

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.

A Children's Ministry for those aged 2 until Grade 4 is offered at the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.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 always available for a time of quiet, personal prayer. Please enter by the west side of the church, off the lower parking lot.

PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Our Parish Book of Prayer is located in our Adoration Chapel (lower level of the Church). You are welcome to write your intentions on its pages. These are remembered at Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment 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

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital each Sunday. To ensure a visit when hospitalized, please make sure to indicate at registration that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St Mary Parish.

IF GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE REQUIRED

About 10 minutes before Mass begins, please visit the Sacristy and ask Sacristan to reserve a gluten-free host for you.

DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD - SMALL GROUPS

We are blessed with a variety of small groups - couples groups, men's groups, ladies groups, mother's groups, faith sharing groups - check our display in the Parish Centre - join us.

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

519-658-6511

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We are really glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Robert Love, or stop by our

Welcome Desk for details on our parish life and ways of connecting.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 27 at 7 p.m.

+ Bill Potts

Wednesday, August 28 at 8 a.m.

+ Eileen McKinney

Thursday, August 29 at 8 a.m.

+ Kay Normore

Friday, August 30 at 8 a.m.

+ Betty Marchant

Saturday, August 31 at 5 p.m.

+ Kyle Parthe

Tuesday, September 3 at 7 p.m.

+ Mike Winnicki

+ Esther Coutinho

Wednesday, September 4 at 8 a.m.

+ Thea Rothhammer

Thursday, September 5 at 8 a.m.

Deceased Members of O'Neill Family

Friday, September 6 at 8 a.m.

+ Tim Silver

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m.

Special Intentions

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

August 26 - 31

Monday	Rev. Robert Hetu
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wednesday	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
Thursday	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Friday	Rev. Mark Gatto
Saturday	Rev. Ross Campbell

September 2 - 7

Monday	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, CSs.R
Tuesday	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Wednesday	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
Thursday	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Friday	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Saturday	Rev. Jim Link, C.R.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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

**please note that these Mass times are permanent*

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

Aug. 31/Sep. 1 - last weekend of summer schedule

Fall Schedule begins

September 7/8 with Team A

Schedules will soon be distributed via email and hard copies will be placed in the sacristy.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Mary's is blessed to have several vibrant and comprehensive Children's Ministry programs for Sunday Mass. In order to facilitate Children's Ministry with a sustainable volunteer base and continuing to offer programming from age 2 to grade 4, please note that **starting Sunday, September 8**, we will be reorganizing to the following model:

- **Kids Zone** (age 2-3): Only at the 9 am Mass
- **Children's Liturgy** (J.K.-Gr 1): At the 9 am and 11 am Mass
- **Visitation Kids** (Gr 2 - 4): At the 9 am and 11 am Mass

MOVE UP DAY: September 8th is Move Up Day! All children will begin transitioning into their new grade level and we will start off fresh for the new year. Be sure to register anew!

****There will be no Children's Ministry on Labour Day weekend (Sunday, Sept. 1st)****

THE ATRIUM OF THE VISITATION

The Atrium of the Visitation is a program for children 3-6 years old inspired by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and rooted in the educational principles of Maria Montessori. We are currently seeking those who have a CGS, ECE or Montessori background who, with training from an experienced catechist, would be interested in helping run the program in our parish. Please see Sr. Marie Therese for details or email

srmarietherese@solisisters.ca



Bulletins

BULLETIN SCHEDULE:

The weekly bulletin distribution will **resume on September 7/8.**

A reminder that all bulletin submissions must be received by end of day on Tuesday.

****NEW**:** Bulletins can also be read online on www.stmaryhespeler.ca/bulletin

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to meet other youth with similar values? Come to Da Crew! Each week we learn more about our faith, eat snacks, play games and have fun. We also go on regular social outings like laser tag, bowling, etc. The setup is an open forum where we discuss topics you want to hear about and answer your questions. We meet every Wednesday evening, **starting September 4**, from 6:30-8:30pm! Bring your friends, all are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We depend a great deal on volunteers to assist in providing ministry to people within our parish and community. Some of the most urgent areas of need are below; please contact Father Love if you can help as a:

- Minister of Hospitality (an Usher)
- Parking Lot Attendant
- Welcome Desk Attendant
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Da Crew Leader
- Catholic Café Host/Hostess
- Altar Server (Grade 4 and up)



OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the office will be closed on Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 2nd for the Labour Day weekend.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? Even though you attend Mass at our parish, you may not be registered if you have not submitted a registration form in the past. Please register your family in preparation for baptisms, weddings, pastoral references, etc. Registration forms are available at the parish entrances, at the Welcome desk or on our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S: Celebrations of Mass for the Catholic residents of St. Luke's Place resume on Tuesday, September 17th at 1:30p.m. We are always in need of volunteers to help bring residents to the chapel - call the parish office to be part of this rewarding ministry.



ADULT BOWLING STARTS SOON!

The Strike Squad is excited about starting up their new season and eagerly invites new members. Get yourself out of the gutter and spare some time to meet new friends and strike up a conversation. Contact Susan at (519) 658-6939 for details.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office. A program of formation begins in the Fall.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GRANDPARENTS: SILVER SAINTS

Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP so we know to expect you! Contact Monica Verin at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com for online registration

"EVANGELIZATION BY THE WAY OF BEAUTY"

An Evening with Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS **Friday, September 6**, at 7:00pm at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Join us for this gifted artist and story teller as he helps us to identify the beauty that abounds in our lives. Faith resources will be available for purchase.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: To be informed about upcoming workshops and events in the Diocese, be sure to sign up for our Diocesan Newsletter available on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com. You will receive up-to-date information regularly.

30TH YEAR REUNION for St. Mary's and St. Jerome's High Schools: Classes of 1988, 1989 and 1990. **Saturday, September 14, 2019** from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tannery Event Centre, 151 Charles Street West, Kitchener Dancing, h'ors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Graduates, Teachers and former Teachers welcome. Tickets \$30. For tickets or info contact Heather Mackay at hcdmackay@hotmail.com

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten-week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Sept. 24 – Nov. 26, 2019. St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Cost is \$45.00. For information or to register call (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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