

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 25	7:00 p.m.	+ Patricia O'Neill + Fina Pellegrini Intentions of Lisette Caron	Members of St. Vincent de Paul Ed and Trudy Allenson A friend
Wednesday, April 26	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of our Children and Youth	The Catholic Women's League
Thursday, April 27	8:00 a.m.	+ Dennis Doye	Ellen Doye
Friday, April 28	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Rosanne Nusca	Chris O'Neill
Saturday, April 29	5:00 p.m.	+ Prezilda Chabot + Daniel Murphy + Peter Ho Nguyen + Anthony Mendonca	Jocelyn Dominas The Strauss Family The Nguyen Family The Mendonca Family

EASTER WATER: At the Easter Vigil water is blessed for the celebration of baptism and for the blessing of the people as we renew our baptismal promises. If you would like Easter Water for home use you may bring your own container to be filled. The Holy Water container will remain at the front of the church by the baptismal font for the next couple of weeks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!
"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration...May our Adoration never cease." - *Saint John Paul II.*
If you would like to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel please call: Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414.

MISSION MATS: Come out to the next gathering on **Wednesday, April 26 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. Did you know it takes about 400 milk bags to make one mat? Come out and see the process. Drop in anytime...you don't need to stay for the whole two hours. A great way for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours. Milk bags are not needed at this time. All are welcome!

SHARE LENT COLLECTION: Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2023! **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$2,905.00.** *This collection has now ended.*

INDIGINEOUS RECONCILIATION FUND:

Envelopes are available at the parish entrances for a special collection this weekend, **April 22 & 23.** For information please visit our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/news-2>

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Diocese of Hamilton joyfully announces and invites you to attend the Ordination of: *Carlos Diaz, John Ha, Paul Niesiobedzki, and Jonathan Reitzel* to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the Imposition of Hands and The Invocation of the Holy Spirit by: The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. **Jonathan Reitzel**, who spent a summer assignment here at St. Mary's, extends an invitation to parishioners to join him on that day. On the weekend of May 20/21, the new Father Reitzel will join us to celebrate the Sunday Masses and to thank the people of the parish for their support during his time of formation.

SAVE THE DATE! May 31st is the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is the patronal feast of our parish. The parish Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a volunteer appreciation reception in the parish centre. All volunteers of the parish are invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION 2023: Congratulations to the newly Confirmed! This Saturday we completed the celebrations for Confirmation for the young people from our parish. Let us pray that the grace of this sacrament and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will help them grow in their knowledge and love of God as they continue their journey of faith.



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.

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. Stay tuned for meeting dates and registration info.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL – APRIL 26 - PATRONESS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel: filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your son.

Intercede with your son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers.

May the spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel, lead us in the way of truth and love.

With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven.

Amen. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

PARISH OFFERINGS

April 15/16, 2023

Sunday Offerings (134): \$2,958.15
Loose Offerings: \$982.15

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for APRIL 2023

Sunday Offerings (82): \$ 5,428.00
Building Fund (50): \$ 985.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE: *"Loving Our Children When Beliefs Collide"*: when our grown children do not engage with the faith, how do we keep loving, patiently trusting God’s plan....and keep the peace! **Sunday April 30th, 2:00-3:30pm**
GUEST SPEAKER: Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton. For details visit <https://saintagnescatholicchurch.org/>.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

April 24 – April 29

Monday	Rev. Alberto Ferreira
Tuesday	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Wednesday	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)
Thursday	Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday	Rev. Bradley Markus
Saturday	Rev. Ed Henhoeffler

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – APRIL 30: Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholics to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival for an in-person screening at The Staircase Theatre, Hamilton with guest speaker Jason Hoffing from Relay Coffee!

Thurs. April 27, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Highlighting the importance of fair-trade coffee, the film Black Gold follows Tadesse Meskela, a man on a mission to save 74,000 struggling coffee farmers in Ethiopia from bankruptcy. Against the backdrop of Tadesse’s journey to London and Seattle, the power of the multinational players that dominate the world’s coffee trade becomes apparent. Location: 27 Dundurn St, Hamilton. To RSVP & view schedule:

www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/



MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA

THEME: “STAND FIRM”. We have to continue advocating for Life from conception till natural death. Please consider joining us for the March For

Life in Ottawa on **Thursday May 11, 2023**. A coach bus will be leaving from the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph at 6:00 am and leave Ottawa at 4:00 pm to return to Guelph. Cost: \$30.00 *Students Free*. Payment is due May 1, 2023. Contact Cambridge Right To Life at 519-623-1850 to arrange your seat.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2023 begins on **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children’s school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is, *"We are Many, We are One."* Visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

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