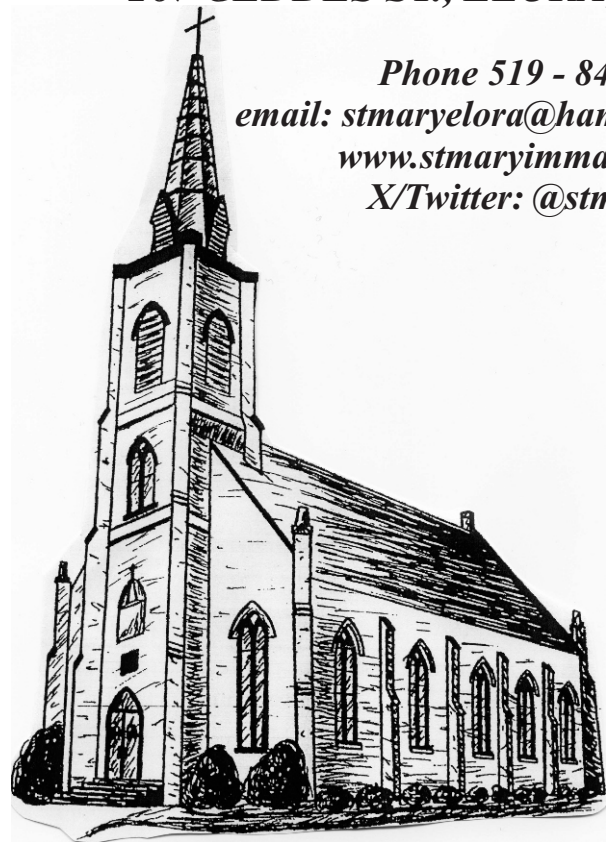


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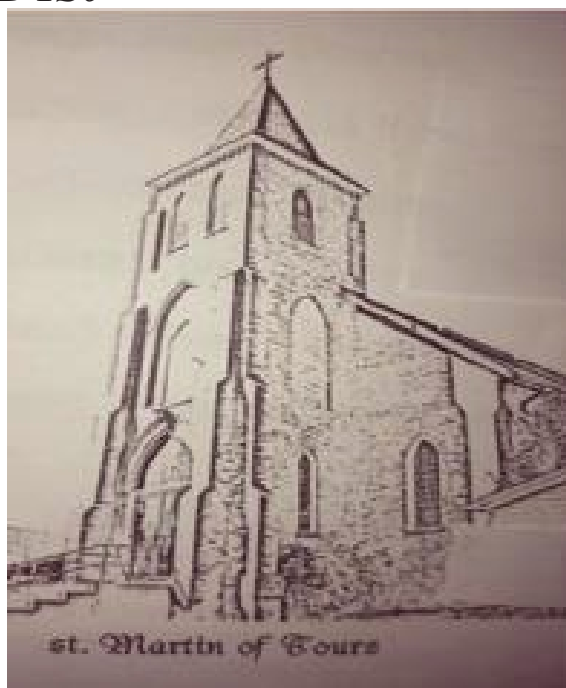


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 19, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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| <i>The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| Saturday, January 18th | |
| 5:00 p.m. | For the Intentions of the Koechl Family |
| Sunday, January 19th | |
| St. Martin's 9:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| St. Mary's 11:00 a.m. | +Michael Reis (Patricia Reis & Family) |
| Monday <i>St. Fabian (OM)</i> <i>St. Sebastian (OM)</i> | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Special Intention |
| Tuesday <i>St. Agnes (M)</i> | |
| *7:00 p.m. | For God's Blessings on Debra Bucek |
| Wednesday <i>St. Vincent (OM)</i> | |
| 9:00 a.m. | +Phil & Angelina Morelli |
| Thursday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | +Kevin Kraemer & All Deceased Members of the Kraemer Family (Jean Kraemer & Family) |
| Friday <i>St. Francis de Sales (M)</i> | |
| 9:00 a.m. | In Thanksgiving |
| <i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| Saturday, January 25th | |
| 5:00 p.m. | +Steven Cako (Tucker Family) |
| Sunday, January 26th | |
| St. Martin's 9:00 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| St. Mary's 11:00 a.m. | For the Intentions of Bon & Claire Veltri (Louise Lussier) |

VOCATION SEEDS

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, 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 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed every year from January 18 to 25 (the final day being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul).

I encourage all of you to use this time to pray for Christian unity. Let us pray that all our separated brothers and sisters will be drawn into the unity that exists in the Catholic Church.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

A community organization has recently contacted the parish office looking for volunteers to drive Ukrainian newcomers to Sunday Mass in St. Mary's Church. Those interested in coming to church live just south of Elora. If you are interested in volunteering to do this, please contact the parish office during the week and we will connect you with this organization.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

ST. MARY'S

January 11th & 12th:

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| 49 Weekly Offerings | \$ 2,547.25 |
| Loose | 393.50 |
| 1 Initial Offerings | 20.00 |
| 1 Building Maintenance | 40.00 |
| 1 New Year's Day Offerings | 50.00 |
| Total: | \$ 3,050.75 |

ST. MARTIN'S

January 12st:

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| Weekly Offerings | \$ 520.00 |
| Building Maintenance | 90.00 |
| Initial Offerings | 10.00 |
| Total: | \$ 620.00 |

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 19, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: “I HOPE IN YOUR WORD” (PSALM 119:74)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 25 this year) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how *#TheBibleSpeaks* in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday. See; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Joseph and St. Mary’s parishes would like to thank you for your very generous donations, helping those in need in our community. The **need is growing** due to increasing costs of living. This year, for the first time, we were asked to help several distressed, unhoused people in our immediate area.

Our SVdP Conference has helped those in need in the following ways: purchased 25 coats/snowsuits for children (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church knitting group gave us 25 hats to include with the coats), distributed \$300.00 in gift cards from Walmart, Freshco and Giant Tiger for those homeless, donated \$500.00 to the Grove Hub for food, gave out 45 \$100.00 food vouchers at Christmas, purchased \$250 - \$300 worth of diapers and sanitary products monthly for Food Bank clients.

We also have New to You gift certificates to help clients in need of clothing and household articles and Walmart Corporate Office gave us \$1,000.00 for our charitable works.

Please consider joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our member numbers are in decline due to age and health. It is a rewarding parish ministry of a few hours a month and we encourage you to consider helping your community in need. Please call Jane 519-787-1962 or Marie 226-383-4195 for information or to answer any questions you may have.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Saturday March 22, 2024, Old Mill, Toronto

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Old Mill (with light lunch)
Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB

Speakers:

Annie Karto: **Divine Mercy Flood My Soul**

Lisa Canning: **Surrendering in Suffering:**

Discoverng JOY

Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI: **Being a Priest -**

Being a Midwife

Dr. Stephanie Kafie: **Totus Tuus: 5 Ways to Live Out “Totally Yours”**

Dorothy Pilarski: **Your Life is Going to Change**

Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB

To register, please go to: dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Each Saturday | Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary’s – 4:00 p.m. |
| January 21 | CWL Gathering – St. Mary’s – Immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass |
| January 28 | Knights of Columbus General Meeting – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall – 7:30 p.m. |
| 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 Church, Waterloo |
| March 5 – April 13 | 40 Days for Life Campaign – Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Details to follow. |


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