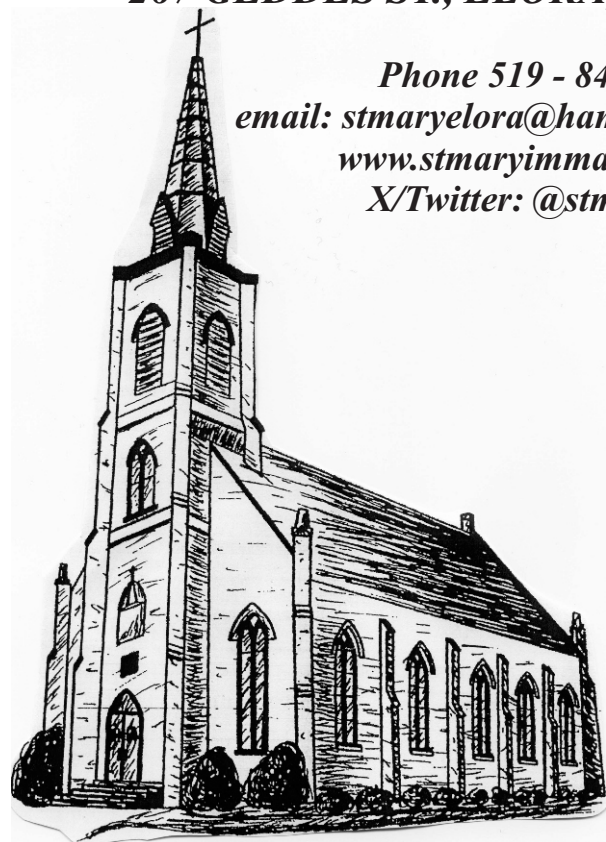


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

### **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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### *The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.** For Bert and Helen Moore on  
**Their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
(Frances Mantler and Family)

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Martin's**  
**9:00 a.m.** +Marguerite Umbach  
(Eileen Downey and Family)

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

**Monday**

**9:00 a.m.** +Ethel Flynn  
(Joyce Conroy and Family)

**Tuesday** *St Pius of Pietralcina (M)*

**9:00 a.m.** +Aladino Parmagiano  
(The Pellegrini Family)

**Wednesday** *At Heritage River Retirement Residence*

**\*10:30 a.m.** +Michael Reis  
(Patricia Reis and Family)

**Thursday**

**9:00 a.m.** +Bill Fisher  
(Tom and Greta MacGregor)

**Friday** *Sts Jean de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and  
Companions, Martyrs (Feast)*

**9:00 a.m.** +Mauritta and Robert Hamilton  
(The Koechl Family)

### *The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.** +Joan Donnelly  
(Carrie Reed and Family)

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**St. Mary's**  
**11:00 a.m.** +Mary Klein  
(Mary and Paul Clark and Family)

## VOCATION SEEDS

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***Peace be with you.***

In the month of September, our eyes turn toward the Cross of Christ. This is in large part due to the celebration of two feasts: the Exaltation of the Cross (Sept. 14) and Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15).

It is easy to forget how horrible the cross would have seemed in ancient times. It was a means of execution so horrid that it was never given to Roman citizens.

Many people at the time had a hard time believing in a crucified Christ. St. Paul says that the thought of this was a stumbling block for many Jews. To many Gentiles it seemed absurd. But to those who receive the call to faith, the power and wisdom of God is seen in Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-24).

In his *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas asked and answered the question: "Whether Christ ought to have suffered on the cross?" He gave seven reasons it was fitting. I will not reproduce all seven but will share the first: to give us an example of virtue.

Aquinas quotes St. Augustine, who wrote, "God's Wisdom became man to give us an example in righteousness of living. But it is part of righteous living not to stand in fear of things which ought not to be feared. Now there are some men who, although they do not fear death in itself, are yet troubled over the manner of their death. In order, then, that no kind of death should trouble an upright man, the cross of this Man had to be set before him, because, among all kinds of death, none was more execrable, more fear-inspiring, than this."

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

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## REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

Regina Caeli Academy is a private Catholic school opening in Guelph, September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to our next meeting being held in the rectory at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph, on **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.** Please email [info@reginacaeliacademy.ca](mailto:info@reginacaeliacademy.ca) to confirm your attendance.

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## YOUR OFFERINGS:

### St. Mary Immaculate

September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

63 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,108.00
Loose	224.05
3 Building Maintenance	30.00
1 World Mission Sunday	50.00
Total:	\$ 2,412.05

### St. Martin of Tours

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Weekly Offerings	\$ 425.00
Loose	21.55
Building Maintenance	50.00
Total:	\$ 496.55

**\*N.B. Please make out any donations to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul directly, through a separate cheque.**

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

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## CWL GATHERING

All ladies of the parish are welcome to join the CWL gathering Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., beginning with Mass. Afterwards, we will gather in the back vestibule for a short social and meeting.

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## STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Find hope with **Retrouvaille** – Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling, to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. Join us for our upcoming weekend October 17<sup>th</sup> (evening), 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> No marriage is beyond hope. For more information visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org), Email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org), or 905-664-5212.

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## DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

St. Mary's CWL volunteers are ready to pray for the intentions of parishioners wanting and needing prayers. If you would like this service, please fill out a slip on the table at the back of the church and drop it into the labeled box. Strict confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained, and no name needs to be given.

## ADVERTISE WITH US!

There are currently spots available to add your business or service to the back of this bulletin. Your colour ad will be included every week on approximately 140 bulletins as well as featured on our website with the bulletin every week. Please contact Mary Clark for more information 519-993-7915

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## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Are you and/or your family new to our parish? Please take a moment to register with us. Registration helps us to communicate with and plan for the needs of our parishioners. Registration forms can be found on the table at the back of the church and dropped into the collection basket or handed in to the office at any time.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Each Saturday</b>	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
<b>Sept 23</b>	K of C General Meeting with installation of officers. St. Joseph's, Fergus, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept 30</b>	CWL Gathering – St. Mary's - Mass at 7:00 p.m. meeting to follow directly afterwards
<b>Oct 4</b>	Marian Day – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, from 9:00 a.m. <b>Regina Caeli Tea</b> to follow. Tickets for the tea can be ordered at 519-824-3951
<b>Oct 4</b>	Young Adults Night – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, from 6:30. Starting with Holy Hour, followed by a social, live band, vocations testimony and Compline at 9:00 p.m. All young adults 18-34 years welcome.
<b>Oct 5</b>	K of C Charity Breakfast – 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m., St. Joseph's parish hall
<b>Oct 5</b>	Life Chain – Elora, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., MacDonald Square
<b>Oct 9</b>	Men's Cor Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, <b>*October 9<sup>th</sup></b> , St. Joseph's. <b>*N.B.</b> Date changed.
<b>Oct 18/19</b>	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b><i>The Light Shines in the Darkness</i></b> - Presentation by Fr Bill Trusz, St. Mary's Church, Elora, 2:00 p.m. Details to follow.



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