



# St. Mary Immaculate Church

267 Geddes St.  
Elora, ON N0B 1S0  
Phone 519-846-5093  
email: [stmaryelora@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stmaryelora@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.stmaryimmaculate.com](http://www.stmaryimmaculate.com)



## St. Martin of Tours

12 Union St., P.O. Box 159  
Drayton, ON N0G 1P0

## Reverend Father Emmanuel Olusola - Pastor

email: [eolusola@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:eolusola@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Mass Schedule 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>

|  |                            |   |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| <u>Saturday</u>                          | 5:00 p.m.                  | +Joseph Mantler<br>(Frances Mantler & Family)   |
| <u>Sunday</u><br>St. Martin of Tours     | 9:00 a.m.                  | +Theres & Otmar Ruest<br>(Ruest Family)   |
| St. Mary Immaculate                      | 11:00 a.m.                 | For the Living & Deceased<br>Members of the Parish                                    |
| <u>Tuesday</u>                           | 7:00 p.m.                  | A.I.D.  |
| <u>Wednesday</u><br><i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 9:00 a.m.<br><br>7:00 p.m. | +Gary Teeter<br>(Walser Family)<br>For the Living & Deceased<br>Members of the Parish |
| <u>Thursday</u>                          | 6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.     | Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration<br>+Gelsomina Pellegrini<br>(Pellegrini Family)    |
| <u>Friday</u><br><i>St. Casimir (OM)</i> | 9:00 a.m.                  | Deceased Members of Holody<br>& Michnik Families<br>(Bozena Anna Holody)              |

*"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy" – Pope Francis*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**  
**Lenten Season and Parish Report, 2021**

The 40 days of abstinence, prayer and almsgiving which begin on Ash Wednesday this week call us to evaluate our relationship with God and with one another. On Ash Wednesday, we will be reminded that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. This truth about our existence invites us all to a more personal relationship with Christ through active participation in Church activities. We shall be having Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent by 7pm. This is an opportunity for us to journey with Christ in his suffering so that he, in turn, may be our companion in the different stages of our life. Our Sunday Eucharistic celebration remains the core of our Christian life. It is important that we translate these religious activities including daily attendance at Mass, into our everyday life so that at the end of Lent, we may give an excellent report of ourselves to Christ who calls us to holiness of life. Just as this season is about report-giving, I am pleased to present our parish report for the year, 2021. It was a challenging year on account of covid-19 pandemic, but we thank God who saw us through that year. Last year, many persons in our parishes were admitted to various sacraments. At St. Mary, 4 persons were baptized, 24 received 1st Holy Communion, 16 received confirmation, the sacrament of the sick was administered to some at home and in the hospital and 3 couples were wedded in our parish. 3 members of our parish were called to their eternal reward. We pray that perpetual light will continue to shine on them and for God to console their loved ones. In St. Martin, 1 infant was baptized, the sick and homebound were also visited and there was one graveside service. As society opens up at this time, I encourage our parishioners who have not been in Church for some time to come back home. The bible says, "I was glad when they say to me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1). May we continue to draw strength from one another, and may God bless us as we worship Him as one family in Christ Jesus. Finally, on behalf of our parish Finance committee, I present our financial report for the year 2021 which is inserted into this week's bulletin. The financial report gives us an opportunity to see how we fared in 2021 compared to 2020 and where we need to make improvements in 2022. May God continue to bless us as we support our Church with our talents, time and treasure. Amen

**FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE**

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)      [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## OFFERINGS

February 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

|                        | <b>St. Mary's</b> | <b>St. Martin's</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Weekly Offerings       | \$ 593.00         | \$ 220.00           |
| Weekly Loose           | 50.00             |                     |
| 1 Building Maintenance | <u>20.00</u>      |                     |
| Total:                 | \$ 663.00         | \$ 220.00           |

### **EFT Totals for the Month of February:**

|                      | <b>St. Mary's</b> | <b>St. Martin's</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Regular              | \$3,972.50        | \$170.00            |
| Building Maintenance | <u>565.50</u>     | <u>30.00</u>        |
| Total:               | \$4,538.00        | \$200.00            |

**Your generosity is very much appreciated!**

## LENT VIRTUAL RESOURCES

Wonderful resources available from the Diocese including: Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger prepared with an elementary school participant in mind.

Tips for families celebrating the Lenten rituals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving at home. Resources available for purchase from the Diocese office or free on-line links to children's activities, literature for teens, and adult resources. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2022/>

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from March 2 to April 10 in downtown Guelph. Please sign up to pray! Visit [40daysforlife.com/guelph](http://40daysforlife.com/guelph) or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

## SUMMARY OF UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2022

- Churches, parish halls and other meeting rooms may open to full capacity
- Attendees should self-screen for any symptoms prior to arrival at Mass
- Masks must be worn by all those attending Mass, two years and older
- The use of Holy Water is permitted
- Communion in hand is highly recommended; anyone who wishes to receive on the tongue should come last

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>Mar 2</b>    | Ash Wednesday Mass, <b>9am</b> and <b>7pm</b> , St. Mary's |
| <b>Mar 4</b>    | Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. (and every Friday in Lent) |
| <b>April 24</b> | Confirmation   |