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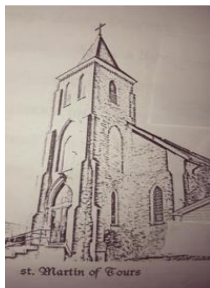
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**Mass Schedule: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please allow me to begin this message by thanking everyone who gave me Christmas cards and gifts recently. I am very touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity. And since I fear that I will be unable to thank each of you individually, I wish to now say, "thank you," to you all.

And now I would like to update you on a few changes. Some of these changes were mentioned in a letter I wrote some time back, though others have not yet been announced.

Our weekday Mass schedule is changing. Starting this Tuesday, our usual weekday Mass schedule will now be **9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday** in St. Mary's Church. However, please check the bulletin regularly as there will be exceptions to these times.

I have been unsure of what to do about Eucharistic adoration now that the Mass schedule is changing. On an experimental basis, there will be exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - not every Thursday - but only once a month. With no Mass scheduled, the period of exposition can be lengthened to a full hour on these days. So, there will be Eucharistic Adoration in St. Mary's Church on the **first Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** On those occasions, I will also be available for Confessions from 6:40 to 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a change to our office schedule, with our secretary - Catarina Burguete - working in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

And finally, Monday will no longer be my day off. Instead - following the morning Mass - I will take Friday as my day off.

As we continue to celebrate Christmas, I pray that you will continue to rejoice in the birth of Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

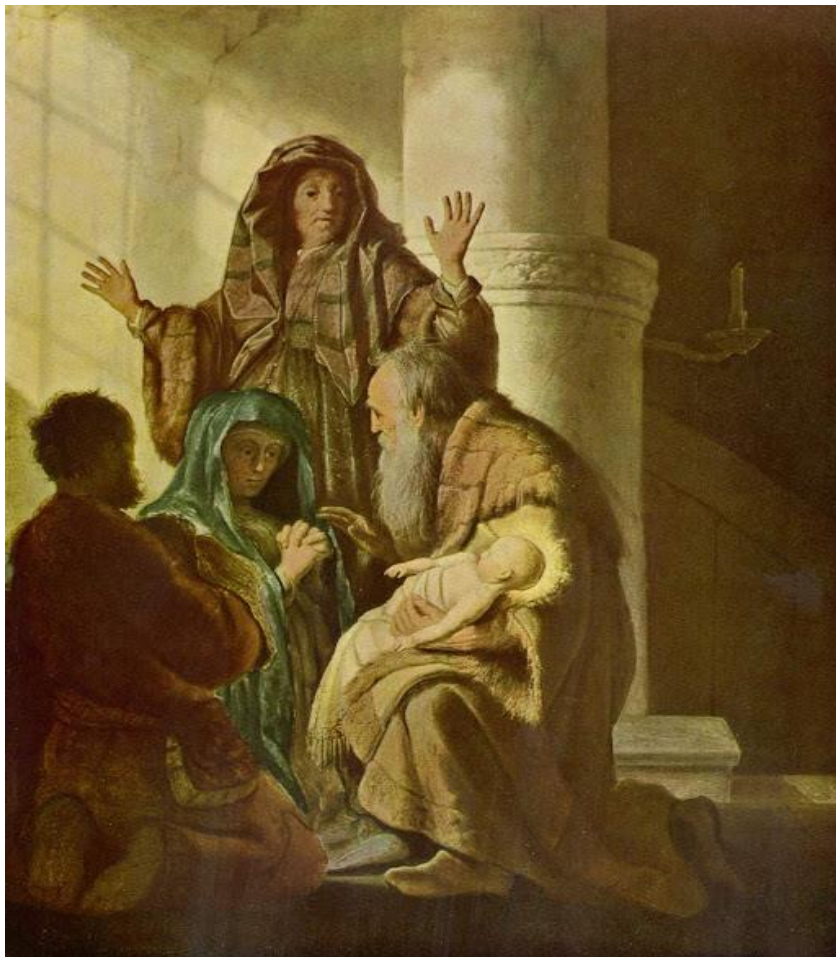
	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>
Offerings	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,375.00
Christmas Offering	4,580.00	1,475.00
Loose	1,740.00	32.00
Initial Offering	20.00	
Building	1,480.00	3.25
World Mission	20.00	
Devotional Candles	413.16	
Flower Offering	45.00	

Total: \$ 9,863.16 \$ 2,885.25

Your generosity, now and throughout the year, is very much appreciated!

**“The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.” - Saint John Paul II**

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Harold Beer (Quadros Family)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Joseph & Nadia Gigliotti & Family (Deacon Mulligan & Family)
<u>Monday</u>	<i>Please see Christmastide Mass Schedule</i>	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>
<u>Tuesday</u> <i>Sts Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen (M)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Philip Wusteman (Jo Gorman)
<u>Wednesday</u> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus (M)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+James Bailey (Koechl Family)
<u>Thursday</u>	9:00 a.m.  6:30-7:30 pm	For Souls in Purgatory (A Parishioner) Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration (Confessions from 6:40 -7:00 p.m.)
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Rosemary & Douglas Blenkison (Jean Kraemer)



Hannah and Simeon in the Temple - Rembrandt (1606-1669)

### VOCATION SEEDS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Mark Morley**, 905-528-7988 [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### DIVINE MERCY SEMINAR

“A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy”. Join a one-day seminar, Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by gathering songs. Then from 10:00 a.m., hear Nestor Buendia of the Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada speak on the elements of Divine Mercy and the revelations of Jesus through St. Faustina. Learn how to obtain spiritual graces and how suffering can be turned into grace and merit. The day will conclude with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. Please pack a lunch.

### SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. At Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. from 9:15 - 3:30 p.m. \$50 per person (includes lunch). Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988.

### CHRISTMASTIDE MASS SCHEDULE

<b>December 31</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> St. Mary's – 5:00 pm (December 30 <sup>th</sup> ) St. Martin's – 9:00 am St. Mary's – 11:00 am
	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m. (Evening Prayer at 4:30)
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.
<b>January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> St. Mary's – 5:00 pm (January 6 <sup>th</sup> ) St. Martin's – 9:00 am St. Mary's – 11:00 am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>January 23</b>	St. Mary's Catholic Women's League Gathering – 7:00pm. More details to follow.
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