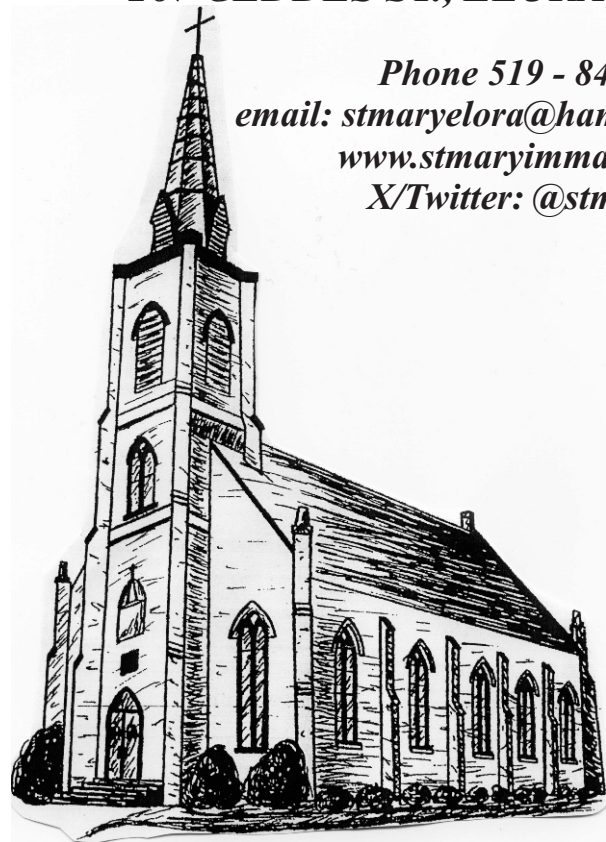


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

### **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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 8, 2024**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
<b>Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+Marie Grunzweig</b> (Frances Mantler & Family)
<b>Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+Carl Downey</b> (Eileen Downey & Family)
<b>St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Lauds (Morning Prayer)</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For the Intentions of the Moore Family</b> (Patsy Logel & Rosemary Downey)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Loreto (OM)</i>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+James Bailey</b> (Margaret Aitken)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St. Damasus I (OM)</i>
<b>*10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass at Wellington Terrace</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St. Lucy (M)</i>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+Joe Moore</b> (Jean Kraemer & Family)
<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
<b>Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>+Steven Keating</b> (St. Mary's CWL)
<b>Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+Michael Reis</b> (Patricia Reis & Family)

**VOCATION SEEDS**

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, at 905-528-7988. email: [vocations@hamiltondioces.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondioces.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
On Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

I still remember my grade 6 teacher explaining the Immaculate Conception to my class. Although many people think it means the conception of Jesus, our teacher told us that we usually describe the conception of Jesus as the Incarnation (the Son of God becoming flesh).

Instead, my teacher told us, the Immaculate Conception is the conception of Mary. We were all conceived in original sin. But not Mary. She was conceived without original sin. To be immaculate is to be without stain.

As we strive to lead sinless lives, we rejoice that we have a spiritual mother who has perfectly shared in the victory of Christ over sin. We turn to her and pray (in the words inscribed in the Miraculous Medal): *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!*

May Our Lady always guide you to her divine Son.

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

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**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/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/) Please consider sharing this with others. (N.B: this list is being updated regularly).

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**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

St. Mary Immaculate volunteers continue to collect items of non-perishable food to donate to the Centre Wellington Food Bank. Please continue to leave any donations in the wooden bin by the front doors. Your generous donations will be taken to Fergus and shared with the Food Bank. Thank you so much for your on-going support. A list of most needed items can be found at: [www.cwfoodbank.org](http://www.cwfoodbank.org)

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 8, 2024

## YOUR OFFERINGS:

### St. Mary's,

#### November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>:

56 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,823.00
Loose	192.10
1 Christmas Offering	50.00
6 Building Maintenance	160.00
CWL Donation (Sacramental/Altar)	546.37
20 Flower Offering	530.00
Total:	\$ 3,301.47

### St. Martin's,

#### December 1<sup>st</sup>:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 240.00
Loose	20.00
Building Maintenance	75.00
Total:	\$ 335.00

**Your generosity is very much appreciated!**

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## ONLINE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE

Join us for this online opportunity to grow in your relationship to God through Ignatian Spirituality. Beginning in January, participants will meet once a week online on Thursday Evenings for an extended daily life retreat in the Spiritual Exercises. Participants will come to deepen their own spiritual lives as they learn about the fundamentals of Ignatian spirituality such as: discernment, the examen, indifference, and decision making. Our 1-hour evening together will include a presentation, group faith sharing, and some facilitated group prayer. If getting away for the full spiritual exercises is difficult or costly, this retreat in daily life could be perfect for you. **An orientation session will take place on January 16 from 7-8:00 p.m.** further information, contact Raj Vijayakumar SJ at [rvijayakumar@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:rvijayakumar@ignatiusguelph.ca). Facilitated by Raj Vijayakumar, SJ - a Jesuit seminarian doing his work experience at Loyola House, Guelph, ON

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 envelope packets are being prepared and will be available for pickup at the back of the church shortly. If you are new to the parish and/or wish to begin donating either manually with envelopes or by electronic funds transfer, please contact Mary Clark by email at [stmelbadmin@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelbadmin@wightman.ca)

## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

In order to receive a tax receipt for 2024 for any donations you wish to make, all donations must be received by December 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:stmelbadmin@wightman.ca) before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## CWL MEMBERSHIPS

All ladies of the parish are reminded to please renew their CWL memberships. Electronic funds transfers of \$35 are now accepted through Mary Clark. [1955mhclark@gmail.com](mailto:1955mhclark@gmail.com). Please write CWL 2025 in the notes section.

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## WOMEN IN CRISIS CHARITY DRIVE

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

**\*No monetary donations will be accepted. \***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Each Saturday</b>	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
<b>December 7 and 8</b>	<b>Women in Crisis collection</b> – St. Mary's Church parking lot, before and after each Mass. For full list of needed items please see website <a href="http://stmariymacuate.com">stmariymacuate.com</a>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Cor</b> men's gathering – 10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Marian Meeting Room. A presentation on Advent by Fr. Hetu, followed by coffee social.
<b>January 21</b>	CWL Gathering – St. Mary's

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	St. Mary's – 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's – 7:00 p.m.
<b>Midnight Mass</b>	St. Mary's
<b>Christmas Day</b>	St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.
<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	St. Mary's - 5:00 p.m. (31 <sup>st</sup> ) St. Martin's – 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's – 11:00 a.m.


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