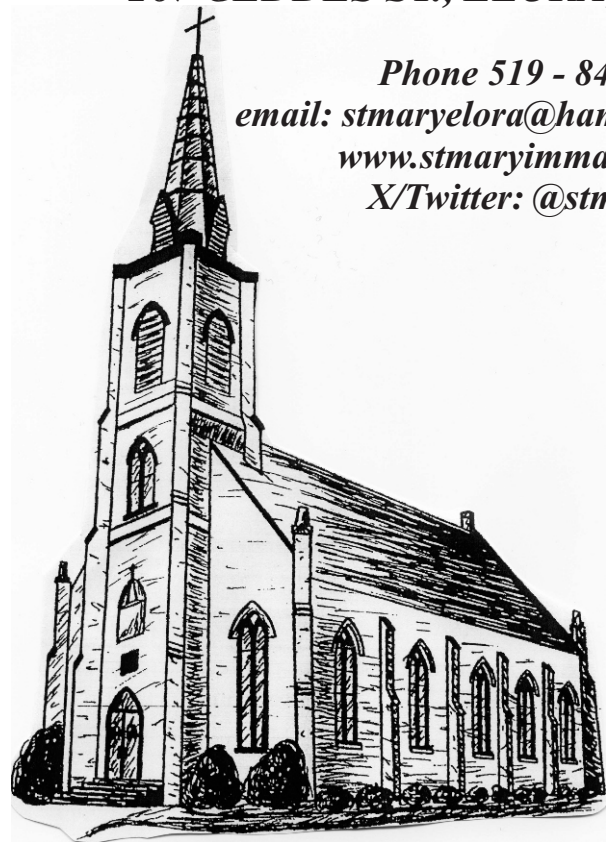


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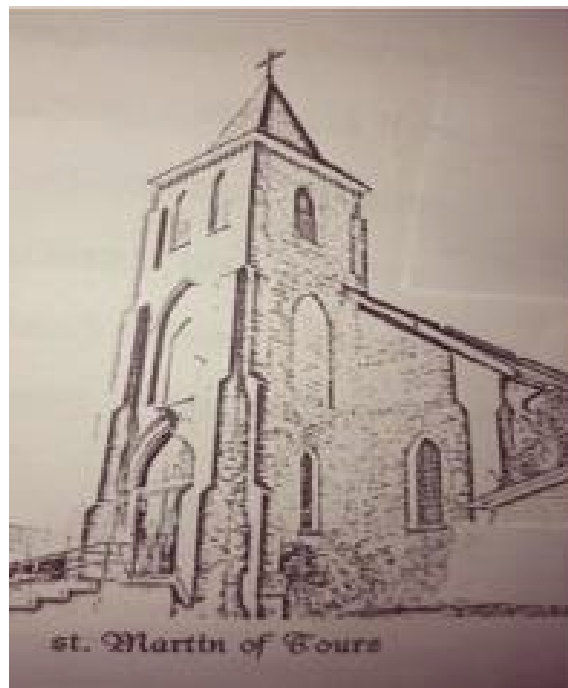


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

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 am*
First Thursday of the Month 6:40 - 7:00pm

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 1, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	
Saturday, November 30th	
5:00 p.m.	+Steven Keating (Joe and Joan Walser and Family)
Sunday, December 1st	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	For Deceased Members of the Viau and Smith Families (Stuart & Lorraine Smith)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	
9:00 a.m.	+Otilia Rybka
Tuesday <i>St. Francis Xavier (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Joe Koechl
Wednesday <i>St. John Damascene (OM)</i>	
*8:00 a.m.	+Kevin Hammond (The Kropf Family)
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	+Steven Keating (Tucker Family)
Friday <i>St. Nicholas (OM)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Gerardus Van Hoorn (Betty Boyd)
<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
Saturday, December 7th	
5:00 p.m.	+Marie Grunzweig (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday, December 8th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+Carl Downey (Eileen Downey & Family)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo

VOCATION SEEDS

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, at 905-528-7988. email: vocations@hamiltondioces.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a pious custom to prepare for important feasts with a novena: reciting specific prayers for nine days before the feast.

Offering a novena helps us to grow in eager anticipation for that feast. It is also an opportunity to pray earnestly for a particular intention, which we can include in the novena.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary usually falls on December 8. However, since that is a Sunday in Advent this year, it is transferred to December 9.

To honour the truth that Our Lady was conceived without original sin, I encourage you to observe a novena from November 30 until December 8. An easy way to do so is to pray a Memorare each day for a particular intention.

Before each Mass during this period, we will recite the Memorare, uniting our intentions in a prayer to the Immaculate Virgin.

If you are unfamiliar with the Memorare, you can find the text here:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our mother. To thee do we come; before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Diocese of Hamilton has a full listing of parish times for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and other events for Advent and Christmas. You can look up any parish in the Diocese and their event times by going to www.hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/ Please consider sharing this with others. (N.B: this list is being updated regularly).

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 1, 2024

YOUR OFFERINGS:

**St. Mary's,
November 23rd & 24th:**

52 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,933.00
Loose	224.00
Donation	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	795.00
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Total:	\$ 4,157.00

**St. Martin's,
November 24th:**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 505.00
Total:	\$ 505.00

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

COR – STRENGTHENING MEN IN FAITH AND VIRTUE

Calling all Christian men. Do you find yourself in need of more faith-based structure and find yourself searching for a deeper relationship with Christ? You are invited to join us for our next **men's** Cor gathering, Saturday December 14th at 10:00am in the St. Joseph's Fergus Marian meeting room. Fr Robert Hetu will lead us in a presentation on Advent, including prayer, fellowship, and coffee social. Cor is a simple concept that brings men together to refocus on Christ through shared time of prayer and formation. Cor may be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but you do not have to be a Knight to attend.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - COPING WITH CHRISTMAS

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. Join us as we discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. **Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 7 – 8:30 p.m. St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo,** For more information and to register, please phone or email St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311 parish@stmichaclw.ca).

NOVENA FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Novena Masses will be held at 7:30 each morning from November 30 to December 8, at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph and will include the Novena Prayers and a reflection on Our Lady in the life of Christ and of the Church. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 9 this year, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration following Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m., until Vespers and Benediction at 6:15 p.m. The Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. As the Diocese's Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Plenary Indulgence is granted, under the usual conditions, for any of the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Basilica on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

WOMEN IN CRISIS CHARITY DRIVE

Donations of personal and sanitary items and local vendor gift cards will be accepted before and after each Mass, December 7 and 8.

No monetary donations will be accepted.
Please see the website for a complete list of requested donations. www.stmaryimmaculate.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
December 1	Prepare: An Advent Reflection with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins – From 2:00 -4:00 p.m., St. Mary's, Elora
November 30 –December 9	Novena of Masses – at 8:30 a.m. Basilica of Our Lady Immacuate
December 3	St. Mary's and St. Joseph's CWL Christmas get together at St. Joseph's, Fergus. Tickets are sold, please collect yours from Mary Clark if you haven't done so already.
December 7 and 8	Women in Crisis collection – St. Mary's Church parking lot, before and after each Mass. For full list of needed items please see website stmaryimmacuate.com
January 21	CWL Gathering – St. Mary's


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