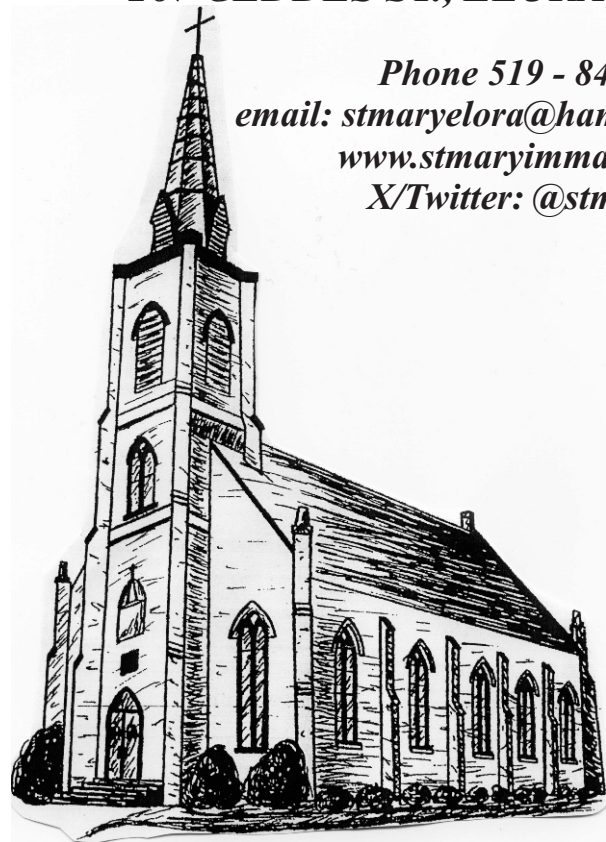


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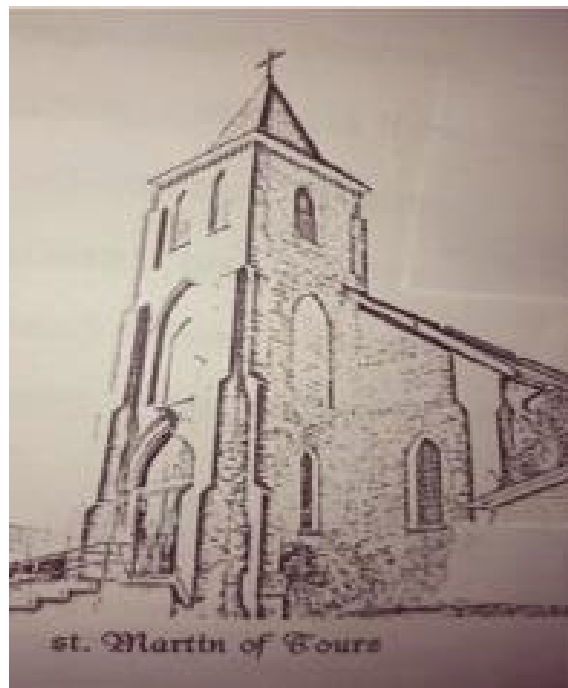


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

### **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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2025**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

*The First Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **+Steven Keating**  
(Dori & Kevin Gillen)

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Martin's**      **Pro Populo**

**9:00 a.m.**

**St. Mary's**      **+Michael Reis**  
(Patricia Reis & Family)

**Monday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **+Anna Starczala**  
(Anna Koechl)

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

*Fr. Starczala to concelebrate Mass at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph at 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **+George and Joan Jones and Tim Blurton-Jones**  
(Vanessa Blurton-Jones)

**7:00 p.m.**      Stations of the Cross (at both parishes)

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **+Steven Cako**  
(Carrie Reed & Family)

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Martin's**      **Pro Populo**

**9:00 a.m.**

**St. Mary's**      **+Agatona Castillo**  
(Anon)

**VOCATION SEEDS**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEEKDAY MASS READINGS**

The weekday Mass readings for the next week of Lent are as follows:

**Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's and at St. Martin's. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this wonderful Lenten devotion.

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**YOUR OFFERINGS:**

**ST. MARY**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

61 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,524.00
Loose	156.00
2 Initial Offering	110.00
6 Building Maintenance	655.00
2 Seminary Collection	<u>50.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,495.00

**ST. MARTIN**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 395.00
Loose	5.00
Building	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 470.00

**Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Could you be a Knight and serve the Church and our community with other men of faith? The K of C are holding their annual membership drive March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Come find out more!

**K of C CHARITY BREAKFAST**

This Sunday's breakfast will benefit St. Mary Immaculate, Elora's CWL charities and fundraisers. Please come out to support us! Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2025

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION AT BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Come join His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate from Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 7:00 p.m. each evening, and forty hours of (semi-continuous) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at the Basilica from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on March 11 and 12, and from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on March 13. There will be a reception in the Basilica Parish Hall following the evening Mass on March 13. Visit the website of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for more details. [www.basilicaofourlady.com](http://www.basilicaofourlady.com)

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### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join the worldwide movement of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to help end abortion. Since its start, 40 Days for Life has helped save over 24,000 babies, seen 250+ abortion workers leave the industry, and led to the closure of 140+ abortion centers. We invite you to pray with us outside the Guelph Cenotaph (Woolwich & Eramosa Rd) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily from March 5 to April 13.

St. Mary Immaculate Church has been allotted Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> for our parishioners to hold peaceful vigil and quiet prayer on the sidewalk. More details and a sign-up schedule for one hour prayer slots to follow.

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE RETREAT

We encourage all Ministers of Music, Ministers of the Word, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans who serve in liturgical ministries to attend a special day of renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth for Liturgical ministers to deepen their commitment to serving God's people through their ministries. Any parishioner who is considering a Liturgical ministry is also warmly invited to attend. Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. See the Diocese of Hamilton website for more information and to register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3kf6y4zu>

### JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Journey Through Lent is a video series offered by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). Each Sunday a new video reflection will be made available, led by Bishop Gary Franken of Diocese of St. Paul, Alberta. The video for the First Sunday of Lent is available at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Each Saturday</b>	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
<b>March 1</b>	Young Adults Night – Jubilee Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. From 6:30 p.m.
<b>Sundays in March</b>	Fr. Starczala to deliver talks on Baptism including time for Q & A. All welcome In Elora – 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. In Drayton – 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.
<b>March 9</b>	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast to benefit St. Mary's CWL charities, from 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall
<b>Mar 10 -13</b>	Forty Hours Devotion – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Mass each evening at 7:00 p.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on March 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> and until 6:30 p.m. on March 13 <sup>th</sup> . Cardinal Collins to preside.
<b>March 11</b>	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph parish hall.
<b>March 5 – April 13</b>	40 Days for Life– Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion.
<b>March 22</b>	Lenten Retreat for Liturgical Ministers Basilica of Our Lady 10:00 -12:30 p.m. Register: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kf6y4zu">https://tinyurl.com/3kf6y4zu</a> .
<b>March 25</b>	Knights of Columbus General Meeting – 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph parish hall


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