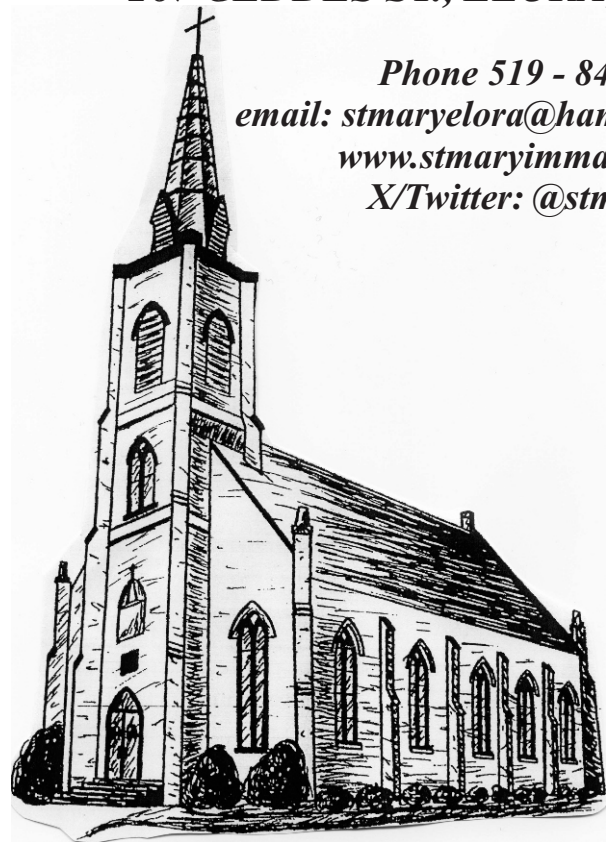


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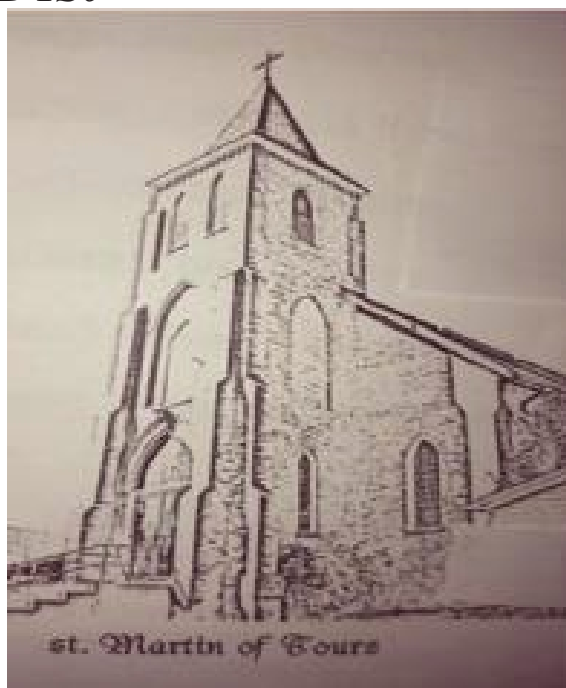


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 5, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
Saturday, January 4th	
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Walser Family (Joe & Joan Walser)
Sunday, January 5th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
*St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	+Brad Landoni (Kropf Family) *N.B. Incense will be used during Mass
Monday	
9:00 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday <i>St. Andre Bessette (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For God's Blessings on Debra Bucek
Wednesday	
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Wellington Terrace
Thursday	
*9:15 a.m.	Mass with St. Mary's School
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Lam Family (Koechl Family)
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	
Saturday, January 11th	
5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Winkler Family (The Koechl Family)
Sunday, January 12th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	+Joan Gribben (Sandy & Larry Rolick)

VOCATION SEEDS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the most important feasts of the year.

It is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ, our God who has come in the flesh.

This one day commemorates three events: the three wise men worshipping Christ (the first Gentiles to do so), the Baptism of Jesus, and the sign at the wedding feast in Cana.

Our merciful God has revealed himself to us in Christ. We would not be able to rejoice at the birth of our Lord had he not granted us the grace to know him by faith.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, we give thanks to God for revealing himself to us and granting that we may know him by faith.

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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly; traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that must be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.



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MEN'S COR GATHERING

Calling all Christian men. Do you find yourself in need of more faith-based structure and searching for a deeper relationship with Christ? You are invited to join us for our next **men's** Cor gathering, Saturday January 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph's, Fergus, hall. This gathering consists of prayer, discussion, and fellowship, as well as a coffee social. Cor is a simple concept that brings men together to re-focus 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.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

ST. MARY'S

December 21st & 22nd:

56 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,878.00
Loose	431.00
Votive Candles	303.35
8 Building Maintenance	710.00
13 Christmas Offerings	1,810.00
Total:	\$ 4,829.00

December 24th & 25th

5 Weekly Offerings	\$ 540.00
Loose	1,382.30
59 Christmas Offerings	5,005.00
Total:	\$ 7,052.30

December 28th & 29th

46 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,558.00
Loose	1,179.25
17 Building Maintenance	1,100.00
2 Flower Offerings	35.00
1 Cemetery Purposes	25.00
6 Christmas Offerings	470.00
Total:	\$ 5,367.25

ST. MARTIN'S

December 22nd:

Weekly Offerings	\$ 595.00
Loose	47.00
Building	150.00
Total:	\$ 792.00

December 24th & 25th

Offerings	\$ 1,125.00
Loose	105.00
Building	20.00
Total:	\$ 1,250.00

December 29th

Offerings	\$ 365.00
Building	850.00
Total:	\$ 1,215.00

JUBILEE YEAR

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!". Come 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 available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heroes of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

*Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ and called us to
serve as pilgrims of hope.*

*We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded
to your call to be leaders in our parish community and
for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the
building up of your Church,*

and the service of their sisters and brothers.

*Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
January 11	Men's Cor Meeting – St Joseph's Fergus – 10:00 a.m. – All men welcome
January 21	CWL Gathering – St. Mary's
January 28	Shine a Light Event - Guelph and Area Right to Life – 7:00 p.m., outside Guelph City Hall. Signs will be provided. For more information see: www.guelphforlife.com
February 1	Young Adults' (20's and 30's) Night – Prayer, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations – From 6:30 p.m. – St. Michael's, Waterloo


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