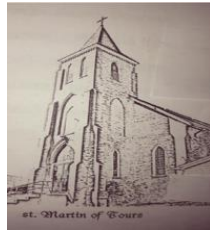


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## Mass Schedule

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Frank McKeown (Frances Mantler & Family)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	+Jakob & Fina Rechsteiner and +Otmar & Therese Ruest (Franz & Imelda Ruest)
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
<u>Monday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Argene Pellegrini (Pellegrini Family)
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	For Father Starczala (A parishioner)
<u>Wednesday</u> St. Anthony (M)	9:00 a.m.	For the conversion of sinners
<u>Thursday</u>	9:00 a.m.	For souls in Purgatory (A parishioner)
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 a.m.	For Orval Crawford and Family (Innocente Family)

## The Jesus Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me,  
a sinner.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed every year from the January 18-25 (the final day being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). It is very sad that so many people who acknowledge that Christ is Lord and who have received Baptism into Christ are divided into different communities.

We confess in the Nicene Creed that there is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The Second Vatican Council described the Church as the sign and instrument of unity.

We should be very grateful to God that we are members of the one Church founded by Jesus Christ. We should also desire that all Christians join us in the unity of the true Church.

I encourage all of you to use this coming time to pray for Christian unity. Let us pray that all our brothers and sisters will be drawn into the unity that exists in the Catholic Church, so they may join us in confessing the Catholic faith and share fully in the sacraments of Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>
Offerings	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 340.00
Loose	81.00	
Building	1,040.00	163.30
New Year's Day Offering	155.00	50.00
Initial Offering	215.00	30.00
Total:	\$ 2,249.00	\$ 583.30

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

## VOCATION SEEDS

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, 905-528-7988 [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention, whether for a deceased loved one or friend, or any other special intention, please email Catarina at the church office ([stmeloffice@wightman.ca](mailto:stmeloffice@wightman.ca)) or drop a note into the collection basket at any time. A suggested donation of \$10 is very appreciated.



**Samuel Relating to Eli The Judgements of God Upon Eli's House**  
John Singleton Copley (1738–1815)

### GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE

Sanctuary Outreach Pregnancy Support Program is hosting a free volunteer training session titled *Pregnancy Support 101*. This training session is open to everyone and will equip participants to provide effective support to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Participants can also apply to join the Sanctuary Outreach volunteer team. Sign up is required by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. To sign up today contact Maria at [info@sanctuaryoutreach.com](mailto:info@sanctuaryoutreach.com) or call 519-836-6311. For more information about Sanctuary Outreach visit [sanctuaryoutreach.com](http://sanctuaryoutreach.com) or follow [@sanctuaryguelph](https://www.instagram.com/sanctuaryguelph).

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.



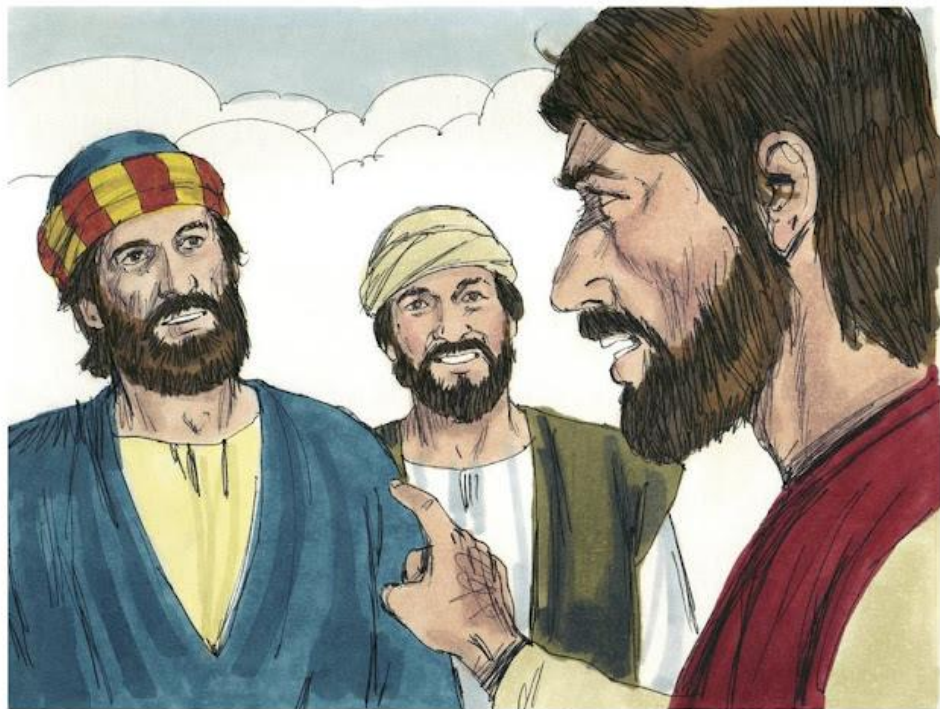
**Apostle Peter - El Greco (1541–1614)**

### HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to be on a team who help organize and run hospitality events in our parish, please speak to Fr. Starczala. A large commitment is not required, and your time would be very much appreciated.

### CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED

Do you love to sing and praise God through music? The St. Mary's traditional choir is looking for new members. Practices are every Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. starting again in February. The choir provides music for Holy Mass 11:00 am Sundays and Feasts throughout the year.



*The First Two Disciples* – Biblical Illustrations by Jim Padgett

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	4:00 p.m., Vespers, Liturgy of the Hours. All 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 <i>Cor</i> program. 6:30 pm, St. Mary's, beginning with Adoration.
February 3	Young Adults' Night – St. Michael's Waterloo, 6:30pm