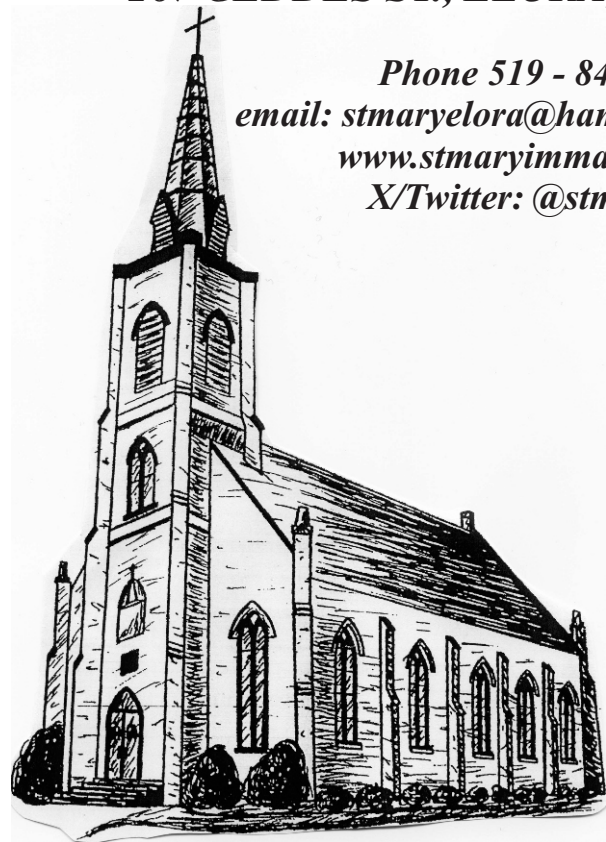
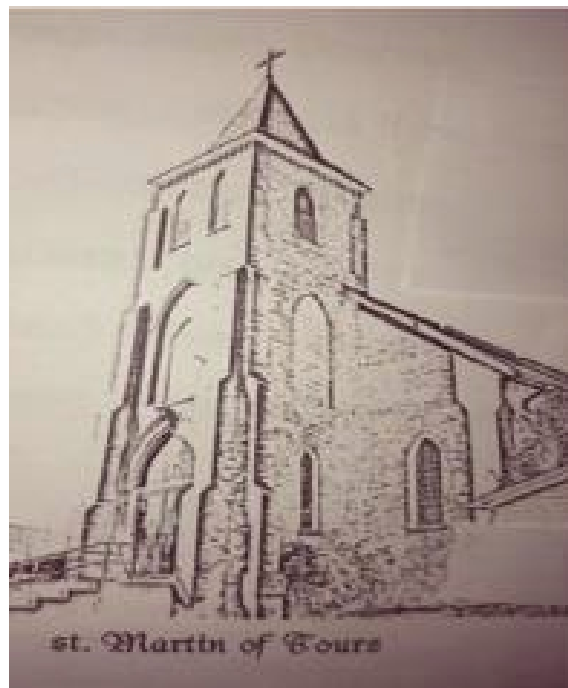


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

See inside of Bulletin.
Holy Mass on weekdays is at St. Mary Immaculate Church, unless stated otherwise.

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

*The Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday*

Saturday, April 11th

5:00 p.m. **+Jim and Rosella Downey**
(Frances Mantler and Family)

Sunday, April 12th

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

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **+Patricia Rybka**
(Irene Spoeltman)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. **For Souls in Purgatory**

Thursday

NO MASS

Friday

9:00 a.m. **Holy Mass**

The Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 p.m. **+Michael Drumm**
(His Family)

Sunday, April 19th

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

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **+Michael Reis and Paula DaSilva**
(Patricia Reis and Family)

VOCATION SEEDS

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God's call to be sent as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CELL PHONE REMINDER

Please remember to either turn off your cell phones or to store them in your car before entering the church.

K OF C MONTHLY BREAKFAST

As Easter Sunday fell on April 5 - the first Sunday of the month - the Knights of Columbus are holding their April breakfast on April 12 at St. Joseph's, Fergus.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Eighth Day of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday since the Jubilee Year 2000, when Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish religious whose writings contain a message about the mercy of God. The late pope considered Easter to be a time of mercy, when the love of God overcomes death and the Church joyfully sings the Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever!*

For some Divine Mercy spiritual reading, I present to you below an excerpt from the homily of the Holy Father during the canonization of Sr. Faustina.

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

FROM A HOMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2000

“What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

However, as the Apostles once did, today too humanity must welcome into the upper room of history the risen Christ, who shows the wounds of his Crucifixion and repeats: *Peace be with you!* Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity.”

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Join us for a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Mary Immaculate Church on Sunday, April 12:
3:00 p.m. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Scripture Reading; Homily
3:30 p.m. – Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer; Benediction

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2026

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

Easter Triduum

45 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,750.00
Loose	594.00
60 Easter Offerings	2,945.00
4 Building Maintenance	70.00
2 Share Lent	75.00
Needs of the Holy Land	<u>1,900.00</u>
Total:	\$ 7,334.00

St. Martin of Tours

Easter Triduum

Weekly Offerings	\$ 260.00
Loose	12.00
Easter Offerings	400.00
Needs of the Holy Land	<u>30.00</u>
Total:	\$ 702.00

Your constant generosity is so very much appreciated!

COMMUNIO STUDY DAY:

THE SCANDAL OF THE INCARNATION

The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton and St. Clement Parish in Cambridge are sponsoring a theology study day with presentations and discussions on *The Scandal of the Incarnation: Irenaeus Against the Heresies*. There is no need to read the book. Begins with 9:00 a.m. Mass and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at St. Clement Church, 745 Duke St, Cambridge. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome! More information at: communiohamiltondiocese.org

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINAR

The Knights of Columbus and the St Joseph's CWL will host a fraud prevention seminar on April 22, 7:00 p.m. in St Joseph's parish hall, Fergus. The seminar is presented by the OPP and will include a question-and-answer segment. It promises to be an informative session helping people to understand scams that are out there. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CWL GATHERING

Come join your fellow women parishioners 7:00 p.m., April 20, as we plan an exciting year of events at St. Mary Immaculate. Our gathering will start with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be a short social/coffee time.

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. As we are increasingly disturbed by the eruption of wars, it is good to call to mind that Our Lady told the children at Fatima that if they want peace, they should pray the Rosary daily.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

Reserve a seat on the 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. For more information, visit guelphforlife.com/bus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Mary's Church – 4:00 p.m.
April 11	Young Adults' Night – Mount Mary Retreat Centre – Ancaster, 7:00 p.m.
April 12	K of C Charity Breakfast – 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. – St. Joseph's parish hall, Fergus
April 12	Young Adults Forum – Starting April 12 at 6:00 p.m. St. Clement's Church, Cambridge. Bi-weekly presentations and small group discussions.
April 18	K of C Bottle Drive between 9:00 a.m. and noon. St. Joseph's church parking lot.
April 18	Communio Study Day – 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. St. Clement's Church, Cambridge. Details in bulletin announcement.
April 20	CWL gathering – 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's
April 22	Fraud Prevention Seminar by OPP – St. Joseph's parish hall, Fergus – 7:00 p.m.
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. Details coming soon.
May 14	March for Life – Bus trip to Ottawa. Email: info@guelphforlife.com to reserve a spot


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