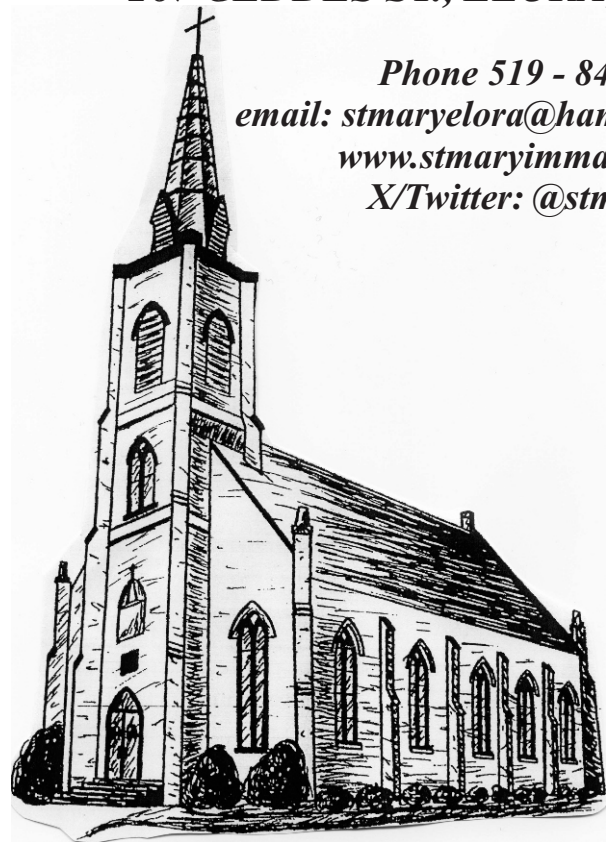


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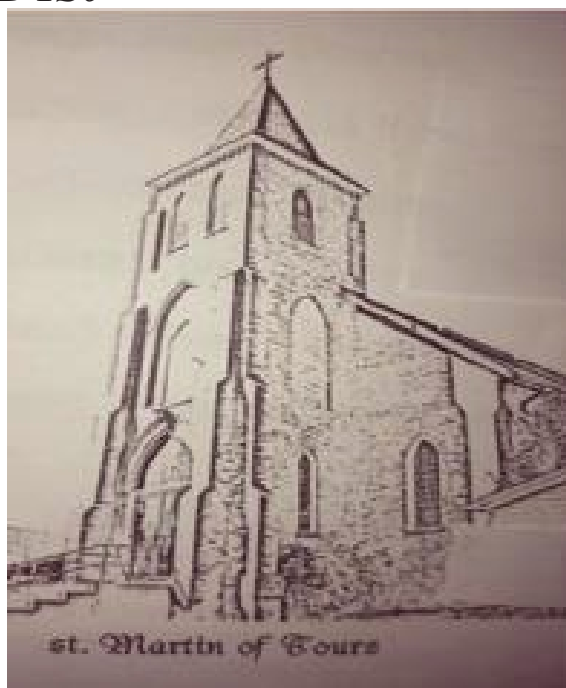


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 29, 2024

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<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 Richard & Mrs. Rose Marie Lombard)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	
9:00 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	
4:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
5:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary's
Weds. <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Martin's
11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's
Thursday <i>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (M)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Steven Keating (Margaret & Bernie Miller)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
6:40 - 7:00 p.m.	Confessions
Friday <i>Holy Name of Jesus (OM)</i>	
9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Bonnie & Bob Koechl (The Koechl Family)
<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

VOCATION SEEDS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is not over. We are only halfway through the Octave of Christmas, and the Season of Christmas extends beyond that. But having experienced Christmas Day, I think some words of thanks are in order.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my own gratitude - as well as that of Deacon Paul Mulligan and our parish staff - for all the greetings, kindness, and gifts we have received for Christmas. Thank you!

A particular word of thanks is in order for all who have given of their time and energy to help us celebrate the Birth of Christ well: to Dcn. Mulligan, the parish staff, those who decorated inside the churches, those who set up nativity scenes outside, those in music ministry, ministers of hospitality, altar servers, readers, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. (So many people!) Thank you so much! This has been a real team effort.

May God bless you with joy as we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ the Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 29, 2024

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (the Eighth Day of Christmas). Just like December 25, January 1 is a holy day of obligation. This means that the faithful are obliged to refrain from unnecessary work and to assist at Holy Mass either on January 1 or the evening before.

JUBILEE YEAR

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the 2025 Jubilee Year. This Sunday - the Feast of the Holy Family - is the occasion when the opening of the Jubilee is celebrated throughout the various dioceses of the world.

In the Old Testament, a jubilee year was a time for the forgiveness of debts, the restoration of property, and freedom from slavery. In the Church of the New Testament, jubilees are celebrated to help the faithful experience more profoundly the forgiveness of sins, the restoration of grace, and freedom from sin. To this end, many indulgences are being made available to the faithful.

In due course, our bulletin will provide information of how to take advantage of this year of jubilee.

CWL SERVICE PINS

Please join the Catholic Women's League in congratulating our members who will be receiving service pins this year for various years of service at St. Mary's. A brief pin ceremony will take place following 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 1st.

VESPERS AT ST. MARY'S

Please note that Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be prayed at St. Mary's at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st, followed by Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, at 5:00 p.m.

Please join us. No previous experience with Vespers is needed and a Book of Hours to follow along with will be provided. In addition, Vespers are prayed each Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and all are welcome to join.

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.
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1	(31 st) St. Mary's - Vespers - 4:30p.m. Mass - 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's - 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's - 11:00 a.m.
January 21	CWL Gathering - St. Mary's




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