

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish



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*St Mary of the Visitation Parish exists to be a light on the hill and offer every person in our community
a life-changing encounter with Jesus*



SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

*Children's Ministry: Programs are suspended
until further notice.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is closed until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

Current restrictions do not allow our Ministers of Communion to enter nursing homes or hospitals at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

PARISH CLOSURE - The following restrictions remain in effect:

- No public Masses, No Communion services.
- No Eucharistic Adoration.
- Baptisms are postponed.
- Weddings and funerals allowed with a maximum of 10 people but no mass, all guidelines must be adhered to.
- Confession is permitted by appointment only. Please call or email the parish to make an appointment.
- Offices remain closed to the public.
- All meetings must be done virtually.

Please continue to check the parish website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca for updates.

You can still reach us by phone: 519-658-4443 or by email: stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com



Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's, Bishop Crosby has recently announced the Clergy Pastoral appointments for 2021. It is with mixed emotions that I will be leaving St. Mary's Parish and going to Holy Family Parish in New Hamburg. Fr. Ed Henhoeffler (Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington) will be coming to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish as your new Pastor at the end of June.

It is always difficult moving from "your parish" after making connections with parishioners. Our potluck supper in February 2020 was a great success, due to many dedicated people, and I hoped it would be the catalyst for many more parish events to get to know one another. Little did we realize that the world would be shut down within a month of our gathering.

I look forward to speaking with many of you in person when our parish reopens in May. It has been my pleasure to have served you as Pastor of St. Mary's Parish.

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Robert Love

MASS INTENTIONS: All Mass Intentions scheduled during the shutdown will be rescheduled to a new date when public Masses resume. Please contact the office at stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com if you would like to keep your scheduled date as a private intention or if you would like to request a specific date when Masses are rescheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021 UPDATE: Due to the current restrictions, First Communion Masses and Confirmation liturgies will be rescheduled. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.

PARISH OFFERINGS – April 10/11

Good Friday (Holy Land Collection):	\$40.00
Sunday Envelopes & Loose Offerings:	\$1,757.00
Easter Offerings:	\$300.00
Share Lent:	\$40.00

PARISH OFFERINGS – April 17/18

Sunday Envelopes & Loose Offerings:	\$1,180.00
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Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of April

Monthly Offerings (77):	\$4,897.00
Building Fund (46):	\$ 965.00

Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MISSALS AND MISSALETTES are available. Please contact the office to arrange for a pick-up or drop-off.




LIVESTREAMED AND PRERECORDED MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON:

As we cannot gather in person, parishes throughout the Diocese are providing the opportunity to watch

both livestreams and prerecorded Masses. Please see the list on the Diocesan website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/onlinemasses/>

MY JESUS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT. I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU IN MY SOUL. SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY, COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART. I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU. NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU. AMEN.



SPIRITUAL ACT OF COMMUNION

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –

APRIL 25: 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.

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

April 26 – May 1

Monday	Rev. William Trusz
Tuesday	Rev. David Reitzel
Wednesday	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)
Thursday	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Friday	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Saturday	Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.

VOCATIONS: This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God’s people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, contact the Vocations Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 x 2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

WEEK 2021 begins on **Sunday, May 2, 2021.**

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.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021, “**Nurturing Hope**”, was inspired by the following considerations:

- Recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si’ which will run through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical, “*On Caring for Our Common Home.*”
- In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, along with those consulted, and supported by feedback from the survey, for continuity with the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, *Igniting Hope*, which has served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si.

For more information visit www.goodnewsforall.ca.



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, prayer for us.

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