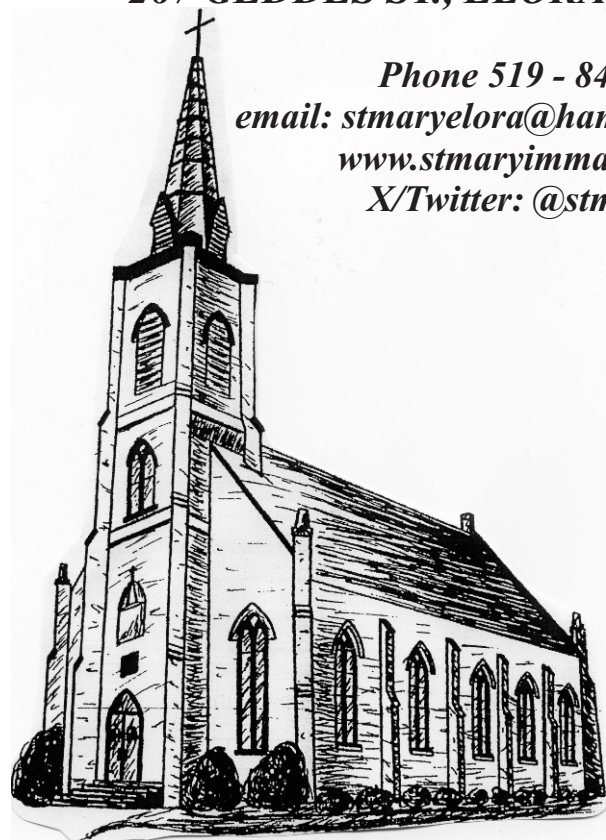


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 12, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 11th

5:00 p.m. **+Bev O’Gorman**
(Frances Mantler and Family)

Sunday, October 12th

St. Martin’s **+Oscar and Marguerite Schill**
9:00 a.m. (Their Family)

St. Mary’s **Pro Populo**
11:00 a.m.

Monday

***10:30 a.m.** **Special Intention**
(Anonymous)

Tuesday *St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of the Pellegrini**
Family

Wednesday *St. Teresa of Jesus (M)*

9:00 a.m. **For Souls in Purgatory**
(A Parishioner)

Thursday *St. Marguerite D’Youville (M)*

9:00 a.m. **For Deceased Members of the**
Cote and Gould Families
(The Koechl Family)

Friday *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (M)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of Helen and**
Bert Moore
(Steve and Colleen Cudney)

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 18th

5:00 p.m. **+Danny and Bridget Walser**
(The Feil Family)

Sunday, October 19th

St. Martin’s **Pro Populo**
9:00 a.m.

St. Mary’s **For Sharon Rafferty**
11:00 a.m. (Her Children and Grandchildren)

VOCATION SEEDS

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday reminds us of how easy it is to not return thanks. The lepers were cured after they had left Jesus. They had the choice to keep going (and so hasten their return to their homes after having lived on the margins of society for so long) or to turn back.

Nine kept going; only one returned to give thanks.

As we pause from our usual activities this Thanksgiving Monday, we should take care not to rush into enjoying the good things God has given to us. Instead, let us first turn to him and give him thanks.

I wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary Immaculate

October 4th and 5th

48 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,583.00
Loose	244.50
Special Offering	50.00
5 Building Maintenance	90.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
2 Needs of the Canadian Church	60.00
Total:	\$ 2,037.50

St. Martin of Tours

October 5th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 370.00
Loose	12.00
Building Maintenance	160.00
World Mission Sunday	40.00
Total:	\$ 582.00

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 12, 2025

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Bill Trusz (Papal Missionary of Mercy) will be giving a presentation on Christian freedom from demonic forces on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Immaculate Church (267 Geddes St, Elora). Don't miss this opportunity to hear about how *The Light Shines in the Darkness* (John 1:5)! And invite a friend who doesn't normally come to church!

SCREENING OF WORTH MORE FILM

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life for a special screening of *Worth More* on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall, Guelph. This short film powerfully affirms the dignity of every human life. Following the screening, producer Bronwyn Gray will lead a discussion on the film's message and inspiration. All are welcome!

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH

In the Diocese of Hamilton, October is again being observed as our month of prayer for vocations. Please pray that many of the faithful in our diocese may be called to be religious sisters and brothers, deacons, priests, and consecrated virgins living in the world.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving and a perfect time to stop and think with gratitude about our relationship with our spouses. An attitude of gratitude has the proven benefit of having our brain find the good in any situation, so what better way to see the positives your spouse brings into your life than having an attitude of gratitude for him or her. It is easy to focus on the challenging moments but stop and contemplate what is good. Tell your spouse in person, or in a handwritten note. Think of all the moments you share, your children, your shared home, your faith – when you pause to focus on the good, there will be so much to be thankful for, and you will feel greater love for the one you love!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS RETREAT DAY

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is very pleased to offer a full-day retreat for all adult ministry leaders. Rekindling the Light will be a day of prayer and sharing of the graces of pastoral ministry. This event will be held at St. Mary of the Visitation, 16 Cooper St., Cambridge, November 15, 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Lunch and all refreshments are included. Cost: \$25.00. To register, please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League would like to remind all ladies of the parish that annual membership fees are now due. Even if you are not able at this time of life to attend our meetings or volunteer with any of our ministries, your membership is so appreciated and valuable to us, allowing us to donate to various causes near and far and carry out the charitable works that mean so much. Your \$40 membership fee can be left in the collection basket at any time, clearly marked with your name and "CWL Membership 2026" on the front.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
Oct 13	*10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. Mary's Elora. *This will replace the usual 9:00 a.m. Monday morning Mass.
Oct 18/19	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Oct 26	<i>The Light Shines in the Darkness</i> - Presentation by Fr Bill Trusz, St. Mary's Church, Elora, 2:00 p.m.
Nov 1	All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery – Celebrant: Most Reverend Bishop Lobsinger – 11:00 a.m.
Nov 1	Children's All Saints Day Party – 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Geared to children ages 4-10 but all children welcome! Dress as your favourite saint! R.S.V.P. Elise at frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com before October 25 th .
Nov 18	Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Mary Immaculate, 7:00 p.m.

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