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Mass Schedule Third Week of Advent

December 11th to December 17th

<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.	+Carl Downey (Eileen Downey & Family)
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	+Peter Peloso (St. Mary's Parish)
<u>Tuesday</u> <i>St. John of the Cross (M)</i>	7:00 p.m.	+Rev. Fr. Robert Stainsby (Frances Mantler)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Mario DiGravio (Kropf Family)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration Special Intention
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Deanna McKenna (Lynn & Eugene Kraemer)

“At this Christmas, when Christ Comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s
own love and concern.”
St. Teresa of Calcutta

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Third Week of Advent - What Really Gives You Joy?

As we continue our preparation for the coming of Christ this 3rd Sunday of Advent, today's readings invite us to rejoice. The world gives us many things to be happy and rejoice about but all these things put together, if God is not in the mix, the joy they give doesn't last. True and lasting happiness comes only from God. However, this joy should be concretized in positive actions. Hence, when asked in today's gospel, John the Baptist told the people who longed for the Messiah to prepare for His coming by being charitable, fair, and contented. These are virtues we also can practice towards one another as part of our preparation for Christ's coming. As we light the pink candle in our advent wreath today, which clearly stands out among the other purple candles, we are asked to make a difference in our world by spreading far and near the joy of the Lord through acts of charity, fairness, and contentment!

OFFERINGS

St. Mary's – December 4th & 5th

34 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,923.00
Weekly Loose	15.00
1 Building Maintenance	20.00
16 Flower Offering	<u>287.00</u>
Total:	\$2,245.00

St. Martin's – December 5th

15 Weekly Offerings	\$ 325.00
Loose	20.00
3 Building Maintenance	<u>145.00</u>
	\$ 490.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

2021 OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2022 envelope packets are being prepared and will be available for pickup at the back of church shortly. If you are new to the parish or wish to begin donating, you may contact Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca or pick up a blank packet and sign up on sheet available.

INCOME 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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are in the process of updating the advertising on the back of our bulletin. Letters of renewal have been sent to our current advertisers. This advertising helps to defray the cost of printing the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in placing a business-sized ad for \$200.00, please contact Mary at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

SALES

Anne will be at the back of Church with Christmas religious articles on 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 and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH RENOVATIONS

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to the One Heart One Soul Campaign. This is to update us that the accessibility project of our parish is on-going as we have secured the drawing for the project. We are currently working on this and on getting all necessary approvals so we can begin the project as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Dec 23	St. Mary's Elora Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions starting at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm.
Dec 24	St. Martin's: 7pm, St. Mary's: 5pm and 10pm,
Dec 25	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's: 11am
Dec 26 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)	St. Martin's 9am, St. Mary's 11am
Dec 31	St. Mary's 5pm (Vigil Mass for January 1 st)
Jan 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)	St. Martin's 9am St. Mary's 11am
Jan 2 (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. Seating placements will not be specific but on a first come first served basis.