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Mass Schedule Second Week of Advent

December 4th to December 10th

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Joe Molto (Keating Family)
<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.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u> <i>St. Ambrose (M)</i>	7:00 p.m.	+Genowefa Michnik (Bozena Anna Holody)
<u>Wednesday</u> <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	+Rose Steinhoff (Namua Lucano) Wellington Terrace
<u>Thursday</u> <i>St. Juan Diego (OM)</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration +Charles Wilfred McDaniel (Bev & Herman Lavigne)
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	A.I.D.

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.”

Pope Francis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
2nd Sunday of Advent: Fixing Valley of Loneliness and the Mountain of Pride

Today the focus of our liturgy is on adequate preparation for the coming of Christ this Christmas. It is often said, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail". Our planning for Christmas is to be seen in our preparation for Christ. Both prophet Baruch in today's first reading and John the Baptist in the Gospel called people to prepare for the Lord's coming by filling the valleys and bringing down the mountains in order to make the path to our heart straight for the Lord. We may have found ourselves between these two extremes - valley of loneliness or the mountain of pride. We need to fix this path to welcome Christ anew into our lives. No matter what our past may be, Christ is ready to give us a new start. As we begin this second week of advent, let our preparation be seen in the way we are ready to share the joy of this period with all and sundry. May He find us pure and blameless, having produced a harvest of righteousness when he comes.

OFFERINGS

St. Mary's – November 27th & 28th

37 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,118.00
Weekly Loose	10.00
13 Building Maintenance	1,315.00
3 Flower Offering	35.00
1 Christmas Offering	50.00
1 Cemetery Purposes	<u>15.00</u>
Total:	\$2,543.00

St. Martin's – November 28th

15 Weekly Offerings	\$ 365.00
Loose	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 385.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION FOR 2023 SYNOD

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

SALES

Anne will be at the back of Church with Christmas religious articles on Dec. 4th/5th, 11th/12th and 18th/19th. Kindly get articles for your loved ones. Thank you.

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com 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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT WELLINGTON CDSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022. To be eligible for registering in Kindergarten, children must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten and must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

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NOVENA FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, GUELPH

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Marian Shrine of the diocese of Hamilton, invites the faithful of the diocese to celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception beginning from Nov. 29 to Dec. 8 by 7:00pm daily. Details of celebrants and homilists can be found on the diocesan website.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec 23	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession starting at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. St. Mary's Elora
Dec 24	St. Martin's: 7pm, St. Mary's: 5pm and 10pm,
Dec 25	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's: 11am
Dec 26	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's 11am

*Please sign up for all Christmas Masses - See table at the back of the church