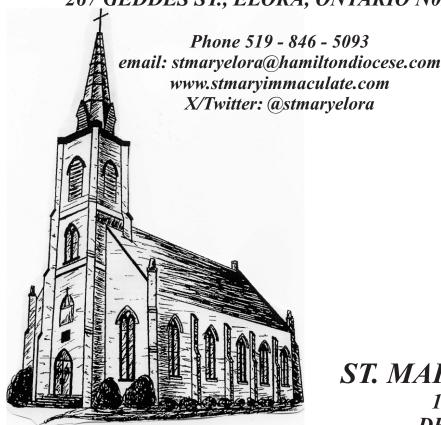
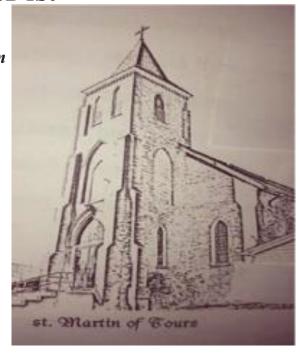
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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

## 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

### **EUCHARISTIC 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 7, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE		
Seco	ond Sunday of Advent	
Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>		
5:00 p.m.	+Marie Grunzweig	
_	(Frances Mantler and Family)	
Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>		
St. Martin's	+Carl Downey	
9:00 a.m.	(Eileen Downey and Family)	
St. Mary's	Pro Populo	
11:00 a.m.		
Monday The Immaculate Conception of the		
	lessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	
8:30 a.m.	Lauds (Morning Prayer)	
9:00 a.m.	For Deceased Members of the	
	Berlot Family (Maria Berlot)	
	uan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (OM)	
9:00 a.m.	+John Hartt	
	(The Kropf Family)	
_	r Lady of Loreto (OM)	
*10:30 a.m.	At Wellington Terrace	
	+Eleanor Morris	
	(Silvia Gainer)	
Thursday St. Damasus I (OM)		
9:00 a.m.	+Mary Royer	
	(Morrison Family)	
-	Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)	
9:00 a.m.	+Mauritta and Robert Hamilton	
	(The Koechl Family)	
Third Sunday of Advent		
Saturday, Decem		
5:00 p.m.	+Steven Keating	
	(His Family)	
Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>		
St. Martin's	Pro Populo	
9:00 a.m.		
St. Mary's	+John and Nancy Azzopardi	
11:00 a.m.	(Their Family)	

#### **VOCATION SEEDS**

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley,

Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

# Peace be with you.

On Monday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

I still remember my grade 6 teacher explaining the Immaculate Conception to my class. Although many people think it means the conception of Jesus, our teacher told us that we usually describe the conception of Jesus as the Incarnation (the Son of God becoming flesh). Instead, my teacher told us, the Immaculate Conception is the conception of Mary. We were all conceived with the stain of original sin. But not Mary. She was conceived without original sin; immaculate (that is, without stain).

As we strive to lead sinless lives, we rejoice that we have a spiritual mother who has perfectly shared in the victory of Christ over sin. We turn to her and pray (in the words inscribed in the Miraculous Medal): *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!* 

May Our Lady always guide you to her divine Son. In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

#### ADVENT HEALING MISSION

Fr. Bill Trusz (Papal Missionary of Mercy) will be joining us for an Advent mission from December 13 to 17. Fr. Trusz will preach each Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent. In St. Mary Immaculate Church there will be time for Confessions from 1:00-6:00 p.m. each day from December 15 to 17. On December 15, Holy Mass with mission preaching will be at 7:00 p.m. On December 16, there will be teaching and guided meditation at 7:00 p.m., followed by Holy Mass. On December 17 there will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for healing starting 6:30 p.m. and followed by Holy Mass.

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#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2026 envelope packets are being prepared and will be available for pickup at the back of the churc h

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

YOUR OFFERINGS	
St. Mary Immaculate	
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
53 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,663.00
Loose	217.00
17 Building Maintenance	
440.00	
1 Christmas Offering	50.00
1 Cemetery Purposes	20.00
2 Flower Offering	10.00
Total:	\$ 2,400.00
St. Martin of Tours	
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 235.00
Loose	20.00
Building Maintenance	
20.00	
Christmas Offering	20.00
Total:	\$ 295.00
St. Mary Immaculate	
November 29th and 30th	
56 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,960.00
Loose	228.00
7 Building Maintenance	255.00
2 Christmas Offering	45.00
3 Flower Offering	125.00
Total:	\$ 2,613.00
St. Martin of Tours	
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 338.00
Total:	\$ 338.00

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT WITH BISHOP LOBSINGER

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Each Advent the National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis produces a four-week series on the Sunday Gospels throughout Advent with reflections from one of our Canadian Bishops. This year, our very own Auxiliary, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the video series for us. Please share these reflections on the Gospel of Matthew

with your families and loved ones. You can find the videos at <a href="https://www.cccb.ca">https://www.cccb.ca</a>

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## SISTERS ADORERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, invite you to contact them if you are interested in a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. www.pbsisters.ca

## **CWL MEMBERSHIPS**

CWL Memberships of \$40 are now due. Every woman of the parish is encouraged to take out a league membership. Your memberships support us to do many good things in our parish, community, country and abroad. By now, all women of the parish will have received their membership renewals in the mail along with a form for our new member-giving initiative. Please fill in the form on both sides and return it to the collection basket or by mail. Please prayerfully consider supporting all we do.

	UPCOMING EVENTS
Each	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's –
Saturda	4:00 p.m.
	4.00 p.iii.
<u>y</u>	
Dec 7	K of C Charity Breakfast – St. Joseph
	Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Dec 8	St. Mary Immaculate, Elora: Solemnity of
	the Immaculate Conception
	8:30 a.m. Lauds
	9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Dec 8	Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate – Guelph
Dec 8	7:00 p.m. Jubilee Mass
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Dec 9	Joint St. Mary's and St. Joseph's CWL
	dinner, St. Joseph's, Fergus, Mass, 5:00
	p.m.
*Dec 11	*Change of Date (no longer on Dec 16)
	K of C Executive and General Meeting –
	St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 7:00 p.m.
Dec 13	Men's Cor meeting, St. Joseph's, Fergus
200 10	10:00 a.m.
Dec 13	Benefit concert in aid of the Bridle Family,
Dec 13	
	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus,
	7:00 p.m. Donation at door. See poster for
	more details.
Dec 13-	Advent Healing Mission with Fr. Bill

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	See announcement for program	
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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