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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25th to December 1st



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a pious tradition to prepare for important feasts with a novena: reciting specific prayers for nine days before the feast. Offering novenas helps us to grow in eager anticipation for that feast. It is also an opportunity to pray earnestly for a particular intention, which we can include in the novena.

The eighth of December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not only the patronal feast of St. Mary Immaculate Parish but is also one of the most recommended occasions in which to offer a novena. I would encourage each of you - from November 29 until December 7 to observe a novena. An easy way to do so is to pray a Memorare each day for a particular intention.

Before each Mass during this period, we will offer the Memorare, uniting our intentions in a prayer to the Immaculate Virgin.

If you are unfamiliar with the Memorare, you can find the text here:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our mother. To thee do we come; before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Evening Prayer in St. Mary's Church will be offered at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Evening Prayer will be preceded by catechesis/instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours at 3:45 p.m. All are welcome to come participate and learn more about this Catholic devotion.

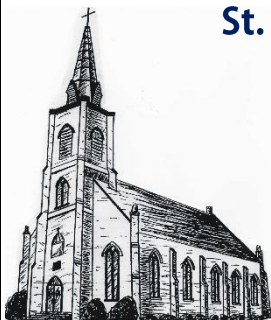
WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Nov 18th & 19th

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>
Offerings	\$ 1,663.00	\$ 300.00
Loose	140.00	
Building	300.00	
Mission Cooperative	25.00	
Cemetery Purposes	25.00	
Total:	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 300.00



**And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me." Matthew 28:18**



<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Judy Feil (Feil Family)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	+Edward Berlot (Maria Berlot)
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	For all deceased St. Mary's CWL members
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:30 a.m.	Heritage River Retirement Community +Edward Smith (Patrick & Donna Kelly)
<u>Thursday</u> St. Andrew (Feast)	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Expositon & Adoration For souls in Purgatory and for all deceased family members (Louise & Mike Bilodeau)
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Madeleine Mansfield (Her Family)



Good Works, Detail from *The Dying Man*, Lucas Cranach (1472-1553)

CWL MEMORIAL MASS – ALL WELCOME

All Parishioners are invited to the annual Memorial Mass hosted by our CWL, on Tuesday November 28th at 7:00 p.m. We will hold a short Memorial Service honouring our deceased family members, immediately preceding Mass. Candles will be available on the night to light in memory of your loved one.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY - ST. MARY'S CWL

The CWL will be supporting *Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis* with a donation drive on the weekend of Dec 9, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. and Dec 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Donations can be dropped off in the back church parking lot. **New items only, please.** Donations gratefully accepted include personal care items, women's items, items for babies and children. A full list of items is found on the flyer posted by the front door. Merchant gift cards will also be gratefully accepted at CWL Christmas dinner on Dec 5 towards this drive.

VOCATION SEEDS

“Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?” Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, vocations director for the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 hamiltondiocese.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN LIAISON NEEDED

Guelph and Area Right to Life are looking for a liaison from each area church who can help organize a team of people to commit to joining us at the vigil site on **just one day** of their choice during the 40-day long Lenten vigil. **Will your church be one of the forty who will pray with us?** To be a 2024 40 Days for Life liaison, our team will work with them to help involve your church in this initiative. Guelph & Area Right to Life will provide materials, information, and guidance to help make participation as **easy as possible** for individuals who attend your church. If interested in being a liaison, please call or email the church office and leave a message for Catarina.



Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep, Anton Mauve (1838-1888)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 28	CWL Memorial Mass – 7:00 p.m. All welcome.
December 2	Elora Festival Singers – Handel’s Messiah – St. Joseph’s, Fergus. See EFS website for tickets.
December 5	CWL Christmas Dinner with St. Joseph’s CWL at St. Joseph’s, Fergus, begins with Mass at 5:00 p.m. All ladies from Drayton, Elora, Fergus welcome. Please call Mary Clark for tickets 519-993-7915 by Nov. 26
December 9/10	CWL donation drive for Guelph - Wellington Women in Crisis @ St. Mary’s. See announcement.