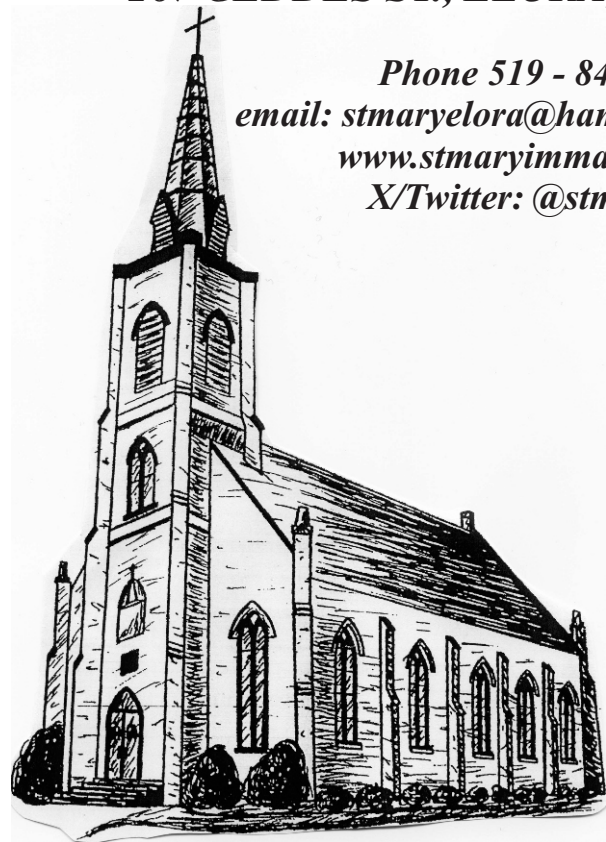


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 p.m. **+Bernie Miller**
(Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly)

Sunday, April 26th

St. Martin's
9:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **For Jim and Pat Zettel**
(Jim and Diane Robertson)

Monday

9:00 a.m. **Special Intention**

Tuesday *St. Peter Chanel, Martyr (OM);
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **+Fiorella and Enzo Quattrini**
(Paul)

Wednesday *St. Catherine of Siena (M)*

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

Thursday *St. Pius V (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **+Ignac Kramar**
(Maria Berlot)

Friday *St Joseph the Worker (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **+Bill Fisher**
(Anonymous)

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2nd

5:00 p.m. **For the Intentions of Kate Dance**
(Frances Mantler and Family)

Sunday, May 3rd

St. Martin's
9:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **+Marguerite Umbach**
(Jean Kraemer and Family)

VOCATION SEEDS

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. At a recent convocation of priests, a speaker told us that our diocese needs about three new priests per year if we are to maintain the current number of priests we have in each parish.

The need to pray for vocations is real. It is a responsibility that each of us shares. Jesus tells us to pray for vocations (cf. Matthew 9:38). Let's take this seriously.

As an aid to praying for vocations, there is included in this bulletin a prayer for vocations by St. John Paul II.

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

Prayer for Vocations of Pope John Paul II

O Jesus, good Shepherd, raise up in all parish communities priests and deacons, religious men and women, consecrated laity and missionaries, according to the needs of the whole world, which you love and desire to save.

We entrust to you in a special way our community; create within us the spiritual atmosphere of the first Christians, so that we may become a cenacle of prayer, in loving openness to the Holy Spirit and his gifts.

Assist our pastors and all consecrated persons. Guide the steps of those who have generously accepted your call and are preparing for holy orders or for the profession of the evangelical counsels.

Turn your loving gaze toward the many well-disposed young people and call them to follow you. Help them to understand that only in you can they fully realize themselves.

Entrusting these great concerns of your Heart to the powerful intercession of Mary, mother and model of all vocations, we beseech you to sustain our faith in the certainty that the Father will grant what you yourself have commanded us to ask. Amen.

ROSARY FOR PEACE

On days with a 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church, the Rosary is being prayed at 8:20 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 2026

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

April 18th and 19th

62 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,073.00
Loose	289.10
3 Easter Offerings	100.00
1 Share Lent	10.00
16 Indigenous Reconciliation	550.00
1 Needs of the Holy Land	<u>50.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,072.10

St. Martin of Tours

April 19th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 410.00
Loose	4.75
Building Maintenance	60.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$ 494.75

Your constant generosity is so very much appreciated!

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIEND TEA

All ladies of the parish are invited to this special celebration hosted by St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League. This annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea is being held on Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. Tickets available by contacting Mary Clark (519-993-7915) or following Lord's Day Masses in Elora April 25/26 and May 2/3. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 3.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day (WYD) in the summer of 2027 (July 31-Aug. 9). WYD is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, an expression of the universal Church, and an intense moment of evangelization for the world.

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League is so excited to once again be selling delicious home-baked goods, Saturday, May 2 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., in the rectory garage. As our biggest annual fund-raiser, your support helps us contribute to many good causes and is so appreciated! Donations of baked goods (one or two dozen is sufficient) can be dropped off at the rectory garage the evening before from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m. Please support us by baking or buying!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

Reserve a seat on Guelph and Area Right to Life's coach bus to the National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14. Departure from Basilica of Our Lady (Guelph) parking lot at 6:00 a.m. Suggested donation of \$50. RSVP by May 5. More info at: guelphforlife.com/bus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Mary's Church – 4:00 p.m.
April 28	Theology on Tap: "Why is Everyone Yelling at Each Other? Listening as an Antidote to Polarization" with Dr. Michael W. Higgins – 7:00-9:00 p.m., The Albion, Guelph
April 28	K of C General Meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's hall, Fergus
May 2	CWL Annual Bake Sale – St. Mary's, Elora. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
May 9	Mother, Daughter, Friend Tea – 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's, Fergus
May 14	March for Life – Bus trip to Ottawa. Email: info@guelphforlife.com to reserve a spot
May 23	St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus 2 nd Annual Chicken Barbecue – St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus - 6:00 p.m. Details and ticket information to follow.
June 9	CWL End of Year Potluck – St. Joseph's, Fergus


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