

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: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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.



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



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 14 at 7 p.m.

+ Eric Walter

Wednesday, December 15 at 8 a.m.

+ Michelle O'Neill

Thursday, December 16 at 8 a.m.

+ Percy Miranda

Friday, December 17 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Marlene Evanchuk

Saturday, December 18

5 p.m. + Rick Donahue

+ Jim Haney Jr.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. (FULL) / 7:00 p.m. (FULL) / 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th

11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, Dec. 26th

9:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

11:00 a.m. (January 1, 2022)

Please note: There are no Saturday evening Masses on Dec 25th and Jan 1st

Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

Registration required for December 24 & 25 only

You may register online: www.stmaryhespeler.ca
or call the parish office at 519-658-4443
during office hours only.



ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL: The Adoration Chapel reopened this past Wednesday, December 8.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available from Sunday at 12:00 p.m. through Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (*The chapel closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and re-opens at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday*)

There is a 4-person maximum in the chapel. All adorers are to arrive wearing a mask and keep their mask on at all times. Sign-in is required. For security purposes, the exterior door to the Chapel will be locked between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each night. A code is needed to enter between these times and only registered Adorers are given this code. Visitors are encouraged to come between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for an hour of prayer. We are still in need of permanent adorers for the following hours: Monday: 5 A.M., 12 P.M., Wednesday: 5 A.M., 12 P.M., 3 P.M., 11 P.M., Thursday: 12 A.M., 3 A.M., Saturday: 2 A.M., 3 A.M., 4 P.M. Please contact Sheila or Frank Mauser at (519) 658-9414.



CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:

Tues, Dec. 14: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 18: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 21: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec. 22: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Open positions remain for Ushers, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion on December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1 & 2. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. A reminder that all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Thank you!



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 12th.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your dedications of flowers for the Christmas season. Christmas flowers for the church will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Floral tribute forms are still available at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website or contact the parish office at 519-658-4443.*

VOCATIONS: Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 13 – December 18

Monday	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss. R.)
Thursday	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Friday	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday	Rev. Lawrence Parent



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children’s minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it’s meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

RESTART: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by zoom on **Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated**. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program information online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 4-5

Sunday Envelopes (99):	\$2,723.00
Loose Offerings:	\$193.00
Floral Tributes:	\$140.00
Christmas Offerings (2)	\$60.00

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'.

2021 OFFERINGS: Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2021 by Thursday, December 30th. Thank you.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY: HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES - The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on **Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th**, and will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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