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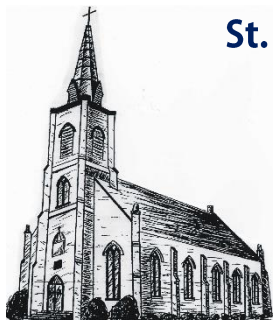
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Mass Schedule 5th Week of Lent

April 2nd to April 8th



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK The Beginning of Holy Week

Next Sunday is Palm or Passion Sunday. It is the beginning of Holy Week. A week so-called since it is the most holy period in the Church's calendar being the week within which our salvation was purchased by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Christ underwent the passion, crucifixion, and death on the Cross for us all. What does this demand of us? Writing about this day many centuries ago, St. Leo the Great (Pope) says, "True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity ... who cannot recognize in Christ his own infirmities? Who would not recognize that Christ's eating and sleeping, his sadness and his shedding of tears of love are marks of the nature of a slave?" Let us therefore prepare ourselves for the great celebration of the Holy Week by not only waving palm branches but more importantly by opening our hearts so that Christ, the Son of David and Prince of Peace may find a home in us. He took our nature to become one like us in all things but sin, now he wants us to take up his own divine nature through a life of holiness. Due to the procession we will be having before our Masses next weekend, we are encouraged to be in Church at least 10 minutes before start of Mass both on Saturday and Sunday. May the King who rides on a donkey find us worthy to reign with him in his kingdom of joy, peace and love.

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, (905-528-988).
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

LENTEN HOLY HOUR

There will be a Lenten Holy Hour at St. Mary Elora this Thursday, April 7th by 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm. This will afford us opportunity to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

After a 2-year break, the Knights of Columbus will once again be serving their popular Fish and Chip dinners from 4:00 to 6:00 on Good Friday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. Dinners include fries, coleslaw, juice and coffee or tea. \$12.00 for one piece of fish and \$17.00 for two. A side serving of one piece of fish will be \$7.00 and an order of fries only will be \$5.00. Pop or bottled water will be \$1.00 each. Take out available. Proceeds to Ukraine relief efforts and Knights charities in the parish and community. Young people, 14 and over, who are available to volunteer to help set up, serve, bus tables etc. are encouraged to contact Don Cassidy at 519-843-2088.

<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.	+Fina & Jakob Rechsteiner (Ruest Family)
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (A Parishioner)
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	A.I.D.
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Joseph Mayne (Steve & Colleen Cudney)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Holy Hour – Confessions & Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Charles Wilson (Jerry & Terry Wilson)
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." – Pope Francis

OFFERINGS

March 26 th & 27 th	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,308.00	\$.00
Weekly Loose	57.00	.00
Building Maintenance	270.00	0.00
Share Lent	<u>180.00</u>	
Total:	\$ 1,815.00	\$.00

Monthly EFT Totals for March:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,997.50	\$ 170.00
Building Maintenance	<u>565.50</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,563.00	\$ 200.00

Your generosity is very much appreciated!



Christ with the Woman Taken in Adultery – Guercino (1591-1666)

PASTOR IS AWAY IN MAY

Father Emmanuel will be away for three weekends next month, May. Arrangements have been made for priests to celebrate weekend liturgies both in Elora and Drayton but there will be no weekday Masses. Anyone who wishes to make an appointment with Fr. Emmanuel can do so this month of April or starting from June. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

April 8	Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
April 7	Lenten Holy Hour: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation 6:00 p.m., St. Mary's followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.
April 24	Confirmation - 2:00 p.m. St. Mary's
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Mary's- 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	Good Friday, St. Mary's – 9:00 a.m.
Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	Celebration of the Lord's Passion St. Martin's - 12:00 p.m. St. Mary's - 3:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	Good Friday - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph's Church Hall, Fergus
Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday Ceremonies St. Mary's – 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.