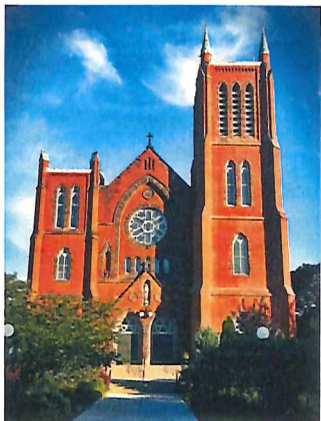


# Pre-Authorized Giving

“What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?”  
Psalm 116:12



St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener

## What is pre-authorized giving?

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Mary's Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

## How do I enroll?

First, reflect on all that God has given you, and prayerfully decide how much of this you will return to God through your offering to your parish. Then fill out the form on the other side of this brochure and attach a void cheque in the space provided. Place the completed form in a sealed envelope into the offertory collection, mail the completed form to the parish, or drop it off in person.

Parish pre-authorized giving programs are supported and encouraged by the Diocese of Hamilton through the Office of Stewardship and Development. For more information, please visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).



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## Why should I participate?

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for St. Mary's Parish.

### Advantages for you:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away

### Advantages for St. Mary's Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish
- Reduction of paperwork
- The ability to more effectively plan parish programs and activities

## How can I cancel payments?

You may stop your pre-authorized giving by simply writing a letter with 30 days' notice to St. Mary's Parish. If you would prefer to use a standardized cancellation form instead of writing a letter, or for more information on your right to cancel your pre-authorized giving agreement, please contact your financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

You have certain recourse rights if ever any debit to your account does not comply with this agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this pre-authorized giving agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, contact your financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

## Calculating your monthly pre-authorized giving

To help determine the amount of one's monthly contribution, multiply your weekly offering by the 52 weeks in a year, then divide this annual contribution by 12. Examples are provided below for your reference.

Weekly Offering	Monthly Offering
\$10/week (\$520/year)	<b>\$43 per month</b>
\$20/week (\$1040/year)	<b>\$86 per month</b>
\$40/week (\$2080/year)	<b>\$173 per month</b>
\$50/week (\$2600/year)	<b>\$216 per month</b>
\$100/week (\$5200/year)	<b>\$433 per month</b>

Note that the amounts above are provided only for example. Our hope is that parishioners will contribute an offering that is meaningful, sacrificial, and that honours the abundance with which the Lord has blessed each of us.

## How will pre-authorized giving replace my current giving?

While your offering will be transferred electronically, the parish will continue to provide envelopes to those who enroll in pre-authorized giving. These envelopes can still be placed into the collection as a sign of the pre-authorized gift you are giving to the parish. Please note that special collections (i.e. Share Lent, Seminary Education, etc.) still require that offerings be placed into special envelopes, and will not be processed through pre-authorized giving.

# Authorization Form

I/we hereby authorize the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish to debit my/our account **each month** as allocated below:

I/we hereby change my/our **monthly** donation as allocated below:

Monthly Parish Offering: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Building Maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Offering \$**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment start date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Us**  
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 Kitchener, ON N2H 3W7  
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 stmarysrchurch.ca

To enroll, fill out authorization form on the reverse side of this page, then attach a void cheque here or provide information at right.

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