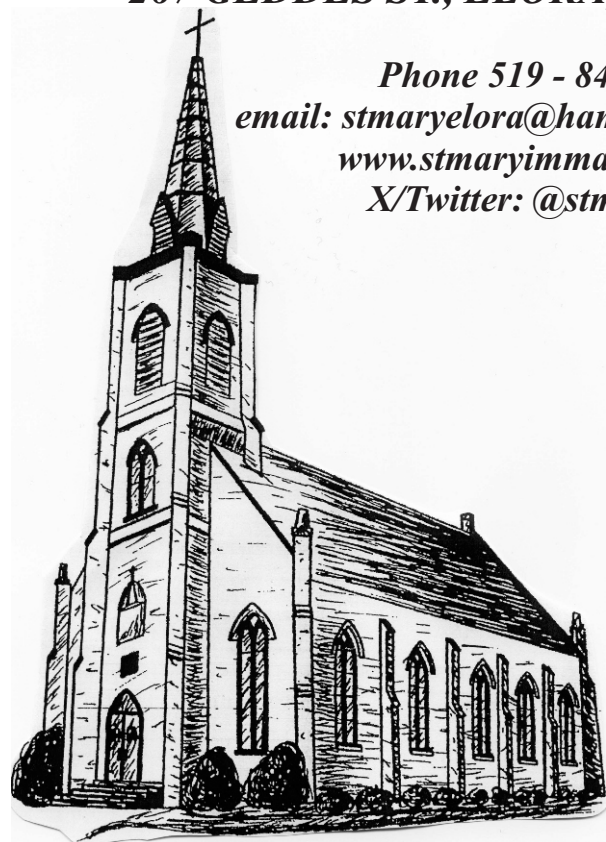


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 1, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 31st

5:00 p.m. **For the Intentions of Dorothy Ruller**
(Bev and Herman Lavigne)

Sunday, February 1st

St. Martin's **Pro Populo**

9:00 a.m.

St. Mary's **+Eleanor Morris**
11:00 a.m. (Wittich Family)

Monday *The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)*

No Mass

Tuesday *St. Blaise, Martyr (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of Sharon and Kevin McHugh**
(Ellen Blurton-Jones)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. **+Mario DiGravio**
(The Kropf Family)

Thursday *St. Agatha, Martyr (M)*

9:00 a.m. **Mass**
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration
6:40 – 7:00p.m. Confessions

Friday *St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (M)*

9:00 a.m. **+Patricia Rybka**
(Anne and Ian Yorston)

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 7th

5:00 p.m. **+Al Boyd**
(Betty Boyd and Family)

Sunday, February 8th

St. Martin's **+Antonio and Adelina Pavan**
9:00 a.m. (Silvia Camp)

St. Mary's **Pro Populo**
11:00 a.m.

VOCATION SEEDS

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, 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,

Peace be with you.

In earlier times, this Sunday marked the beginning of the season of Septuagesima. Though the great fast had not yet begun, the clergy wore violet vestments, and the Alleluia was not sung. It was a kind of pre-Lent season in which the faithful were primed for Lent by considering the sinfulness of the human condition apart from Christ.

Though we do not have this pre-Lenten season anymore, it can still be helpful to use the time from now until Ash Wednesday to ponder in what ways we have sinned, and therefore how we ought to choose our Lenten disciplines, so as to mourn our sins and grow in holiness.

May God bless you in your preparations for Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

January 24 and 25

52 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,353.00
Loose	493.30
23 Building Maintenance	615.00
1 Seminary Collection	10.00
1 Initial Offerings	10.00
In Memorium	140.00
Total:	\$ 2,621.30

St. Martin of Tours

January 18 and 25

Weekly Offerings	\$ 600.00
Building Maintenance	115.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Total:	\$ 720.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection: \$ 1,135.00

(As always, please make cheques out to Society of St. Vincent de Paul directly).

EFT Donations for the month of January:

	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,151.50	170.00
Building Maintenance	717.50	30.00
Total:	\$ 4,869.00	200.00

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 1, 2026

AUTOMATIC DONATIONS

If you would like to begin donating by EFT (electronic funds transfer/automatic debit) please take a form from the table at the back of the church, fill it out and return it to the collection basket at any time.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Please remember to pick up your 2025 tax receipts from the back of the church, if you haven't already done so. There are also still some envelope packets for 2026 to be picked up. For any questions, please contact Mary Clark at 519-993-7915.

DIONCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if they require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

GUELPH CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Change of topic!! We are excited to report that due to an unexpected opportunity, the Guelph Catholic Mom's Group will be hosting local writer Georgine Willemsma this Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Guelph. Georgine will speak about her powerful new book, *Jean's Loyalty*, about the life and mission of St. Jean de Lalonde, the first in her illustrated series on the Canadian Martyrs. You will not want to miss hearing Georgine's engaging and spiritually uplifting presentation. There are always supervised activities and snacks for kids. Mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers all welcome. Bring a friend! Please R.S.V.P. to Christina at st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

MEN'S COR GATHERING

Calling all Christian men! Join us Saturday February 14th at 10:00am in the St Joseph's parish hall for our next **Cor** gathering. Fr Robert Hetu will be our presenter. You don't have to be a Knight of Columbus to take advantage of these informative and fraternal gatherings. Come learn and pray as we discuss different aspects of our Faith. Each gathering concludes with a coffee social. Bring a friend!

LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Come participate in St. Augustine's Seminary's *Spirit & Life Series* with our **Lenten Day of Retreat**, "Cor ad Cor Loquitor." (Heart Speaks to Heart) Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. We are thrilled to welcome members of the Madonna House community to lead this day of retreat, bringing the spirit of Madonna House's "little mandate" of Gospel simplicity and essentiality to their reflections on how "heart can speak to heart" in our relationship with God. This event will take place at St. Augustine's main campus in Scarborough. Registration includes lunch, refreshments, Mass, opportunity for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. These Spirit & Life events sell out quickly, so register soon.

For more information and to register please see:

<https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/spirit-life-cor>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
Feb 1	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast – St. Joseph's, Fergus Parish Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Feb 3	Blessing of throats after Mass
Feb 7	Young Adults Night – From 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, Social, Live Band, Complime – St. Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. See poster for more details.
Feb 10	K of C Executive Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's, Fergus
Feb 14	Cor Gathering – All men welcome. 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's, Fergus
Feb 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Joseph's, Fergus
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday

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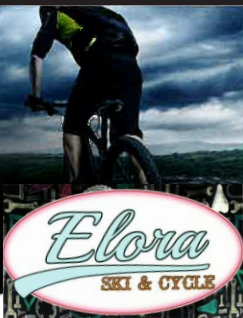
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