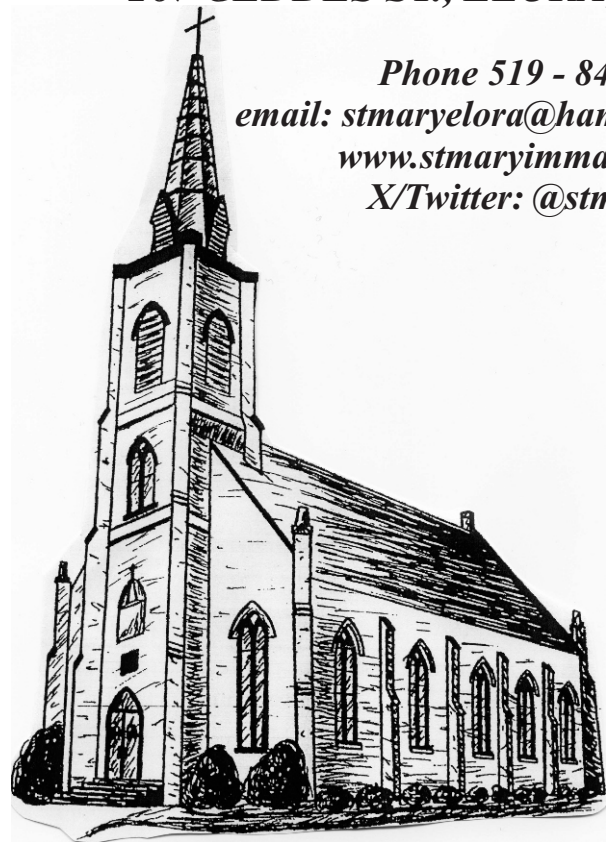
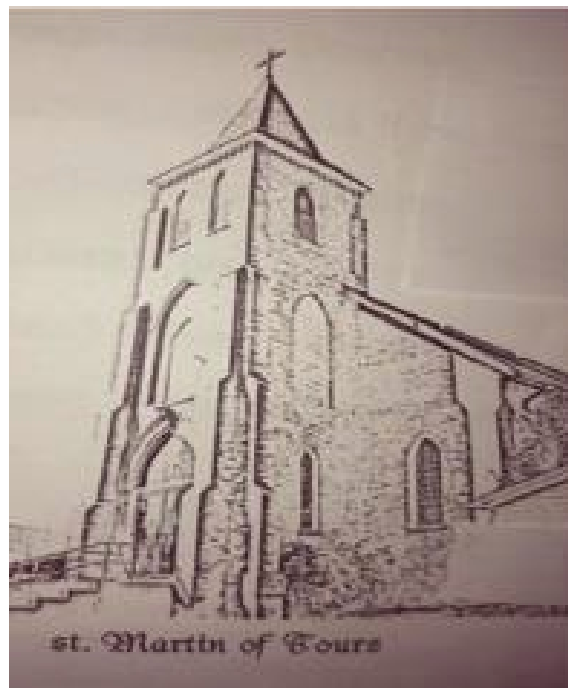


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 15, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14th

5:00 p.m. **+Steven Keating**
(St. Mary's CWL)

Sunday, December 15th

St. Martin's
9:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **+Michael Reis**
(Patricia Reis & Family)

Monday

9:00 a.m. **+Gerard Van Hoorn**

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. **+Gina Pellegrini**
(Pellegrini Family)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. **+James Cushing**
(Deacon & Mrs. Lombard)

Thursday *The Dedication of the Cathedral of
Christ the King (Feast)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of Robert H.G.
Hamilton**
(Koechl Family)

Friday

9:00 a.m. **+Joe Moore**
(Steve & Colleen Cudney)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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)

VOCATION SEEDS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley at 905-528-7988. email: vocations@hamiltondioces.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS

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

St. Mary's:

Saturday, December 14th: 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., and after Mass until done.

Wednesday December 18th: 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.; 9:45 till 10:00 a.m. (In crying room)

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 15th: 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 22nd: 8:30 – 8:45 a.m., and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

**St. Mary's,
December 7th & 8th:**

48 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,014.00
Loose	199.50
2 Building Maintenance	40.00
CWL Donation (Sacramental/Altar)	75.00
7 Flower Offering	255.00
Total:	\$ 2,583.50

**St. Martin's,
December 8th:**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 490.00
Loose	27.00
Building Maintenance	110.00
Total:	\$ 627.00

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

CHURCH REGISTRATIONS

Are you new to the parish? Or maybe you have been with us for some time but never registered as a parishioner. If so, please take a registration form home from the table at the back of the church and fill it out. Registrations help us to keep our records up to date and better understand the needs of our church family. Registration forms can be dropped off at any time to the office or simply placed in the collection basket in a marked envelope. Alternatively, please email Catarina: stmeloffice@wightman.ca if you wish to register at either parish.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 15, 2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 envelope packets are ready for pick-up for both St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Please see the table at the back of the church. If you are new to either parish and/or wish to begin donating either manually with envelopes or by electronic funds transfer, please email Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@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.

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

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

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service, and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information, and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." - **Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit***

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

St. Mary's Catholic Church, **Linwood** will be hosting its second annual Christmas Craft Night building graham cracker gingerbread houses. Children of all ages are welcome to participate, and parents are encouraged to join either to assist their children or to build their own house. Graham crackers, icing and nut free candy will be provided for participants, along with instruction on how to build a house and ideas for decorating both the house and yard. Participants are asked to bring a box that is large enough to hold a paper plate flat to transport their house home after the night and are welcome to bring any nut free candy they would like, if they have their own ideas. Christmas Craft Night is Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30. If your family is interested in participating, please sign up by emailing Gwendolyn at stvitusdanceschool@gmail.com so that enough graham crackers, icing and candy can be present for all of our participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
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 (January 1st)	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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