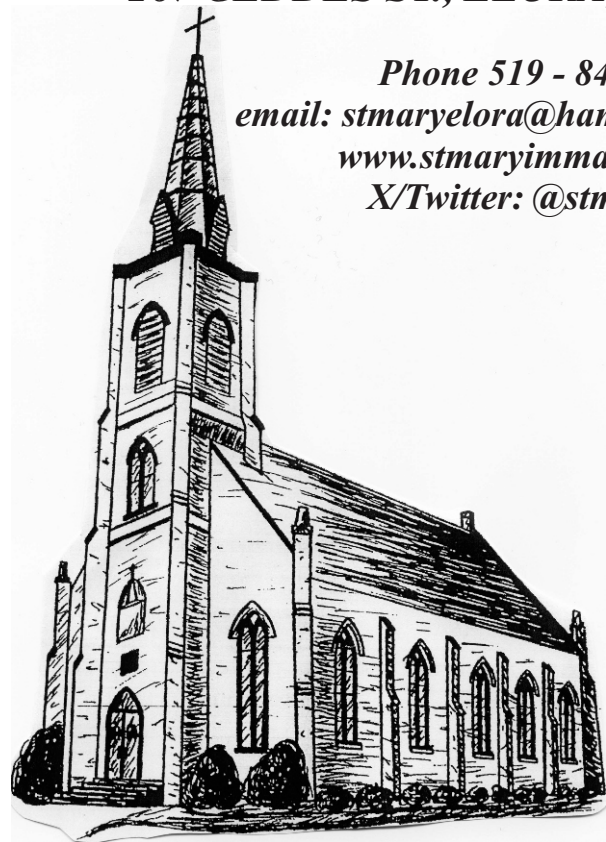
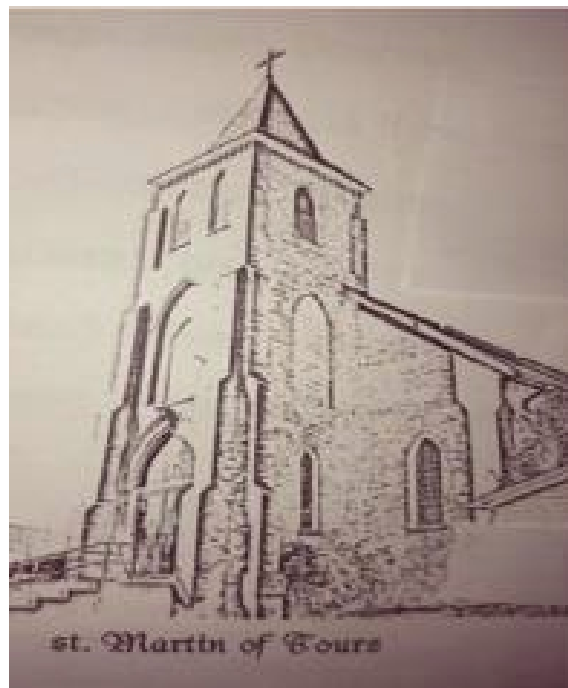


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23rd

5:00 p.m. **+Jansen Winkler**
(The Koechl Family)

Sunday, May 24th

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

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **+Jose Burguete**
(St. Mary's CWL)

Monday *The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church (M)*

9:00 a.m. **+Derek Saldanha**
(Anonymous)

Tuesday *St. Philip Neri (M)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Special Intentions of Jack
Vanderheyden and Family**
(The Koechl Family)

Wednesday *St. Augustine of Canterbury (OM)
At Heritage River Retirement Residence

***10:30 a.m.** **For the Intentions of Sharon and Kevin
McHugh**
(Ellen Blurton-Jones)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. **+Marlene (Kraemer) Mathews**
(Jean Kraemer and Family)

Friday *St. Paul VI, Pope (OM)*

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

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 30th

5:00 p.m. **+Coleen Williams**
(Darlene and Stephen Pollock and Family)

Sunday, May 31st

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

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of Claire and Bon
Veltri**
(Ellen Blurton-Jones)

VOCATION SEEDS

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, at 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Around this time last year, I read a delightful article at newliturgicalmovement.org called "The Holy Ghost Hole". It was about how some European churches have a hole in the ceiling for different uses at various times of the year, but most especially at Pentecost.

There are still places where red rose petals are dropped from these holes in the ceiling during the singing of the *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, the sequence for Pentecost Sunday. The rose petals are signs of the Holy Spirit descending when beckoned, just as he descended on Mary and the disciples on Pentecost.

In medieval times, the Holy Ghost hole could be used in more dramatic ways. Some churches would even drop pieces of burning straw from this hole down into the main body of the church to be an image of the tongues of fire from Pentecost. Needless to say, such a custom was discontinued for safety reasons.

While we may be tempted to laugh at our ancestors for doing this, perhaps we should admire their faith. They clearly knew that the descent of the Holy Spirit is real and wondered at it.

While I don't suggest dropping flaming objects from the church ceiling, we should learn from our ancestors to marvel at how great a gift Pentecost is. That it is wonderful that God the Holy Spirit descended with great power upon the faithful in the upper room. That the Holy Spirit comes even today as the Church prays: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

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

**CRITICAL MASS – "ROCK THE FOUNDATION!"
BENEFIT CONCERT**

Join us Saturday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Fergus, for an inspiring evening of music in support of the St. Mary's Hall Renovation Project. Featuring Critical Mass, two-time Canadian Gospel Music Association winners, and performers at World Youth Day 2002. Advance tickets: \$15 (\$50 per family). Tickets available after Masses starting this weekend or at www.criticalmass.org/tour-dates

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2026

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

May 16th and 17th

46 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,293.00
Loose	402.25
21 Pope's Pastoral Works	<u>610.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,305.25

St. Martin of Tours

May 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,000.00
Loose	22.30
Pope's Pastoral Works	65.00
Building Maintenance	<u>70.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,157.30

Your constant generosity is so very much appreciated!

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Join our Catholic Community as we gather for the Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi as a public profession of the Catholic faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament. In Guelph, starting from St John the Baptist Parish to Sacred Heart Parish on Thursday **June 4th**. Beginning with Mass at St John's at 6:00 p.m., procession to Sacred Heart following Mass, and Benediction at Sacred Heart following procession. Shuttle buses will be available to return to St John the Baptist Parish. You do not want to miss this wonderful public display of our living faith.

N.B. There will be no weekday morning Mass in Elora on this day.

ST. MARY'S CWL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Do you know a St. Mary's parishioner who is graduating from either grade 8 or grade 12 this year? St. Mary Immaculate CWL Scholarships will be awarded to a Grade 8 student entering high school and to a Grade 12 student entering college or university in Fall of 2026. Any student from our parish is welcome to apply. Scholarship application forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Once completed please drop it into the collection basket. Deadline to apply is next Sunday, May 31, 2026

DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH LEADERS WITH THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

We are excited to invite you to an upcoming live event: **"Embracing the Great Commission"**, hosted by the Augustine Institute in collaboration with Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hamilton. This special day of formation is open to all parish catechetical, faith formation, ministry, and lay leaders and will take place on Saturday, June 13th. We're honored to welcome Austin Habash, Catholic speaker and founder of *Sent Evangelization* and *Think Catholic*, who will guide us in preparing to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) through topical presentations, discussion, and prayer.

- The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 p.m.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and there is no cost to attend.

To learn more and reserve your spot: <https://events.augustineinstitute.org/embracing-the-great-commission-hamilton-on>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Mary's Church – 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays	On days with a 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's, the Rosary will be prayed at 8:20
May 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's
June 3	<i>Are Your Affairs in Order?</i> – Presentation and planning guide on wills, executors, funerals and more. At St Joseph's, Fergus. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home.
June 6	St. Mary Immaculate "Rock the Foundation!" Benefit Concert by <i>Critical Mass</i> 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Mark your calendars!
June 7	Eucharistic Adoration in St. Mary's Church - 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
June 9	St. Mary's and St. Joseph's CWL End of Year Potluck at St. Joseph's, Fergus. Mass at 5:30 followed by dinner. All ladies welcome.
June 13	Cor Gathering. All men welcome. St. Joseph's, Fergus 10:00 a.m.
June 21	St. Mary's and St. Martin's farewell reception for Deacon Paul Mulligan. After the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the lawn of St. Mary's Church.


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