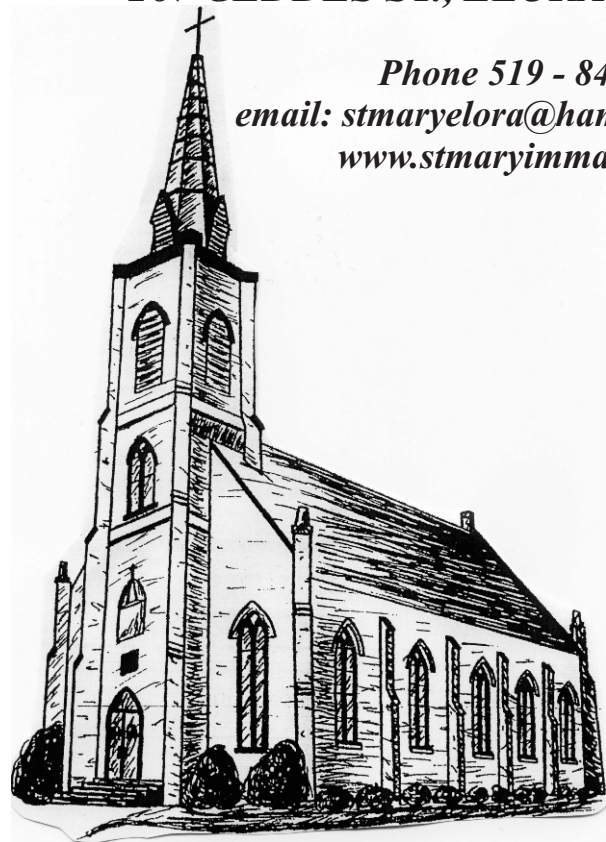


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am*
Sunday 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 pm*
First Thursday of the Month 6:30 - 7:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday 9:00 am
On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at Wellington Terrace LTC and the last Wednesday of the month at Heritage River Retirement Residence, both at 10:30 am, instead of 9:00am at St. Mary's

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

The first Thursday of each month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

* Celebrated at St. Martin of Tours in Drayton

The Sacrament of Baptism Parents are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible after the birth of their baby. Adults seeking Baptism for themselves are also encouraged to contact us.

Ministry to the Sick If you or a family member is in hospital and in need of sacramental ministry, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Matrimony Those seeking marriage should contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Weddings are normally celebrated in a parish where either the bride or the groom resides.

Memorial Donations Please remember your parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 12, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	
Saturday, May 11th	
5:00 p.m.	+Edie Williams (The Friends of Carrie Reed)
Sunday, May 12th	
St. Martin's	Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.	
St. Mary's	+Michael Reis
11:00 a.m.	(Patricia Reis & Family)
Monday	
9:00 a.m.	+Edith Williams (St. Mary's CWL)
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	+Diane Benoit (St. Mary's CWL)
Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	For Bill Fisher & Family (Bev & Herman Lavigne)
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	For Jean Kraemer (Her Family)
Friday <i>St John of Avila (OM)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	
Saturday, May 18th	
5:00 p.m.	+Lyle Farrelly (Carol Farrelly & Family)
Sunday, May 19th	
St. Martin's	Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.	
St. Mary's	For the Intentions of Claire Veltri
11:00 a.m.	(Louise & Mike Bilodeau)

VOCATION SEEDS

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, 905-528-7988** email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As we celebrate Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, we reflect on how we on earth no longer experience the presence of Jesus in the same way the Blessed Virgin and the apostles once did. The Holy Spirit also moves us to a greater desire to meet the Lord when he returns to raise the dead.

In the time between the Ascension and the Judgment, Our Lord continues to be present to us in hidden ways. Most really and truly he is present to us as the Blessed Sacrament.

His sacramental presence is one that is hidden. Yet we know by faith that the Blessed Sacrament on earth is the same Jesus who reigns in heaven.

We demonstrate our faith and hope by spending time with Jesus who is present in his sacramental disguise.

We worship the Eucharist because it is really Jesus Christ our God. We visit him when he is in the tabernacle because we desire him to visit us and never leave again. We kneel before him in silence when he is exposed on the altar, focusing on the fact that our loving Saviour is before us. We join in Eucharistic processions to publicly honour Our Lord who is with us in sacramental mystery.

I encourage you to participate in the Eucharistic procession on Thursday, May 30th. There will be a 6:00 p.m. Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, followed by an outdoor procession to Sacred Heart Church. This is an opportunity for the faithful in the Wellington/Guelph area to come together and show others that Christ our God may be in heaven, but he is not far from us.

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

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

A women's Cursillo weekend will be held in Deemerton from Thursday, May 30th to Sunday, June 2nd. For information or application forms, please contact May Ann Kirkconnell (weekend Coordinator). rmkirkconnell@gmail.com

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 12, 2024

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR PENTECOST
(From Friday May 10th)**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant by the same Spirit that we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, May 4th & 5th:

43 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,263.00
Loose	68.90
4 Building Maintenance	60.00
15 Pope's Pastoral Works	<u>330.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,721.90

St. Martin's, May 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 305.00
Loose	30.00
Building Maintenance	230.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	<u>55.00</u>
Total:	\$ 620.00

Your support and generosity are very much appreciated!

CWL BAKE SALE THANKS

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League would like to sincerely **thank** all parishioners and others who supported our bake sale fundraiser by donating and purchasing baked goods. Because of your generosity this year's sale raised an amazing \$2,185.49! These funds help enable us to make donations and support many worthy causes in our parish and community. Thank you too, to all who baked or donated delicious baked goods. We are very grateful.

MICHAEL HOUSE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please take a bottle home from the table at the back of the church. Our **Baby Bottle Drive** in aid of *Michael House – Shelter and Support for Mothers and Their Children in Need* begins now and goes until Father's Day. Please fill the bottles with loose change, bills or cheques and return to the church on Father's Day. Your generous donations help support pregnant women and mothers with safe housing, employment, education and learning of life skills to help themselves and their babies. Our parish has supported this charity for many years, and they are always so grateful for our generosity.

**EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR THE
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

Planning meetings continue for the Thursday May 30th Eucharistic Procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession is preceded by Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate at 6:00 p.m. Another planning meeting will be held May 14th in the Newstead Room of the Basilica. All are welcome to attend the meetings. Volunteers will also be needed on the procession route. Even if not volunteering, all are welcome to participate in Mass and the procession through the streets of Guelph, from the Basilica to Sacred Heart Church as a public witness to our Catholic faith. If you can help, contact Craig Chamberlain dd69@ontariolkofc.ca See poster in the narthex for more details.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
IN THE PARISH**

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
May 17-24	Relics of St. Brother Andre Bessette – Various locations throughout diocese. See website for details www.hamiltondiocese.com
May 28	St. Mary's and St. Joseph's K of C General Meeting – St. Joseph's, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
May 30	Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession from Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate to Sacred Heart Church, Guelph, preceded by Mass at 6:00 p.m.
June 18	St. Mary's end of year CWL Gathering with St. Joseph's CWL– at St. Joseph's -7:00 p.m.



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