

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – MARCH 25, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 27th	
9:00 a.m.	+Helen Hilker (Rosemary Downey & Patsy Logel)
Wednesday, March 28th	
10:15 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Kozak Heritage River Family (St. Mary's Choir Members)
Thursday, March 29th Holy Thursday	
St. Mary's 7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, March 30th The Passion of the Lord	
St. Mary's 3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy St. Martin's Communion
5:00 p.m.	
Saturday, March 31st Holy Saturday	
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday April 1st, Easter Sunday	
St. Mary's 10:00 a.m.	Mass for the People
St. Martin's 11:00 a.m.	Mass for the People

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS – March 17th & 18th

57 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,522.00
Weekly Loose	6.00
1 Building Maintenance	10.00
1 Good Friday Offering	20.00
16 Share Lent Collection	705.00
In Memory of Grace Driscoll	25.00
Total	\$ 2,323.00

St. Martin's – March 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 410.00
Share Lent	140.00
Total	\$ 550.00

FOOD BANK NEWS:

St. Mary's is holding an **Easter Food Drive** for the Centre Wellington Food Bank. The food bank is in need of general food donations and in particular need of canned or bottled, **apple or orange juice**. Please leave all donations in the bin in the front foyer for collection and delivery to the food bank. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION:

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday, March 30th**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude, Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

FINAL LENTEN MESSAGE FROM DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$845 was collected in our parish (St. Mary's and St. Martin's). This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and our brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at www.devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY:

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fish Fry from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Good Friday (March 30th) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. **This year we will be offering an option of baked fish** as well as the traditional deep-fried fish. Fish and Chip dinners will be \$10.00 for one piece of fish and \$14.00 for two pieces of fish; pop or bottled water will be \$1.00 each. One piece of fish only will be \$6.00 and one order of fries only will be \$4.00. Juice, coffee and tea are included with a dinner. Take out will be

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available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Young people 14 or over who are interested in volunteering to help set up, bus tables etc. please contact Don Cassidy at 519-843-2088.

NEWS FROM THE K of C:

No Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast in April.

As the usual Sunday for the K of C charity breakfast falls on Easter Sunday, we will not be holding an April Breakfast. Our next breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 6th. We hope to see you there!

MARCH BREAKFAST THANKS:

Thanks to the approximately 100 adults and children who supported the March Knights of Columbus breakfast. This breakfast was sponsored by St. Joseph's Thursday Club and a donation was made to support their work.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - CLOSING POTLUCK:

All are welcome to a closing potluck on Sunday, March 25th at 6:00pm to mark the end of the 40 Days for Life pro-life prayer campaign. The gathering will be at Holy Rosary Church's Community Room, and those who have prayed at the vigil will be sharing their experiences. RSVP by contacting the Right to Life office: [519-836-6311](tel:519-836-6311), info@guelphforlife.com

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE:

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.HamiltonVocations.com

FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1st to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR:

MONDAY: Rev. David Reilander

TUESDAY: Rev. Tom Moisan

WEDNESDAY: Chaplains

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

SATURDAY: Rev. Andrew Quarshie

Please Keep our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in Your Prayers: Jean Skerritt

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH	
Mar 26	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
Mar 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 28	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 30	Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry– St. Joseph's Parish Hall 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
April 9	CWL Meeting – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	
Mar 29	Holy Thursday – 7:30p.m.– St. Mary's Elora Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration till Midnight.
Mar 30	Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy, 3:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Elora, and 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's, Drayton. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
Mar 31	Holy Saturday Ceremonies St. Mary's, Elora 11:00 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
April 1	Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 10:00 a.m. – St. Mary Immaculate, Elora 11:00 a.m. – St. Martin of Tours, Drayton