



# St. Mary Immaculate Church

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## Mass Schedule Fourth Week of Advent

**December 18<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Parish</b>
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> St. Martin of Tours	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For the Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Parish</b>
St. Mary Immaculate	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+Margaret Morris (John &amp; Eleanor Morris &amp; Family)</b>
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> <i>St. Peter Canisius (OM)</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+Charles Winters (Virginia Winters &amp; Family)</b>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+Bridget Walser (The McKenna Family)</b>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> <i>St. John of Kanty (OM)</i>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eucharistic Exposition &amp; Adoration &amp; Confessions</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+Deanna McKenna (Jim &amp; Fran Keating)</b>

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope...."

**Pope Benedict xvi**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - The Blessedness in Doing God's Will

This week we shall be concluding the journey we started four weeks ago; a journey of preparation for Christ this Christmas. Our readings present Mary and Jesus as persons who always did the will of God the Father. Many prophets foretold the coming of the messiah and Micah, in today's first reading, talks of a new dispensation which will be brought about when "she who is in labour has brought forth". The prophecy of Micah and many others before and after him was fulfilled in Mary who, having been told by the angel that she will give birth to the saviour of the world, went in today's Gospel to visit Elizabeth who pronounced Mary blessed among women. Mary became blessed because she submitted to God's will. In today's second reading Christ was also said to have come to do God's will. As we get ready for him this Christmas let us learn from Mary and Jesus; let us submit to God's will in all things so he can bless us. In all circumstances let us say: Thy Will be done.

## OFFERINGS

### St. Mary's – December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

39 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,793.00
Weekly Loose	40.00
1 Building Maintenance	200.00
1 World Mission Sunday	10.00
4 Flower Offering	65.00
2 Christmas Offering	<u>140.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,283.00

### St. Martin's – December 12<sup>th</sup>

17 Weekly Offerings	\$ 535.00
Loose	60.00
3 Building Maintenance	<u>135.00</u>
Total:	\$ 730.00

## Monthly EFT Donations

### St. Mary's

Offerings	\$ 3,812.50
Building Maintenance	<u>550.50</u>
Monthly Total:	\$ 4,363.00

### St. Martin's

Offerings	\$ 170.00
Building Maintenance	<u>30.00</u>
Monthly Total:	\$ 200.00

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

## 2021 OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2022 envelope packets are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you are new to the parish or wish to begin donating, you may contact Mary Clark [stmelbadmin@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelbadmin@wightman.ca) or pick up a blank packet and number. **TAX RECEIPTS:** In order to receive a tax receipt for 2021 for any donations you wish to make, all money must be received and deposited by December 26th, 2021, after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses or by arrangement with either the office (519-846-5093) or Mary (519-993-7915) by December 30th.

## FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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/)

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY RESOURCE

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared the attached link to the diocese website with a beautiful resource for families to share and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/>

## DIACONATE ORDINATION

One of the seminarians for Hamilton diocese, Carlos Diaz will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger on December 28th, 2021. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

### The Nativity of the Lord & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

<b>Dec 23</b>	St. Mary's Elora Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions starting at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm.
<b>Dec 24</b>	St. Martin's: 7pm (full), St. Mary's: 5pm and 10pm,
<b>Dec 25</b>	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's: 11am
<b>Dec 26</b> (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's 11am
<b>Dec 31</b>	St. Mary's 5pm (Vigil Mass for January 1 <sup>st</sup> )
<b>Jan 1</b> (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)	St. Martin's 9am St. Mary's 11am
<b>Jan 2</b> (Epiphany of the Lord)	St. Martin's 9am St. Mary's 11am

\*Please sign up for all Christmas Masses as space is limited due to ongoing distancing regulations. Some masses may already be full. Seating placements, however, will not be specific but on a first come first served basis.