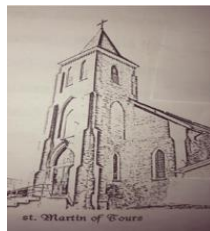


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Mass Schedule

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6th to 12th

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| <u>Saturday</u> | 5:00 p.m. | +Edward Smith (Joanne Weiler) |
| <u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours | 9:00 a.m. | Missa Pro Populo |
| St. Mary Immaculate | 11:00 a.m. | +James Bailey (Aitken Family) |
| <u>Monday</u> <i>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</i> | 9:00 a.m. | +Lucille, Andre & Lise Bilodeau (Louise & Mike Bilodeau) |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 9:00 a.m. | +Michael Tracey (Jo Gorman) |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 9:00 a.m. | Special Intention |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 9:15 a.m. | St. Mary's School Mass |
| <u>Friday</u> <i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i> | 9:00 a.m. | For Alicia Joy & Family (Dorothy Ruller) |

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.”

— St John Chrysostom

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect briefly on the gifts of this major feast.

As St. Matthew tells us, the wise men offered to Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

St. Gregory the Great - an ancient pope and a doctor of the Church - found great significance in these gifts. Christ receives gold, for he is King. He receives frankincense, for he is God. He receives myrrh (a spice used, among other things, for embalming corpses) for he will die for the sins of mankind.

But, St. Gregory also sees in these three gifts lessons for the kinds of gifts we should present to Christ to celebrate his birth: "To a king at his birth we offer gold, if we shine in his sight with the light of wisdom; we offer frankincense, if we have power before God by the sweet savour of our prayers; we offer myrrh, when we mortify by abstinence the lusts of the flesh."

As we celebrate the Epiphany, and the gifts Christ has given us - especially that of faith in him - may we make a gift of ourselves to him by living sober, upright, and godly lives in this world (Titus 2:12).

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.



Wise Men at Christmas under the Southern Cross -Fitzbeck Creative of Wellington

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| Dec 30 th & 31 st | <u>St. Mary's</u> | <u>St. Martin's</u> |
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| Offerings | \$ 1,911.00 | \$ 610.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 845.00 | 100.00 |
| Loose | 275.00 | 12.00 |
| Building | 1,040.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Flower Offering | 50.00 | |
| Total: | \$ 4,121.00 | \$ 1,722.00 |

| January 1 st | <u>St. Mary's</u> | <u>St. Martin's</u> |
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| Offerings | \$ 40.00 | \$ 385.00 |
| New Year's Day | 768.00 | |
| Loose | 105.00 | |
| Initial Offering | 367.00 | 150.00 |
| Building | 25.00 | 40.00 |
| Total: | \$ 1,305.00 | \$ 575.00 |

| EFT For December: | <u>St. Mary's</u> | <u>St. Martin's</u> |
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| Offerings | \$ 4,977.50 | \$ 170.00 |
| Building | 710.50 | 30.00 |
| Total: | \$ 5,788.00 | \$ 200.00 |

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



Adoration of the Magi – Bartolome Esteban Murillo

VOCATION SEEDS

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact **Fr. Mark Morley, 905-528-7988** vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COR PROGRAM

Please join the Knights of Columbus on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, January 25th, for their **Cor** program. The evening will start at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A social time will follow.

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE WEBINAR: PREPARING FOR LENT

On January 10, join biblical scholar Dr. Brant Pitre for a live webinar! Tune in as Dr. Pitre prepares webinar attendees for Lent by returning to the Eucharist. His presentation includes:

- What don't people know about the Eucharist?
- How are Lent and Eucharistic devotion connected?
- How can parishes focus on the Blessed Sacrament during the Eucharistic Revival?
- And more!

To register see: www.augustineinstitute.org

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo), Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Each Saturday | 4:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Hours. All are welcome to come participate in the prayer of the Church |
| January 23 | St. Mary's Catholic Women's League Gathering – 7:00pm. Mass followed by gathering. |
| January 25 | Knights of Columbus Cor program. 6:30 pm, St. Mary's, beginning with Adoration. |
| February 3 | Young Adults' Night – St. Michael's Waterloo from 6:30pm |