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## St. Martin of Tours

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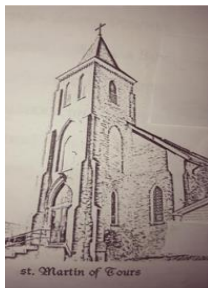
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## The First Sunday of Advent

November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Stay Awake ... Be Ready

Today the Church begins another liturgy year with the celebration of advent. Advent is a period of reflection and preparation for Christmas. Today's reading, especially the Gospel invites us to stay awake and be ready. We live in a fast world where everything and everyone move at the speed of light. The so many activities and engagements we have do not give us the time to be reflective as we push to meet deadlines and we can't wait to hit the bed after a busy day. But we are called to stay awake today! Back in the days, people light candles when they wish to stay awake. In the next four weeks we will light the candles in our advent wreath as part of our preparation for Christ, the light of the world. However, being awake is not just by avoiding sleep at night but by being spiritually active at all times. We do this by engaging in those enriching activities which give us all it takes to welcome Christ, the newborn King, when he comes again this Christmas. May our readiness be seen in the way we promote acts of charity, love and peace at this time of advent and beyond. Happy Advent!

### FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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Swords Into Plowshares

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Jim & Dorothy Bissell (Feil 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>	10:30 a.m.	Heritage River Retirement Residence
	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Gordian Okpuruka (Jean Kraemer & Family)
<u>Wednesday</u> St. Andrew (F)	9:00 a.m.	+Edward Berlot (Maria Berlot)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
	7:00 p.m.	+Christopher Okpuruka (Steve & Colleen Cudney)
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Charles McDaniel (Jim & Pamela McDaniel)

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

- Pope Benedict XVI

### OFFERINGS

#### November 19 & 20

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,855.00
Loose	
Building Maintenance	25.00
Cemetery Purposes	50.00
Total:	\$ 1,930.00

#### EFT Totals for November: St. Mary's St. Martin's

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,711.50	\$ 170.00
Building Maintenance	645.00	30.00
Total:	\$ 5,357.00	\$ 200.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

2023 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](mailto: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 2022 for any donations you wish to make, all money must be received and deposited by December 25th, 2022 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 29th.

### ADVENT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

#### The Jesuit Community of Guelph OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a celebration of Advent on Sunday, December 4 from 3-5pm with the Jesuit Community. This gathering will be held at Loyola House (Ignatius Jesuit Centre), 5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph. Light snacks and beverages will be available. We hope to see you there! For more information call 519 824 1250 or email [reception@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:reception@ignatiusguelph.ca).



Walk in the Light – Jubair1985

### ST. AGATHA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come one, come all to enjoy an hour of festive music! On Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm the Heart Cry Choir, composed of 42 Mennonite youth singers, will be at St. Agatha Church in St. Agatha (1839 Notre Dame Drive) to give a Christmas performance! All are invited to come enjoy their acapella choral stylings in 4 and 8-part harmony. They will be singing many Advent and Christmas favourites and more. There is no cost to attend.

### CLEANER NEEDED

St. Mary's is looking for a cleaner for the church and offices and sometimes the rectory. This is a flexible position that requires more work in the winter months and less through the summer. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Emmanuel for more details and a detailed job description.

### WINTER HATS, MITTS & SOCKS COLLECTION

The CWL continue to collect donations of winter hats and mitts/gloves socks of any size to donate to the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to the needy in our community in December. Please place any donations in the bin in the vestibule.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 29	Mass at Heritage River Retirement Community, Elora – 10:15 a.m.
December 6	CWL Christmas Party – Mass 5pm Dinner 6pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Tickets on sale now, \$25