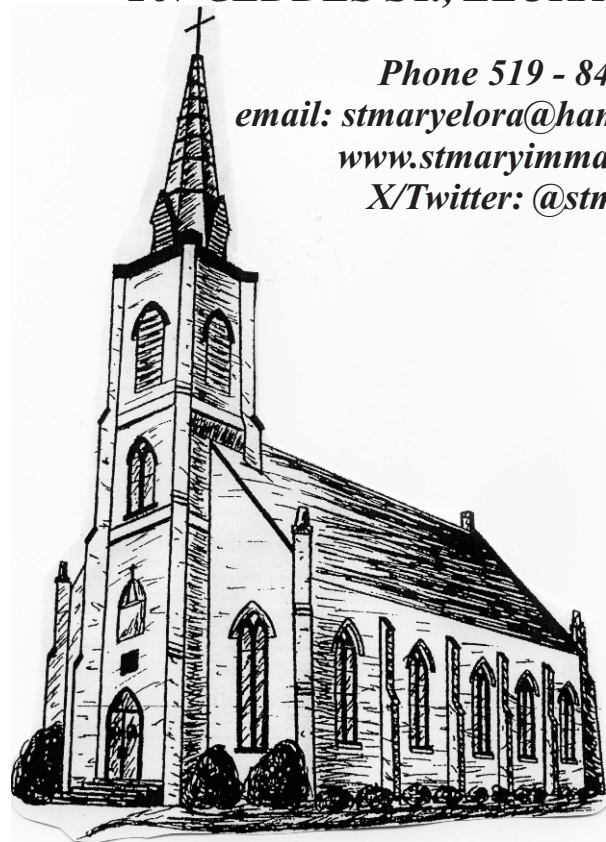


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

### **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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 26, 2025**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **+Steven Cako**  
(Tucker Family)

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**St. Mary's**      **For the Intentions of Bon & Claire**  
**11:00 a.m.**      **Veltri**  
(Louise Lussier)

**Monday**      ***St. Angela Merici (OM)***

**9:00 a.m.**      **Special Intention**

**Tuesday**      ***St. Thomas Aquinas (M)***

**9:00 a.m.**      **+Nicholas Law**  
(Bowen Family)

**Wednesday**

**\*10:30 a.m.**      **Mass at Heritage River Retirement**  
**Residence**

**Thursday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **For the Intentions of Wanda**  
**Nicowski**  
(Jim & Diane Robertson)

**Friday**      ***St. John Bosco (M)***

**9:00 a.m.**      **+Mauree Luck**  
(Collette, Alf, & Family)

*Candlemas - The Presentation of the Lord*

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **+Brad Carberry**  
(Bowen Family)

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**St. Mary's**  
**11:00 a.m.**      **Pro Populo**

**VOCATION SEEDS**

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since 2020, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time has also been known as the Sunday of the Word of God.

It is wonderful to think that God truly speaks to us in words we can understand.

Our Bibles are not just books like any other. They contain the word of God.

This Sunday, I encourage you to spend time with the word of God by setting aside half an hour to prayerfully read from the Holy Bible.

If a television or computer screen can keep our attention for half an hour, there's no reason the word of God cannot.

May the word of God dwell in you richly (cf. Col. 3:16).

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

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**YOUR OFFERINGS:**

**ST. MARY'S**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:**

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 67 Weekly Offerings        | \$ 2,594.25   |
| Loose                      | 154.00        |
| 5 Initial Offerings        | 90.00         |
| 4 Building Maintenance     | 620.00        |
| 3 New Year's Day Offerings | <u>205.00</u> |
| Total:                     | \$ 3,663.00   |

**ST. MARTIN'S**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:**

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Offerings     | \$ 265.00    |
| Loose                | 20.00        |
| Building Maintenance | <u>25.00</u> |
| Total:               | \$ 310.00    |

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 26, 2025

### THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates Candlemas (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). This Mass is preceded by the blessing of candles, which are carried as a sign of Christ, who is the light for the Gentiles and the glory of Israel (cf. Luke 2:32). Please bring any candles you would like blessed to Mass on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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### BLESSING OF THROATS

Please note that the traditional blessing of throats will be celebrated on the Memorial of St. Blase (Monday, February 3) after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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### 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.

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### SHINE A LIGHT ON THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ABORTION IN CANADA

We invite you to join us for Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Shine a Light event on **Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, as we reflect on the 1988 Supreme Court decision that removed legal protection for preborn children in Canada. This event features an illuminated display highlighting the heartbreaking reality that over 4,000,000 lives have been lost to abortion in Canada. Large, illuminated numbers represent this staggering figure, and participants hold signs sharing pro-life messages and pregnancy support resources. Through this event, we hope to raise awareness in our community about the impact of abortion and inspire hope for the future.  
**Where:** In front of Guelph City Hall  
**When:** Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Please dress warmly, as the event will take place outdoors. Let us come together to stand as a witness to the dignity of every human life. Visit [www.guelphforlife.com/shine-a-light](http://www.guelphforlife.com/shine-a-light) for more details.

### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

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### SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Each Saturday</b>      | Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.   |
| <b>January 28</b>         | Knights of Columbus General Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>January 28</b>         | 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: <a href="http://www.guelphforlife.com">www.guelphforlife.com</a> |
| <b>February 1</b>         | Young Adults' Night – Prayer, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations –6:30 p.m. St. Michael's Church, Waterloo   |
| <b>March 5 – April 13</b> | 40 Days for Life Campaign – Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Details to follow.  |




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