

2025 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Advent Confession Schedule

It is fitting to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord by receiving the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation. We prepare to greet the Lord not only by decorating our homes but most especially by purifying our hearts.

The scheduled times for this sacrament in both St. Mary Immaculate and St. Martin of Tours Churches are presented further down on this page.

You are also welcome to make an appointment for this sacrament. This can be helpful for those who are hard of hearing and need extra privacy. Others may find this option convenient for a variety of reasons. However, Fr. Starczala will **not** be available for appointments on December 23rd and 24th (except for those in danger of death).

Please find below the scheduled Confession times in our churches.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

(DRAYTON)

Sunday, Nov. 30: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 1: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

ST. MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

(ELORA)

Saturday, Nov. 29: 4:15-4:45 p.m.; after Mass

Thursday, Dec. 4: 6:40-7:00 p.m.; after
Benediction

Saturday, Dec. 6: 4:15-4:45 p.m.; after Mass

Saturday, Dec. 13: 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20: 4:15-4:45 p.m.; after Mass

Sunday, Dec. 21: after Mass

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Monday, December 8 we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the patronal feast of St. Mary Immaculate Church. There will be Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. A sung Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

A plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions) to the faithful who visit St. Mary Immaculate Church on this day and pray the Our Father and the Creed.

Advent Healing Mission

We will welcome back Fr. Bill Trusz (*Papal Missionary of Mercy*) for a healing mission starting on the Third Sunday of Advent, when he will preach the homily of each Mass in our parishes.

The following three days there will be afternoon/evening Confessions in St. Mary's Church, followed by Holy Mass and other spiritual exercises. Fr. Starczala and Fr. Trusz will take turns hearing Confessions and may at times administer this sacrament simultaneously.

A more definite and detailed schedule will be published in due course.

Christmas

Please find below our schedule for the Eucharist on the two holy days of obligation that do not fall on a Sunday.

Holy days of obligation are like Sundays; the faithful are obliged to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to refrain from unnecessary work.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is as much a holy day of obligation as Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (*Christmas Eve*) - St. Mary Immaculate Church (Elora)

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (*Christmas Eve*) – St. Martin of Tours Church (Drayton)

Midnight Mass (*Christmas*) - St. Mary Immaculate Church (Elora)

9:00 a.m. Mass (*Christmas*) - St. Martin of Tours Church (Drayton)

11:00 a.m. Mass (*Christmas*) - St. Mary Immaculate Church (Elora)

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS/SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 p.m. Mass (*New Year's Eve*) - St. Mary Immaculate Church (Elora)

9:00 a.m. Mass (*New Year's Day*) - St. Martin of Tours Church (Drayton)

11:00 a.m. Mass (*New Year's Day*) - St. Mary Immaculate Church (Elora)

Other Events in the Christmas Season

On Friday, December 26 (*Feast of St. Stephen and the Second Day of Christmas*) Holy Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church at 10:00 a.m.

On the Sundays of the Christmas Season our usual liturgical schedule will be in effect.

The office will be closed December 24th to 28th and again January 1st to 4th.