

# St. Mary Immaculate Church

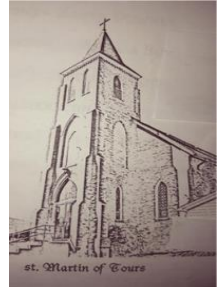
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### Mass Schedule First Week of Advent

**November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</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.	+Leo & Esther Rafferty & +Lloyd & Vivian Ludgate (Kropf Family)
<u>Tuesday</u> <i>St. Andrew (Feast)</i>	7:00 p.m.	A.I.D.
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Ursula Chivers (Colette & Family)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration +Peter Peloso (Bev & Herman Lavigne)
<u>Friday</u> <i>St. Francis Xavier (OM)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Deanna McKenna (Joe & Joan Walser)

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.”

Pope Francis

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Hope in Christ**

I welcome everyone in our parish to the beginning of another liturgical calendar, year C, with our celebration of this first Sunday of advent. The central theme of today's celebration is "Hope". In a world filled with hopelessness on many fronts, God's words remind us that "Hope does not fail us because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Rm. 5:5). Advent is a time of preparation for the that time when Christ who is the fulfilment of our hope will come among us as a little baby. Today, we light the first candle in our advent wreath. Everything in the wreath has deep spiritual significance: the circular nature of the wreath made up of evergreen leaves symbolizes God who has no beginning or end and who is ever present in our lives. There are three purple and one pink candles, known respectively as Prophetic, Bethlehem, Shepherd and Angel's candles. The candles stand for Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace. Let our preparation therefore take into account these advent symbols as we prepare for Christ's coming through a holy way of life, since the One we expect this Christmas charges us to be holy just as God is holy. This is what St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians and all of us to do in today's 2nd reading. Christ also tells us in today's Gospel to be vigilant in our preparation for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This new year in our liturgical calendar invites us all to begin afresh with Christ. We can do this by inviting our brothers and sisters who may not have been in Church for some time to come worship with us again. May Christ find us ready when he comes.

**OFFERINGS**

**St. Mary's – November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

37 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,488.00
Weekly Loose	20.00
3 Building Maintenance	65.00
1 Cemetery Purposes	<u>25.00</u>
Total:	\$1,598.00

**St. Martin's – November 21<sup>st</sup>**

9 Weekly Offerings	\$180.00
Loose	<u>40.00</u>
	\$ 220.00

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

## **DIOCESAN CONSULTATION FOR 2023 SYNOD**

Diocesan consultation for the coming Synod has been extended until March 31, 2022. This is to give adequate time to prepare our diocesan report which is to be submitted to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) and subsequently to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Let us continue to pray for the success of the Synod.

### **FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE**

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).  
[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### **ADVENT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see diocesan website for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

### **CHORISTERS**

As we welcome our parish choir back to leading us in music, we sincerely thank those who have provided music ministry in our parish for over a year. On another note, as we gradually get back to normal after COVID-19 pandemic, the liturgy committee of our parish agreed there will be no Christmas pageant this year. We hope things get better next year so adequate preparations can be made for this yuletide event.

### **COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!**

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Advent Weekend Retreat** - December 3-5
- **Ignatius Spirituality Retreat** - January 17-22
- **Let us Dream Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - January 28-30
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - Feb. 6-14 - *Please note that you can take a shorter retreat within these dates (i.e. 2-day, 3-day, 4-day, etc.) - contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca)*
- **Ignatius & Teilhard 5-Day Retreat** - February 17-22
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