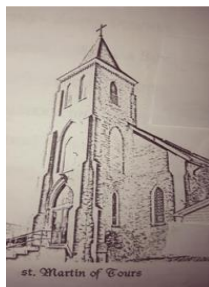


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## Mass Schedule Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	+Fr. Ezekiel Owoye (Innocente Family)
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	+Kathleen Ellis (Herman & Bev Lavigne)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	A.I.D.
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration +Werner Blazejeweski (Steve & Colleen Cudney)
<u>Friday</u> <i>St. John Paul II (OM)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Deanna McKenna (Her Brothers & Sisters in Law)

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now'. I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### October Marian Devotion

The months of May and October are set aside by the Church for special devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother of God. This October, we have celebrated the memorial of our Lady of the Holy Rosary. We know the important role St. Dominic and his companions played in the promotion of devotion to Mary through the Rosary. In each of the mysteries of the Rosary we celebrate important events in the life of Christ and ask his Blessed Mother to pray for us. For us in Elora, we have a special take in the celebration of Marian feasts since among others, our Church is named after the Mother of God. I therefore wish to enjoin us to have special devotion to Mary by praying the Rosary as individuals and families in this Marian month. She played a vital role in the history of our salvation, and she continues to present our petitions to Christ her son. May Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Mary Immaculate, continue to intercede for us. Amen

### OFFERINGS

#### St. Mary's – October 9th:

36 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,223.00
Weekly Loose	45.10
1 Building Maintenance	30.00
1 Needs of the Cdn. Church	<u>25.00</u>
Total:	\$1,298.00

#### St. Martin's – October 3<sup>rd</sup>:

14 Weekly Offerings	\$ 460.00
Weekly Loose	110.00
Building Maintenance	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 640.00

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

### MASK REQUIREMENT/COMMUNION ON TONGUE

As we continue to pray for an end to COVID-19 pandemic, I wish to plead with everyone that, owing to the peculiarity of our parish community and out of abundance of our Christian charity, MASKS are REQUIRED for all indoor gatherings in our parish. If anyone is not able to wear a mask for any reason, kindly use a FACE SHIELD. We may have different opinions on this issue but the least our Christian obligation demands of us is to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers and to always put others into consideration (Mt. 17:27). Also, if anyone wishes to receive communion on the tongue kindly come last when those receiving on the hand must have received. Thank you for your understanding.

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Pope Francis recently announced that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The Theme of the Synod is: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. For the first time, the meeting will be the culmination of a “three-year path” involving all of the People of God at every level of the Church. This “path” is a process rather than an event, which Pope Francis will solemnly inaugurate this October 9-10, is meant to be a manifestation of “synodality” which is a form that realizes the participation of all the people of God in mission. Details on the Synod and the Synodal Prayer can be accessed on Hamilton diocesan website.

## ONLINE LEARNING FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. For more information check out the [Hamilton Diocese learns web page](#) or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at (905) 528-7988 x 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing for things they don't have, instead of focusing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodness's of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

<b>Oct 17/24</b>	Sacrament of First Holy Communion. 2:00 p.m.
<b>Nov 9</b>	6:30 p.m. St. Mary's CWL meeting followed by CWL Memorial Mass