothic ceiling. We are making professional prints of these two panels, and all who make a gift to the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign will receive an 8x10 print of one of them as our thank you for your generosity.

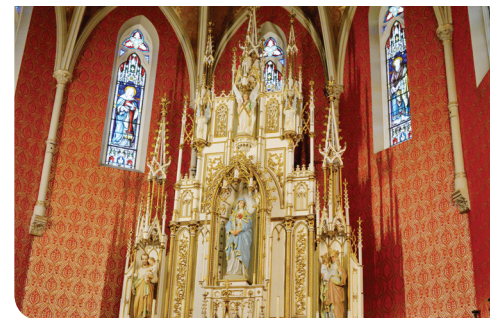
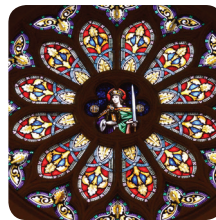


NEW KITCHEN IN PARISH HALL

Chefs and food lovers, rejoice! A new kitchen will be a centerpiece of a long-hoped-for update of the parish hall below the church. With an updated parish hall, St. Mary's expects even more use of the facility. With that will come the need for an improved kitchen. The kitchen, including new appliances, will be built in the meeting room area on the rectory side of the hall, to allow for required ventilation.

UPDATED WASHROOMS

Washrooms will see a major upgrade as part of the parish hall improvements. Accessible washrooms will be built in the current kitchen area, and the existing washrooms on the rectory side of the hall will be improved and made more accessible.



NEW PARISH HALL FLOORING

The parish hall improvements will be noticeable with your first step into the facility. Beautiful new flooring will replace the decades-old carpeting in the hall.

EXPANDED OUTREACH CAPABILITIES

In addition to hosting parish events – dinners, meetings, socials – the hall will be an important element of the parish's increased outreach efforts in the downtown area. Monthly dinners for those in need are one example of how the hall might be used in this capacity.

BUILDING ON A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Parishioners were asked in a recent survey, "What do you like most about St. Mary's?" Here are just a few of the responses:

- "I always feel welcome."
- "The young priests here know how to do what Jesus says: serve and love one another. Thank you!"
- "Going to Mass makes us feel like we are in our home country."
- "I like that our Roman Catholic customs are being preserved and upheld."
- "The church holds a place of prayer, family and tradition."
- "Fixing the sound system has breathed new life into this parish. You are amazing!"
- "We are so blessed here at St. Mary's, so close to God."

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

a Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes