

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 9, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 11, <i>St. Damasus I (Opt Mem)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+ Jack & Grace Driscoll (Estate)
Weds, December 12, <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)</i>	
10:30 a.m.	+Bob O'Bright
Well. Terrace	(St. Mary's CWL)
7:00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service & Confessions
Thursday, December 13, <i>Saint Lucy (Obl Mem)</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Lasovich Family (Koechl Family)
Fri., December 14 th , <i>St. John of the Cross (Obl Mem)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Harold Dorscht (Rosemary Downey & Patsy Logel)
Saturday, December 15 th	
5:00 p.m.	+Mary Crowley & Maria Grunzweig (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday, December 16 th , <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+Deceased Members of Kaminski & Weller Families (Bernie Kaminski & Family)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, December 1st & 2nd:

70 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,936.00
Loose	85.20
4 Building Maintenance	190.00
1 Cemetery Purposes	25.00
1 Altar Supplies & Devotional Materials	60.00
24 Flower Offering	280.00
Total:	\$ 2,576.20

St. Martin's, December 2nd:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 360.00
Building Maintenance	65.00
Total:	\$ 425.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Dec 24	4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Elora – Christmas Carols and Children's Nativity Play followed by: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 p.m. St. Martin's Drayton – Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 p.m. St. Mary's Elora – Midnight Mass
Dec 25	9:00 a.m. St. Martin's – Christmas Day Mass 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's – Christmas Day Mass



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WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DOES THE DIOCESE DO FOR PARISHES AND OTHERS ALREADY?

The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

DOES THE DIOCESE HELP ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF IT?

Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good

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Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?

There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S, ELORA:

Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Some visiting priests will help us out with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas as we all wait in joyful hope and anticipation to celebrate once again, the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ.

WARMTH AND COMFORT SOCK COLLECTION:

St. Mary's CWL continues to accept donations of socks for the homeless. Any sizes and shapes of socks will be gratefully accepted and can be left in the box indicated in the front vestibule until December 15th. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Preparation of 2019 envelope packets will begin shortly. If you receive one now, you will continue to do so unless you have not been actively using it for the past six months. If you are new to the parish or wish to begin donating please complete the following and drop it into the collection basket by December 16th, 2018. Thank you for your support.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Income Tax Receipts: in order to receive a tax receipt for 2018 for any donations you wish to make, all money must be received and deposited by Dec. 31st, 2018 after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES:

Religious articles will be for sale at the back of the church after all weekend Masses December 8,9,15 and 16. Please see Anne Crawford if there is something you are looking for and is not on display.

Please Keep Our Recently Baptized Loved Ones in Your Prayers: Owen Ferguson

Please Also Keep Our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in Your Prayers: Gwyneth Walser, Laverne McIntosh, Harold Dorscht and David Okafor

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Dec 10	Scripture Study Group – 9:30 a.m.– St. Mary's rectory meeting room – All welcome
Dec 12	Advent Penitential Service – 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church – Followed by individual confessions.
Dec 15	Last day to donate socks to the 'Warmth and Comfort' Collection – Box in vestibule
Dec 23	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal – All children interested in being in nativity play before 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve to remain after 11:00 a.m. Mass to practice.