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### Mass Schedule

### The Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Friday the Church celebrates the Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Traditionally known as Michaelmas, this feast celebrates the three archangels whose names are revealed to us in Sacred Scripture.

St. Michael (whose name means "Who is like God?") is the guardian of the people of God (Daniel 12.1) who does battle with Satan (Jude 1.9; Revelation 12.7). He is the patron of soldiers and police.

St. Gabriel (whose name means "God is my strength") announces the coming births of St. John the Baptist and Christ our Lord (Luke 1). He is the patron of those who work in telecommunications.

St. Raphael (whose name means "God heals") guides Tobias on his journey, helps him to marry Sarah, and cures Tobit of his blindness. He is the patron of pharmacists, travelers, and those seeking a spouse.

In our dealings in this world, may we never forget that we are surrounded by angels who watch over us, defend us, and guide us through life.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

### VOCATION SEEDS

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988. [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| September 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> | St. Mary's         | St. Martin's     |
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| Offerings                                    | \$ 1483.00         | \$ 245.00        |
| Loose  | 142.50             | 25.00            |
| Building                                     | 200.00             | 175.00           |
| Needs of the Cdn Church                      | 10.00              |                  |
| <b>Total:</b>                                | <b>\$ 1,835.50</b> | <b>\$ 445.00</b> |

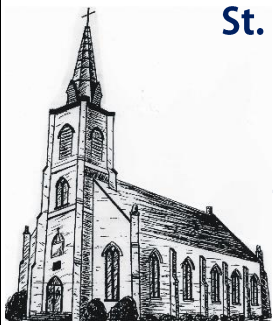
**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard from the Codex Aureus Epternacensis Artist Unknown, approx. 11th century

O Heart of Love, I place all my trust in thee.  
Although I fear my own weakness, I hope all things  
from thy goodness.

- St Margaret Mary



**SACRAMENTS of FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Parents of Catholic students who are home-schooled or attend private or otherwise non-Catholic schools and are in grades 2 or 7 and are wishing their child receive the customary sacraments, please contact the church office to inform us as soon as possible for arrangements to be made.

**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY – ELORA**

Join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in Elora (and other locations) from 4:30 to 5:30 Colborne St. at Geddes St. (MacDonald Square) For more information see [www.guelphforlife.com](http://www.guelphforlife.com)

**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

All parents or guardians of those students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend a meeting with Fr. Starczala in St. Mary’s Church on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.



**In the Vineyard – Jean Francois Millet 1814-1875**

**SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILILIES**

This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and stepparents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Price: \$50 per person. Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register online: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2249.

**ELORA FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE**

Fire Prevention Week is an opportunity for the community to come out and learn about fire safety, enjoy some food trucks, activities, displays and meet Elora Fire Fighters! Free. Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 72 Wellington Rd 7.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <b>October 1</b>   | <b>Life Chain</b> – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. MacDonald Square, Elora (Geddes St & Colborne St)   |
| <b>October 7</b><br>Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. | <b>Marian Day</b> - Confessions 9:00 a.m, Holy Mass at 10:00, Rosary Procession 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m., closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. For more information: (519) 824-3951. |
| <b>October 7</b><br>Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. | <b>Young Adults Night</b> all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) are welcome to join in an evening of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. 6:30p.m. till Compline, info <a href="mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com">vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</a> .   |
| <b>October 12</b>  | Confirmation parents’ meeting – St. Mary’s Church  |

