

AVE

Newsletter of Saint Mary the Virgin Church

Hamilton Ontario November 2025

Dear friends:

Ave! Greetings and blessings to all! With this offering Saint Mary the Virgin Church is inaugurating an occasional newsletter. We hope to be able to keep in better contact with parishioners, adherents, friends and strangers through this publication.

The name of the newsletter, *Ave*, is the Latin word for 'Hail', the first word spoken by the angel to Mary at the annunciation, and in this sense the very beginning of our redemption. We say 'Ave' to all our dear friends and supporters.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and acquaintances.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter through email; likewise if you would like to contribute information, news or stories to future newsletters, please contact the editor, Rt. Rev. William Renwick, renwick@mcmaster.ca.





St. Mary's Regular Service Schedule

At St. George's Church, 134 Emerson Street

First Sunday of the month, 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Second through fourth (or fifth) Sundays of the month, 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Third Friday of the month, 10:30 a.m. Traditional Mass in Latin and English:

Friday November 21: The Presentation of the Virgin (Sarum Rite)

Fr. Bob Hudson, preacher.

December 19: Ember Friday in Advent (York Rite)



Christmas Eve Holy Communion: Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.

* Note: St. George's will observe Christmas Day with Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Extendicare

St. Marys worships at Extendicare Nursing Home, 90 Chedmac Drive

First Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Anointing

Special Services



HAMILTON SCHOLA CANTORUM
Dr. William Renwick, Director
John Laing, Organist

Elizabethan Evensong

Service and Anthem by **William Byrd** (1540-1623)
Hymns by **Orlando Gibbons** (1583-1625)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24 ❖ 7.30 p.m.

St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church
The Rev'd Paul Luth, Rector
134 Emerson Street, Hamilton

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer!

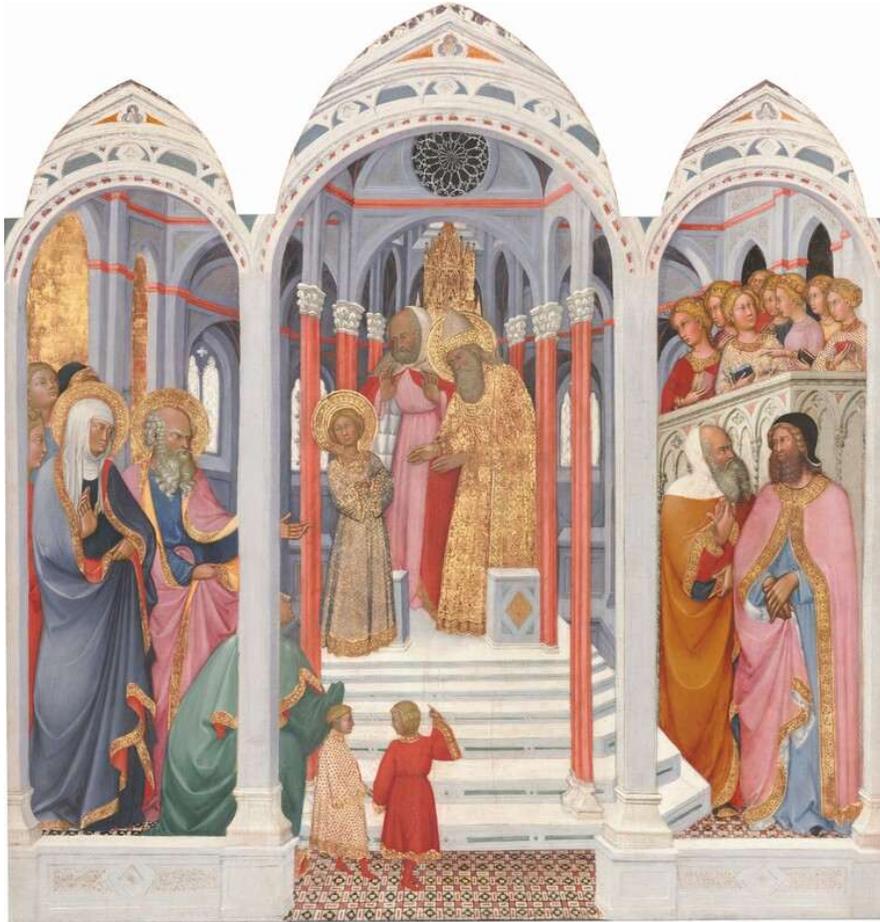
Monday November 24, 7:30 p.m. Choral Evensong with Hamilton Schola Cantorum and St. George's Church, featuring the music of William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons.

Extendicare

Extendicare Nursing Home: Christmas Evensong with Hamilton Schola Cantorum, Monday December 8, 6:30 p.m.

The Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple

Mass according to the Use of Sarum, Friday November 21, 10:30 a.m.



Altarpiece for the Chapel of Saint Peter, in the cathedral in Siena
by Paolo di Giovanni Fei, 1398-1399

The Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple is a late medieval addition to the more familiar feasts of the Virgin, such as the Nativity and the Assumption (or Falling Asleep). According to legend, the Virgin entered the temple in Jerusalem at age three and remained until she was fourteen.

The account of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple is principally based on the Protoevangelium of James, which has been dated by historians prior to the year 200 AD. The story relates that in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter Mary, Joachim and Anne decide to

consecrate her to God, and bring her, at the age of three years, to the temple in Jerusalem. Mary's presentation in the temple draws parallels to that of the prophet Samuel, whose mother Hannah, like Anne, was also thought to be barren, and who offered her child as a gift to God at Shiloh. Mary remained in the Temple until her twelfth year, at which point Joseph was assigned to be her guardian. According to Coptic tradition, her father Joachim died when Mary was six years old and her mother Anne when Mary was eight.

The evident purpose of the story is to show that even in her childhood Mary was completely dedicated to God. The imagery symbolizes Mary's great devotion, and hence her aptness to assume the role of mother of Jesus. For us it is a call to renew our own devotion and let it flower in a simple and childlike manner.

The feast of the Presentation of Blessed Mary in the Temple originated in the east in the sixth century, and was introduced into the west in the fourteenth century. It spread throughout Europe, and entered into the English Church in the fifteenth century.

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