

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 21, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

Saturday

5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Mantler Family (Frances Mantler & Family)
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Sunday

St., Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo +Vladimir Berlot & Ignac Kramar (Maria Berlot)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	

Monday

9:00 a.m.	Special Intention (Anon)
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Tuesday *St. George (OM)*

9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Anon)
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Wednesday @Heritage River Retirement Residence

10:30 a.m.	Mass
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Thursday *St. Mark (Feast)*

9:00 a.m.	+Pansy Desrieuxcieu (Cako Family)
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Friday *Our Lady of Good Counsel (OM)*

9:00 a.m.	For St. Mary's CWL
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 28th

5:00 p.m.	For Joan Walser (Jean Kraemer & Family)
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Sunday, April 29th

St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo +Theresa Miller (Bernie & Margaret Miller)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	
2:00 p.m.	

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, thank you for calling our seminarians to prepare for priesthood. Grant each of them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church and give them a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you're like me, you're very happy to have this new, larger bulletin. This format allows us to publish more information that will be helpful for you and for people who are considering paying us a visit from out of town.

With gratitude, I would like to acknowledge the assistance we received from Theakston Environmental in Fergus in formatting this new bulletin. We are also grateful for the sponsorship of a number of businesses whose information can be found on the back page. And, of course, we would not be able to present this to you without our secretary - Catarina Burguete - who has improved the manner in which weekly Mass intentions are published.

Since we also present the parish financial statements this Sunday, I would like to express my gratitude to Mary Clark and the finance councils for their time and dedication. And I would like to thank you for your generosity, which helps us remain financially healthy as we strive to carry out our divine commission each day.

In the risen Lord,
Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

Please keep all the children receiving their First Communion this coming Sunday, and their families, in your prayers.

GUELPH EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION 2024 PLANNING TEAM

We are planning a Eucharistic Procession for May 30th, which will follow a 6 p.m. Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (Guelph). Upcoming planning meetings are in the Newstead Room at the Basilica, for those interested in joining the planning team: 7:00 p.m., April 23rd 7:00 p.m., April 30th For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofc.ca

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YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, April 13th & 14th:

43 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,708.00
Loose	71.75
Building Maintenance	20.00
1 Good Friday (Holy Land)	100.00
1 Easter Offering	100.00
10 Indigenous Reconciliation	470.00
Total:	\$ 2,669.75

St. Martin's, April 14th:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 330.00
Loose	
Building Maintenance	100.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	25.00
Total:	\$ 455.00

Your support and generosity are very much appreciated!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Any business owners wishing to advertise on the back of this bulletin are still welcome to do so. This advertising helps promote our parishioners' businesses and in turn defrays the cost of printing the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in placing a business-sized ad for \$250.00, please contact Mrs. Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FORMING

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a bingo night in the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate parish hall on Saturday, April 27th, hosted by a newly formed young adults' group. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the game begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early for a chance to preview a selection of fabulous prizes! Please bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy or to share. Admission is \$5.00.

The evening will also feature a brief introduction to Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of Catholic young adults, and our group name will be officially announced. Mark the date, invite a friend, and come prepared for lots of fun!

For further information, contact Elise at ecreidy@protonmail.com.

ST. MARY'S CWL NEWS

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

St. Mary's CWL Annual Bake Sale is back! Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 4th**, and come support the bake sale and the work of the CWL in our Church, our community and around the world. We will be selling our delicious goods from Father Starczala's garage from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off the **night before from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.** Any sort of baked goods is appreciated and one dozen or two is sufficient. Your ongoing generosity is so appreciated!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL MASS

Join the CWL in commemorating our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel at the 9:00 a.m. Friday Mass. All those who are unable to attend Mass but would like to participate in some way, can join the nationally televised Mass on EWTN or other channel.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, AND FRIENDS TEA

Hosted by St. Joseph's, Fergus CWL, Saturday May 11th. Come enjoy sandwiches, salad, sweet treats and lemonade and tea. Tickets are available after Masses at St. Mary's until May 5th \$10 adults and \$5 for kids under 12. Please see Mary Clark after Mass.



VOCATION SEEDS

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call **Fr. Mark Morley, 905-528-7988**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

May 4	St. Mary's Bake Sale. 8:00 a.m. till noon. In the rectory garage.
June 18	CWL Gathering with St. Joseph's – St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.