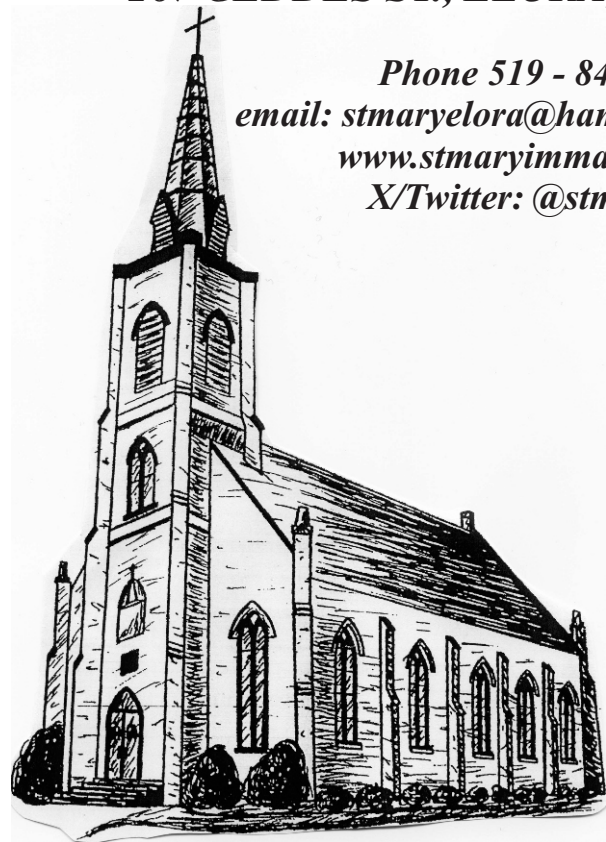


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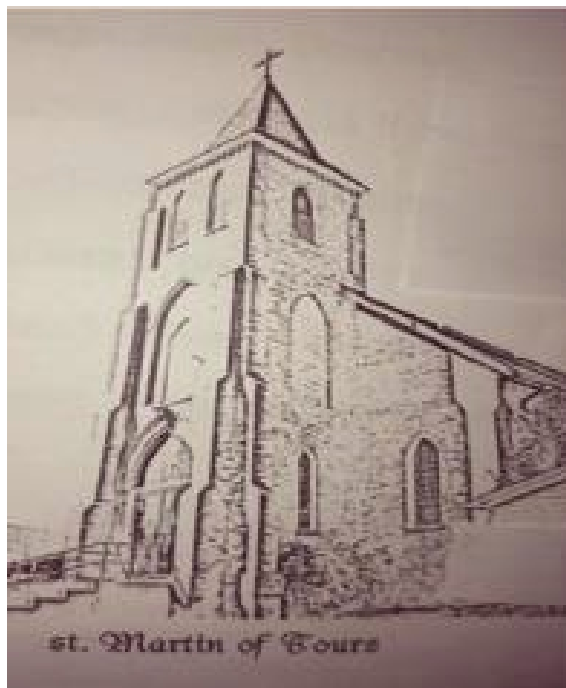


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 17, 2026

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 16th

5:00 p.m. **+Steven Keating**
(His Family)

Sunday, May 17th

St. Martin's
9:00 a.m. **+Marguerite Umbach**
(Lukas J. and Patricia Dobben and Family)

St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Monday *St. John I, Pope and Martyr (OM)*

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

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of the Burguete-Innocente Family**
(Bev and Herman Lavigne)

Wednesday *St. Bernardine of Siena (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **+Doreen Walser**
(Estate)

Thursday *St. Christopher Megallanes and Companions, Martyrs (OM)*

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

Friday *St. Rita of Cascia (OM)*

9:00 a.m. **For the Intentions of Claire and Bon Veltri**
(Ellen Blurton-Jones)

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23rd

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

VOCATION SEEDS

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and 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.

Eastertide will conclude next Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. It is not just a Sunday with a "theme" about the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is the birthday of the Church.

To highlight the great dignity of this feast, the Church provides special prayers: the sequence *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* (at least in the morning Masses) and proper parts for the Eucharistic prayers.

We will also be exercising plenty of options so that we can celebrate this day as solemnly as possible: much chanting and incense (at least at some Masses). For the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will also celebrate the extended form of the Pentecost Vigil, which has four Old Testament readings that direct our minds and hearts toward the descent of the Holy Spirit, as we wait and keep vigil like the Apostles did with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully in your hearts when we come to the celebration of his descent upon the Church.

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

MICHAEL HOUSE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

If you did not get your baby bottle last week, you can still pick one up and join us in supporting **Michael House** through the Baby Bottle Campaign! From now until Father's Day, take home a baby bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or cheques to help support vulnerable mothers and babies in our community. Every bottle filled brings hope, shelter, and a brighter future to families in need. St. Mary's and St. Martin's parishioners have supported the work of Michael House for many years. Your generosity in this yearly campaign is so very appreciated! To learn more about the good work of Michael House please visit: www.michaelhouse.ca. To give directly online please follow their link **Events** and then **Baby Bottle Campaign**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 17, 2026

YOUR OFFERINGS

St. Mary Immaculate

May 9th and 10th

61 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,898.00
Loose	237.00
4 Building Maintenance	175.00
1 Pope's Pastoral Works	10.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	10.00
Total:	\$ 2,330.00

St. Martin of Tours

May 10th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 320.00
Loose	50.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	15.00
Building Maintenance	75.00
Total:	\$ 460.00

Your constant generosity is so very much appreciated!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA – DIOCESAN DELEGATION

The Diocesan Pastoral Offices are coordinating a delegation of young adults to attend the World Youth Days in Seoul, South Korea from July 31 – August 9, 2027. Spots are almost full for this pilgrimage of faith and unity with young people from around the world! If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or wish to register, please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

ST MARY'S AND ST JOSEPH'S CWL END-OF-YEAR MASS AND POTLUCK DINNER

All the ladies of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Martin's are invited to attend the CWL end-of-year potluck get-together in celebration of another grace-filled and successful year. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's, Fergus, on Tuesday June 9th and gather in the hall for pot-luck dinner following.

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 Mass starting May 23rd or at www.criticalmass.org/tour-dates

ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' 2nd ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Kof C are hosting their 2nd annual chicken barbecue on May 23rd in the St Joseph's parish hall at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale after each Mass. For \$20, your half chicken dinner meal includes BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, vegetable, bun and dessert. Eat in or take out. Take out containers will be supplied, but you can help the environment by bringing your own. Final ticket sales are May 17th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

ST. MARY'S CWL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Do you any 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 May 31, 2026.

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 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.
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 Critical Mass 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	CWL End of Year Potluck St. Joseph's. Mass at 5:30 followed by dinner. All ladies welcome.
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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