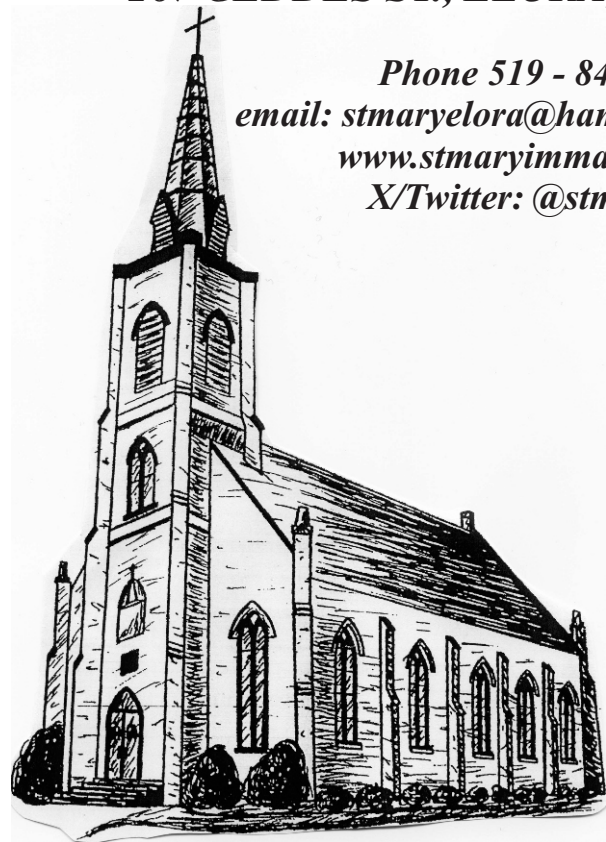
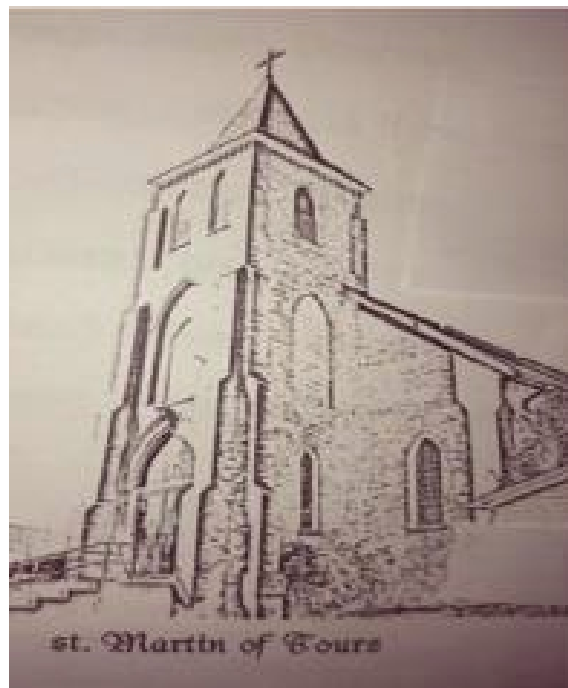


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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)

Monday

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

Tuesday ***St Anselm (OM)***

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

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. **In Thanksgiving**
(Anonymous)

Thursday ***St George (OM); St Adalbert (OM)***

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

Friday ***St Fidelis of Sigmaringen (OM)***

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

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. **Jim and Pat Zettel**
(Jim and Diane Robertson)

VOCATION SEEDS

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - 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 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Peace be with you.

I am grateful to the small group who joined who joined me in St. Mary's Church on short notice to pray the Rosary on April 11th at the same time Pope Leo was praying the Rosary as part of a prayer vigil for peace in Rome.

In his remarks after the Rosary, the Holy Father acknowledged that the Church may face "misunderstanding and scorn" when "rejecting the logic of war". The Holy Father himself has suffered both misunderstanding and scorn for criticizing the unjust war in Iran, just as others who have spoken the truth have suffered. As the Church – the people of God – we must live out our calling to stand for justice and peace, even when (and especially when) the leaders of the world do not.

It can seem that to pray for peace is a small thing. But as Pope Leo reminded the faithful in Rome, "Your prayer is an expression of that faith which, according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains (cf. *Mt* 17:20)." And: "In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God."

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE FROM POPE LEO XIV

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect, and love life.

Hear us, Lord of life!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2026

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

April 11th and 12th

65 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,864.00
Loose	236.25
5 Easter Offerings	235.00
1 Building Maintenance	100.00
1 Initial Offering	20.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	10.00
Votive Candles	482.00
2 Needs of the Holy Land	<u>30.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,977.00

St. Martin of Tours

April 12th (and Good Friday)

Weekly Offerings	\$ 360.00
Building Maintenance	195.00
Easter Offerings	120.00
Needs of the Holy Land	<u>310.00</u>
Total:	\$ 985.00

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. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to participate in a virtual information session on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Register here: bit.ly/WYDInfoNight

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

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 will be presented by the OPP and will include a Q&A segment. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CWL GATHERING

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

CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars to purchase delicious home-baked goods Saturday, May 2 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 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.

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 20	CWL gathering – 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's
April 22	OPP Fraud Prevention Seminar – St. Joseph's parish hall, Fergus – 7:00 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 14	March for Life – Bus trip to Ottawa. Email: info@guelphforlife.com to reserve a spot


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