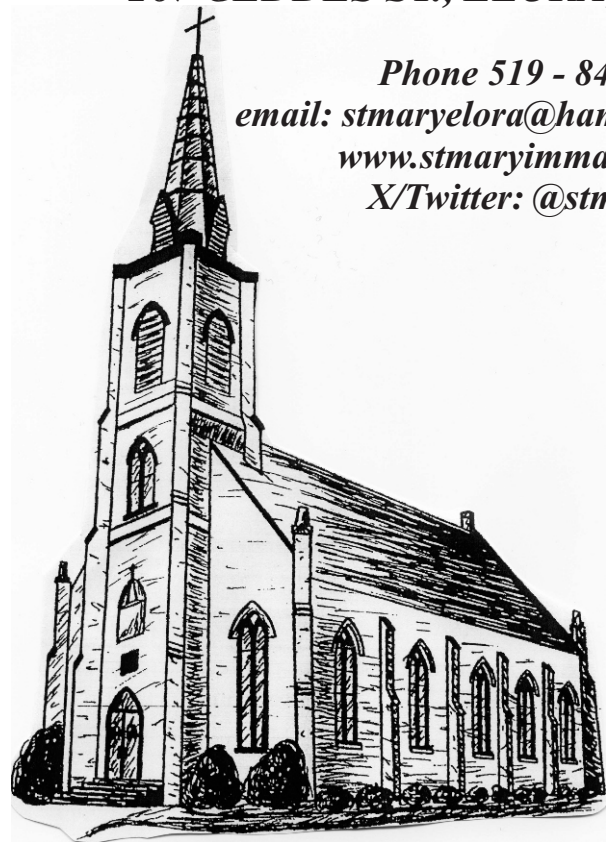
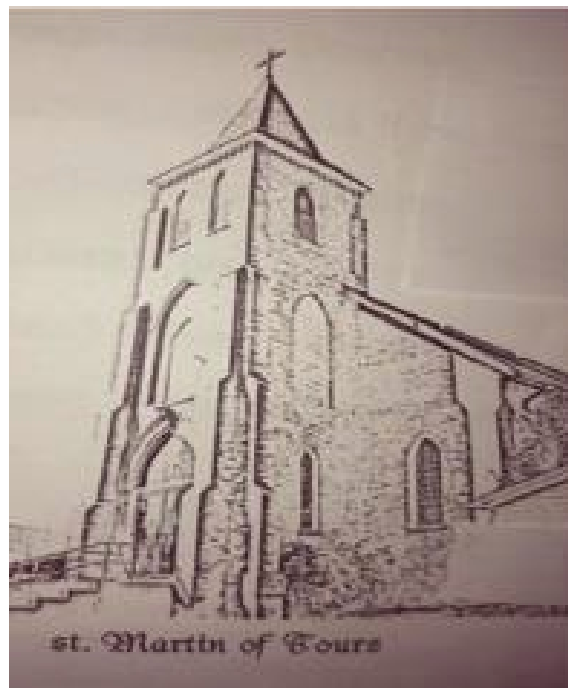


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 22, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	
Saturday, December 21st	
5:00 p.m.	+Steven Keating (Conroy Family)
Sunday, December 22nd	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	For Amber Bailey & Family (Margaret Aitken)
Monday <i>St. John of Kanty (OM)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Bob & Maurietta Hamilton (Koechl Family)
Tuesday <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary's
7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Martin's
Wednesday <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</i>	
12:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's
9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Martin's
11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's
Thursday <i>St. Stephen (Feast)</i>	
*11:00 a.m.	For Fr. Starczala (Innocente Family)
Friday <i>St. John, Apostle (Feast)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Marie Vandenberg
*After Mass	Blessing of wine
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	
Saturday, December 28th	
5:00 p.m.	+Jim Holland (Gerry Frampton)
Sunday, December 29th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+Joseph & Annie Cushing (Deacon & Mrs. Lombard)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo

VOCATION SEEDS

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary to carry the Good News of God's great Love, as a priest, deacon or religious? Contact Fr. Mark Morley at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Please note: St. Mary's and St. Martin's church office will be closed between December 25th and 27th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the clergy and staff of our parishes, I wish you and your families a joyful celebration of Christmas.

I would like to share with you an excerpt from a sermon entitled "Religious Joy" by St. John Henry Newman. May this spiritual reading help you enter into the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

"Fear not," said the Angel, "for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And then, when he had finished his announcement, "suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." Such were the words which the blessed Spirits who minister to Christ and His Saints, spoke on that gracious night to the shepherds, to rouse them out of their cold and famished mood into great joy; to teach them that they were objects of God's love as much as the greatest of men on earth; nay more so, for to them first He had imparted the news of what that night was happening. His Son was then born into the world. Such events are told to friends and intimates, to those whom we love, to those who will sympathize with us, not to strangers. How could Almighty God be more gracious, and show His favour more impressively to the lowly and the friendless, than by hastening (if I may use the term) to confide the great, the joyful secret to the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep by night?

-St. John Henry Newman, "Religious Joy"

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 22, 2024



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CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation continues to be offered at the following times:

St. Mary's

Saturday, December 21st: 4:15-4:45 p.m. and after Mass until done.

Sunday, December 22nd: after Mass until done.

St. Martin's

Sunday, December 22nd: 8:30 – 8:45 a.m., and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (*N.B. The Alma Santa Claus parade starts at 2:00 p.m., please plan accordingly)

*This will be the last opportunity for confessions before Christmas as no appointments will be taken.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's,

December 14th & 15th:

58 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,568.00
Loose	258.95
5 Building Maintenance	450.00
5 Christmas Offerings	390.00
6 Flower Offerings	80.00
Total:	\$ 3,746.95

St. Martin's,

December 15th:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 303.00
Loose	90.00
Total:	\$ 393.00

Monthly EFT:

	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Offerings	4,147.50	170.00
Building Maintenance	642.50	30.00
Total:	\$ 4,790.00	200.00

Your support and generosity are very much appreciated!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 envelope packets are ready for pick-up for both St. Mary's and St. Martin's. If you do not already, but would like to start donating or change to electronic funds transfer, please email Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

CHURCH REGISTRATIONS

If you are not yet a registered parishioner, please take a registration form home from the table at the back of the church and fill it out. Forms can be dropped off at any time to the office or simply placed in the collection basket in a marked envelope. Alternatively, email stmeloffice@wightman.ca

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To receive a tax receipt for 2024 for any donations you wish to make, all donations must be received by December 29th, 2024, after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Clark at 519-993-7915 or stmelbadmin@wightman.ca before December 31st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
Dec 25 - 27	Parish office closed
December 27	Blessing of wine after morning Mass. Please bring any household wine you would like blessed.
January 21	CWL Gathering – St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Mass	St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's – 7:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass	St. Mary's
Christmas Day	St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	St. Mary's - 5:00 p.m. (31 st) St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

For a listing of Mass and Confession times in the Diocese over Advent and Christmas, please see www.hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/


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