

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 ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 13	6:00 p.m. <i>Please note time change</i>	+ Bernadette DiCarlo + Frank Ryan Intentions of Linda Vicente & Family	Catholic Women's League Rita & Murray Freiburger Rosa Paiva
Wednesday, December 14	8:00 a.m.	+ Dennis Doye + Eric Walter	Ellen Doye The Walter Family
Thursday, December 15	8:00 a.m.	+ Joseph Dewan	Paul and Marilyn O'Neill
Friday, December 16	8:00 a.m.	+ Audrey Athavale	Anne-Marie Belanger
Saturday, December 17	5:00 p.m.	+ Frank Ryan + Mary Chrysler + Luisa Bairos Leonardo and Family	The Henderson Family Megan Lam and Family Carmen Chaves



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



COFFEE SUNDAY: All are invited for coffee, juice and Christmas treats this **Sunday, December 11th** following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Stop by and say hello to your fellow parishioners!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25th

(no 9:00 a.m. Mass)

11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses will follow the regular schedule

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Sunday, January 1, 2023

5:00 p.m. (December 31st)

9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION:

After many years of supporting the music ministry, our leader of music for the 5pm Mass, *Paul Curtin*, will soon be retiring at the end of the Christmas season. His last Mass will be at the *Feast of the Epiphany* on **January 7**. After the 5pm Mass we will have a reception in the parish centre to say thank you. Please join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Saturday, December 17: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE: Our next Mass at St. Luke's is **Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 2 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Please be advised that to enter the long-term care facility requires a rapid Covid test so plan to show up 15 minutes before. The Mass is celebrated in the chapel in the lower level.

MISSION MATS: Come out to the next gathering on **Saturday, December 17** at 10:00 a.m. in the parish centre. All are welcome!

PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY IN SPANISH: This prayer group will break for the holiday season and resume on Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Offertory envelopes for the coming year are available in the parish hallway **in alphabetical order**. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Rosanne in the parish office: 519-658-4443, stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 3 - 4, 2022

Sunday Envelopes (91):	\$2,350.00
Building Fund (31)	\$560.00
Loose Offerings:	\$628.35

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

Please note: donation cheques must be payable to 'St. Mary of the Visitation Parish'.

2022 OFFERINGS: Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2022 by Thursday, December 29th. Thank you.



THANK YOU: The Knights of Columbus, Council 4916 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish for the support of our Timothy P. Schmalz and Hockey Fire on Ice sculptures sale this past weekend. There are still a few statues available. Please place offering in the basket.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Thank you for the many gifts that have been brought in to date! **Please return your unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 11th**



TURKEY SUPPER: The CWL will be hosting their annual Turkey Supper on **Tuesday, December 13th** in our Parish Cafe. The Rosary will be prayed at 5:30 followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Turkey Supper will be around 6:30. Turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce will be provided. You are asked to contribute your favourite dish. We will provide all the place settings for the Christmas meal. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Bring a friend and come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. We hope to see you there!



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to **Come Home for Christmas**. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on **December 15, 2022** at 7:00 PM for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support. *From: Family Ministry Office.*

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR
December 12 – December 17**

Monday	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thursday	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Friday	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Saturday	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: IN THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES on **Monday, December 12** from 7pm-9pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us for a presentation from the Honourable Graydon Nicholas, Chancellor of Saint Thomas University, New Brunswick, and former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the National Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, we will reflect together on the significance of the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. This presentation will be available for attendance in person or streamed live via the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King YouTube page. Register at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

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