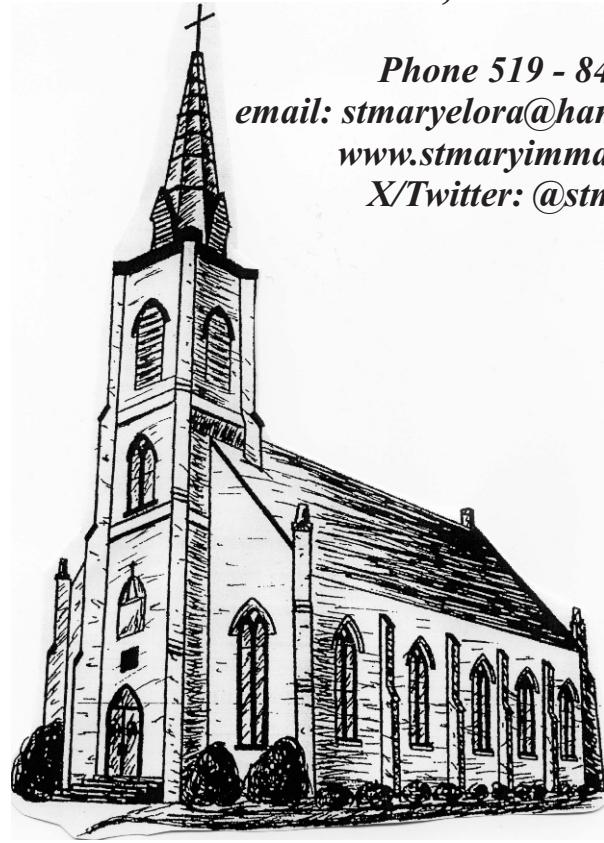


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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| 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

See inside of Bulletin.

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

EUCARISTIC 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 25, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24th

5:00 p.m. **+Patrick Rafferty**
(Bev and Herman Lavigne)

Sunday, January 25th

St. Martin's **Pro Populo**

9:00 a.m.

St. Mary's **+Leo Givens**
(Pamela and Jim McDaniel)

Monday **St. Timothy and St. Titus (M)**

9:00 a.m. **+Helen McCorkindale**
(Steve and Colleen Cudney)

Tuesday **St. Angela Merici (OM)**

9:00 a.m. **+John Rafferty**
(Kropf Family)

Wednesday **St. Thomas Aquinas (M)**

***10:30 a.m.** **Mass at Heritage River Retirement Home**

Thursday

9:00 a.m. **For Arthur**

Friday

9:00 a.m. **+Gina Pellegrini**
(Pellegrini Family)

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**
(Wittich Family)

VOCATION SEEDS

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as 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.

This Sunday is known as the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day when we should be ever more aware of the privilege of having access to the written Word of God, which we know as the Holy Bible.

The fourth century persecution of the Church under Emperor Diocletian involved - among other things - the public burning of Scriptures. Many brave saints violated the imperial edict and hid the Scriptures from the civil authorities.

Even today there are countries that persecute the Church and either completely ban or place heavy restrictions on distribution of the Holy Bible. Faithful Christians secretly possess and distribute the Scriptures in defiance of the civil authorities.

Perhaps we will see such days ourselves. In late 2025, one prominent Member of Parliament - speaking in committee - named three books of the Bible which - in his view - contain hate speech.

May the grace of Christ make us not only believe what is contained in Sacred Scripture, but also love, guard, and defend the written Word of God!

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

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

January 17 and 18

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| 66 Weekly Offerings | \$ | 2,008.00 |
| Loose | | 202.55 |
| 3 Building Maintenance | | 35.00 |
| 4 Initial Offerings | | 31.00 |
| 2 New Year's Day Offerings | | 40.00 |
| 1 Christmas Offering | | 35.00 |
| In Memorium | | 145.00 |
| Total: | \$ | 2,496.55 |

St. Martin of Tours

January 18

Totals to be reported next week

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 25, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Today marks our annual celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. This year's theme is, "The Word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). The Offices for Liturgy and Evangelization and Catechesis have prepared a variety of digital resources for adults with specific focus on the Gospel of Matthew to mark our journey through Year A. Please visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday at www.hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2026/ for all tools, including:

- Suggestions for reading Scripture and praying with the Bible.
- A Bible Study guide for those facilitating groups.
- A series of adult faith formation videos by Father Timothy Scott, CSB, on the Gospel of Matthew and its features.
- Digital prayer cards available in a variety of different languages.

We are encouraged to spend this day learning how **#TheBibleSpeaks** and how **#WeListen**.

SHINE A LIGHT

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life for Shine a Light, a peaceful and prayerful gathering to witness to the dignity of human life and bring hope to our community this Wednesday, January 28, from 7:00–8:00 p.m., outside Guelph City Hall. All are welcome to gather in prayer and solidarity as we shine a light for life. For more information, visit guelphforlife.com/shine-a-light.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Be a part of a local community of Catholic Moms, striving to grow in faith, friendship and holiness together. Guelph Catholic Moms meets every first Wednesday of each month at St. John the Baptist Church, 45 Victoria Road N., Guelph, from 4:30 till 6:00 p.m. There are always activities for children and childcare and snacks available. Wonderful guest speakers provide inspiration and spiritual growth. Next meeting is Wednesday February 4 where our topic will be **What is a Marian Apparition?** Bring a friend! Please RSVP and address any questions to Christina Broccolo:

st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 -8:00 p.m.), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 -9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Saturday, February 7th at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Gratitude has proven to be one way that we can feel more joy in our everyday living. In our marriages, all the good moments can slip past our awareness when we focus instead on those that are annoying. What if you took time at the end of each day to review the day with eyes of gratitude instead of discontent? You would find that you can be thankful for so many things, for example: a spouse to share your home with, to share parenting with, to make you coffee or dinner, to the shared glance, smile or kiss that day. And there is more: a person who shares your values, who supports your faith, someone who is a forever friend. When we focus on gratitude, our relationship has a different look and feel and both spouses benefit!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Each Saturday | Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m. |
| Jan 27 | Knights of Columbus General Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's |
| Feb 1 | Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast – St. Joseph's, Fergus Parish Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. |
| Feb 7 | Young Adults Night – From 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, Social, Live Band, Compline – St. Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. See poster and announcement 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 |
| Feb 18 | Ash Wednesday |

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