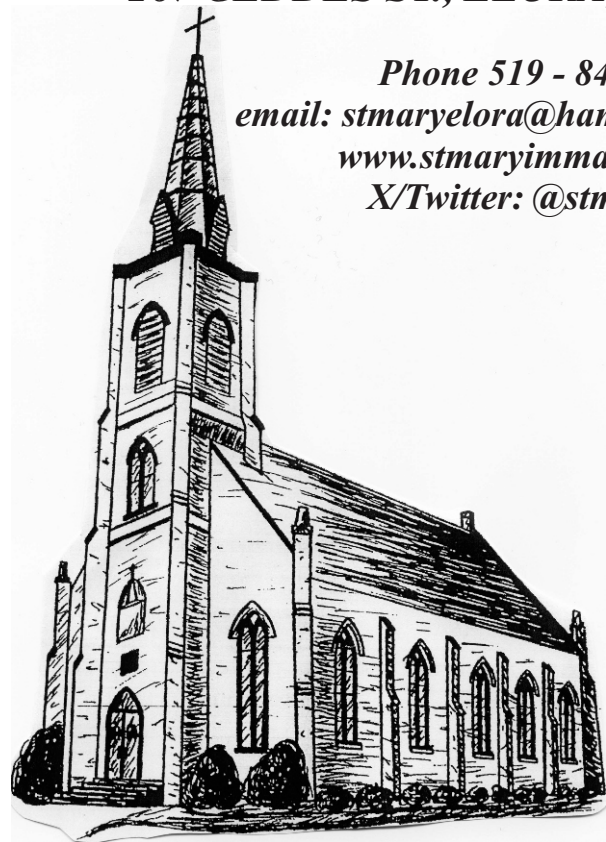


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am*
Sunday 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

See inside of Bulletin.

Holy Mass on weekdays is at St. Mary Immaculate Church, unless stated otherwise.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 am*
First Thursday of the Month 6:40 - 7:00pm

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 21, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20th

5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Rhonda Mackay and the Mackay and Ferraro Families (Endrina Querales)
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Sunday, December 21st

St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+Marguerite Umbach (Eileen Downey and Family)
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St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
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Monday

9:00 a.m.	+Patricia Rybka (St. Joan of Arc School Staff)
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Tuesday *St. John of Canty (OM)*

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

5:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Elora
7:00 p.m.	St. Martin's, Drayton

Thursday *The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)*

12:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Elora
9:00 a.m.	St. Martin's, Drayton
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary's, Elora

Friday *St. Stephen, Martyr (Feast)*

*10:00 a.m.	For Father Starczala (Innocente Family)
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 27th

5:00 p.m.	Special Intention for the Winkler Family (Koechl Family)
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Sunday, December 28th

St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	+Michael Reis (Patricia Reis and Family)

VOCATION SEEDS

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On All Saints' Day, Pope Leo XIV gave the title Doctor of the Church to St. John Henry Newman. This is a title held by less than 40 saints; a class of the most important teachers of the Christian faith, morals, and prayer after the time of the apostles. It seems fitting then to share with you an excerpt from one of Newman's Christmas sermons. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas.

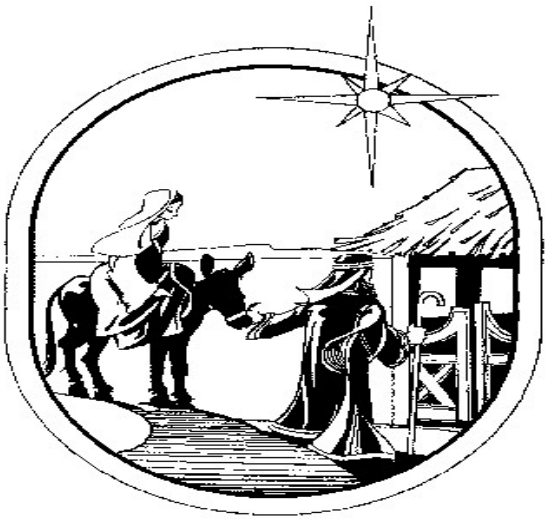
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

"And when He came into the world, He was a pattern of sanctity in the circumstances of his life, as well as in His birth. He did not implicate and contaminate Himself with sinners. He came down from heaven, and made a short work in righteousness, and then returned back again where He was before. He came into the world, and He speedily left the world; as if to teach us how little He Himself, how little we His followers, have to do with the world. He, the Eternal Ever-living Word of God, did not outlive Methuselah's years, nay, did not even exhaust the common age of man; but He came and He went, before men knew that He had come, like the lightning shining from one side of heaven unto the other, as being the beginning of a new and invisible creation, and having no part in the old Adam. He was in the world, but not of the world; and while He was here, He, the Son of man, was still in heaven: and as well might fire feed upon water, or the wind be subjected to man's bidding, as the Only-begotten Son really be portion and member of that perishable system in which He condescended to move. He could not rest or tarry upon earth; He did but do His work in it; He could but come and go." -St. John Henry Newman, "The Mystery of Godliness"

ADVENT HEALING MISSION THANKS

Thank you to all those who were able to participate in our 3-Day Advent Healing Mission at St. Mary's with Father Bill Trusz. It was a truly rewarding and fruitful experience. We especially thank Father Bill for his ministry and aid in our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 21, 2025



OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2026 envelope packets are being prepared and will be available for pickup at the back of the church beginning the weekend of December 20 and 21. If you are new to the parish and wish to begin donating either by envelope or electronic funds transfer, please contact Mary Clark at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 will only include any donations made up to and including Sunday December 28. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Clark at 519-993-915, or stmelbadmin@wightman.ca, before December 31.

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

December 13 and 14

56 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,208.00
Loose	201.85
1 Building Maintenance	20.00
4 Flower Offering	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,529.85

St. Martin of Tours

December 14

Weekly Offerings	\$ 465.00
Loose	12.30
Building Maintenance	<u>150.00</u>
Total:	\$ 627.30

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

Please be reminded that the final scheduled Advent Confession time is December 21 after Mass. Father Starczala will not be available for Confession appointments on December 23 and 24 except for those in danger of death.

RELAX FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Support Guelph & Area Right to Life with a \$5,000 donation and receive a 6-night, 7-day stay at a private residence in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, just steps from the Caribbean Sea. This luxury property features multiple bedrooms, a private pool, rooftop terrace, and access to local churches. Proceeds support life-affirming work in our community. For details, call 519-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The St. Mary and St. Martin church office will be closed December 24 through 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
Jan 3	Young Adults Night – beginning with Holy Hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by food, fellowship, music and vocations testimony and then Compline at 9:00 p.m. Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, Limeridge Road, Hamilton

*Please note that our usual Mass schedule applies to the **Sundays** of the Christmas Season

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24	Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve) 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's 7:00 p.m. St. Martin's
Dec 25	Midnight Mass (Christmas) 12:00 a.m. St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. St. Martin's (Christmas) 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's (Christmas)
Dec 31	Octave of Christmas/Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's
Jan 1	9:00 a.m. St. Martin's 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's


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