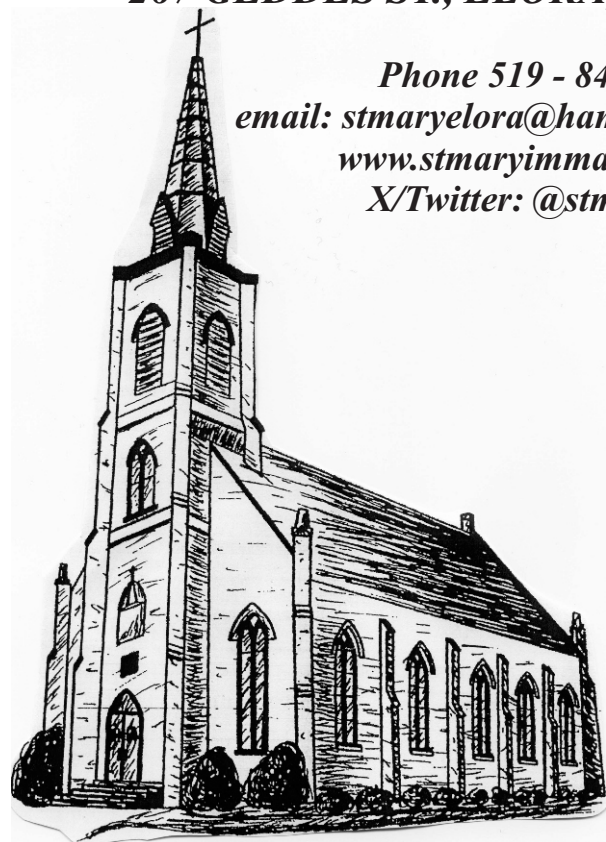


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Unless noted otherwise, all liturgies are at St. Mary's

### **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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 4, 2026

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **Special Intention**

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Martin's**      **Pro Populo**

**9:00 a.m.**

**St. Mary's**      **+Joyce Hauck**  
**11:00 a.m.**      (Bev and Herman Lavigne)

**Monday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **+Eleanor Morris**  
(Sylvia Gainer)

**Tuesday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **For the Intentions of Louise Lussier**  
(Koechl Family)

**Wednesday**      *St. Andre Bessette (M)*

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

**Thursday**      *St. Raymond of Penyafort (OM)*

**9:00 a.m.**      **Mass**

**Friday**

**9:00 a.m.**      **+Patricia Rybka**  
(The Ceccato Family)

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**      **+Elizabeth Geddes**  
(Rob and Rhonda Mackay)

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Martin's**      **Pro Populo**

**9:00 a.m.**

**St. Mary's**      **+John and Nancy Azzopardi**  
**11:00 a.m.**      (The Family)

## VOCATION SEEDS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect briefly on the gifts of this major feast. As St. Matthew tells us, the wise men offered to Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

St. Gregory the Great – an ancient pope and doctor of the Church – found great significance in these gifts. Christ receives gold, for he is King. He receives frankincense for he is God. He receives myrrh, (a spice used, among other things, for embalming corpses) for he will die for the sins of mankind. But St. Gregory also sees in these three gifts lessons for the kinds of gifts we should present to Christ to celebrate his birth: “To a king at his birth we offer gold, if we shine in his sight with the light of wisdom; we offer frankincense, if we have power before God by the sweet savour of our prayers; we offer myrrh, when we mortify by abstinence the lusts of the flesh.”

As we celebrate the Epiphany, and the gifts Christ has given us – especially that of faith in him – may we make a gift of ourselves to him by living sober, upright, and godly lives in this world (Titus 2:12)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

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## INCENSE

Please note that incense will be used at the 11:00 a.m. Mass in Elora on January 4 for the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord.



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 4, 2026

## YOUR OFFERINGS

### St. Mary Immaculate

**December 25, 27 and 28**

52 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,845.00
Loose	1,323.25
20 Building Maintenance	1,460.00
77 Christmas Offerings	5,930.00
CWL Offering	634.53
1 Flower Offering	15.00
Devotional Candles	434.20
Total:	\$ 12,641.98

### St. Martin of Tours

**December 25 and 28**

**Totals to be reported next week**

### EFT Donations for the month of December:

	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,187.50	170.00
Building Maintenance	692.50	30.00
Total:	\$ 4,880.00	200.00

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2026 envelope packets are available for pickup at the back of the church. If you are new to the parish and wish to begin donating, please take a blank packet and mark your name beside the number on the sheet. If you would like to start donating electronic funds transfer, please contact Mary Clark at [stmelbadmin@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelbadmin@wightman.ca)

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### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Save the date and come be inspired as you gather with other Catholic women. Guest speakers will motivate you to discover your mission and do something for God. Tickets on sale January 7, 2026. Conference: March 21, 2026 at Le Treport, Mississauga. See: [www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenoffaith.com) for details, a list of guest speakers and how to order tickets.

## REGINA CAELI ACADEMY GALA

The private Catholic school opening in Guelph in September 2026 will be hosting a gala at the Italian Canadian Club on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each and can be purchased at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate parish office starting on January 2, 2026. Please phone 519-824-3951 for tickets. For a table of 8, tickets are \$135 each; for a table of 10, they are \$130 each. A portion of the ticket sales may be eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy. For more information, please visit our website at [www.reginacaeliacademy.ca](http://www.reginacaeliacademy.ca)

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## 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](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Each Saturday</b>	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
<b>Jan 4</b>	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast – St. Joseph's from 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
<b>Jan 10</b>	Men's <i>Cor</i> gathering. All men welcome. 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's, Fergus
<b>Jan 13</b>	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's
<b>Jan 13</b>	Meeting for parents of grade 2 children receiving their First Holy Communion. 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church
<b>Jan 27</b>	Knights of Columbus General Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's

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