

# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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## SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m.  
Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and

7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All are welcome.

## PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call Sheila at 519-658-9414.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima School 519-658-4041

St. Elizabeth School 519-651-0400

St Gabriel School 519-658-2008

St. Benedict Secondary School 519-621-4050

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by completing a form located at the parish entrances.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or  
by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office before setting a date of marriage in order to begin preparations.

## PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office and Father Ed and Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## PALM SUNDAY

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 4	7:00 p.m.	+ Spiros Colis + Fina Pellegrini + Patricia O'Neill	The Colis & Cylwik Families The Henderson Family The Henderson Family
Wednesday, April 5	8:00 a.m.	+ Ron Milne	The Milne Family



### WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish.

Please pick up a registration

form at the church entrance or complete an online form: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners)

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

#### MASS OF CHRISM:

Monday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King.

*All are welcome.*

#### HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

**Mass at 7 p.m.**

*(no 8 a.m. Mass)*

*The church will remain open until 10 p.m. for private prayer.*

#### GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

*(no 8 a.m. Mass)*

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

#### HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter foods

8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

*(There is no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions on this day)*

#### EASTER SUNDAY - April 9

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### ADORATION CHAPEL AND THE TRIDUUM:

The adoration chapel will close just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and remained closed until after the 11:00 am Mass Easter Sunday morning.

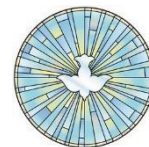
### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

- **Saturday, April 1:** 11:00a.m. - 12 noon., 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.,
- **Tuesday, April 4:** 7:30p.m. - 8:15p.m.,
- **Wednesday, April 5:** 8:30a.m. - 9:15a.m.,
- **Holy Thursday, April 6:** following Mass- 9:00p.m.

### CONFIRMATION 2023

The following Confirmation Liturgies will take place this month:

- *St. Elizabeth:* Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m.
  - *St. Gabriel:* Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m.
  - *Our Lady of Fatima:* Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.
- Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this month and next:

- *St. Elizabeth:* Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m.
- *St. Gabriel:* Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima:* Saturday, May 13 at 11a.m.



### NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND:

The Good Friday Collection, on April 7, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

Those who are unable to attend the Good Friday service are still able to contribute online by going to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and searching for 'Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada'. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

A special thank you to all of our volunteers that signed up for Holy Week and Easter Masses.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** A reminder that the Children's Liturgy program will *not* run on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The program will resume on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

This Lent,  
STAND FOR THE LAND

**SHARE LENT COLLECTION:**

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent

2023! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Stand for the Land* campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$2,190.00 to date.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). *Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.*

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**March 25/26, 2023**

Sunday Offerings: \$2,933.20  
Share Lent \$1,830.00

**Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.**



**LADIES RETREAT** hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Topic: *What is at the heart of a truly Christian spirituality of service?* The retreat will be led by **Father**

**Raphael Ma** on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. The morning begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a hot breakfast at the cost of \$20 per person. All ladies of the parish and their friends are invited to attend. To register put your name and payment in an envelope marked 'CWL Retreat' at any of the Masses for the next three weekends and place them in the collection basket. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 16. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CWL GENERAL MEETING:** *Save the date!* **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** More details next week.



**BIBLE CAMP 2023:** Plans are in the works for a Summer Bible Camp scheduled for **July 17 -21, 2023**. If you would like to volunteer at our Summer Bible Camp please contact the office by phone or email. High school students are invited to participate and will receive community involvement hours. The first meeting will be after Easter. Details to follow.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** A reminder that the parish office is closed on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

**April 3 – April 8**

Monday	Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
Wednesday	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>
Saturday	<b>Holy Saturday</b>

**PRAYER VIGIL: April 13, 2023**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)



**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** As

spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**AGING ISSUES: Listening to Indigenous Voices**– Join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on **Saturday, April 22** from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, [hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com) or at 905-648-0437.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**, June 2023. This Pilgrimage will be accompanied by Father Gustavo Jamut and Father Diego González as spiritual directors. For those of you who have never been to Medjugorje, you will experience one of the most spiritual, and peaceful places on earth. One of the best descriptions of Medjugorje we have ever heard is: "Medjugorje is a place where Heaven touches the earth". Information: CAN WhatsApp: +19054839481 Carmen ARG WhatsApp: +5491123901669 Lucas



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