

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

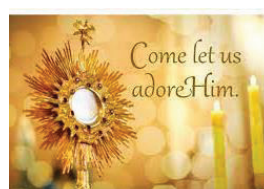
Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 19	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Linda Vicente & Family + Tom Kavanagh + Mary Hilker + Aracely Borja	Rosa Paiva Anna Altomare The Hilker Family The Garcia Family
Wednesday, December 20	8:00 a.m.	+ Afra Jong	Anna Altomare
Thursday, December 21	8:00 a.m.	+ John Pellegrini	Carol & Richard O'Brien
Friday, December 22	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Reggie Weidinger	Chris O'Neill
Saturday, December 23	5:00 p.m.	+ John De Martin + Jaclyn Lohin Deceased Members of the Nguyen Family	The Natalizio Family The Pedro Family The Nguyen Family



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



O COME LET US ADORE HIM

Jesus, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem, is waiting for you in our Chapel of Adoration. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic

Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your relationship with Him. Please visit our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration located off the lower parking lot. For more information please call: Sheila or Frank (519) 658-9414

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Sunday, December 24 th 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Monday, December 25 th 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses will follow the regular schedule

Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, December 31 st 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 1, 2024 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, January 7 5:00 p.m. (Jan. 6 th) 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:

Tuesday, December 19:	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, December 22:	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23:	11:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.



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.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: 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>



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

The members of St. Vincent de Paul would like to offer their heartfelt appreciation for another successful year of the SVDP/Parish

Christmas Project. The response was amazing once again! Every tag for a child/teen was taken and returned this past weekend. Your generosity and kindness will be felt by the many parents, children and seniors who will be recipients of your caring hearts! We will distribute 85 gifts to children and teens, 65 blankets and chocolates to every "family & adult" household that we serve and approximately 60 care packages to Seniors belonging to our parish community. Households will also be provided with a generous Food Basics gift card, all as a result of your generous donations throughout the year! We would also like to thank Father Ed for his support these last three years of this amazing project and of all of our outreach. Furthermore, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the new coats which were distributed to over 47 children this last month! The feedback from parents has already been overwhelming and they wish to also pass along their appreciation to each one of you for your kindness! Thank you again for all you do to help our neighbours! *Merry Christmas! SVDP.*

VOCATIONS: There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 9/10, 2023

Sunday Offerings (130): \$3,367.25
Loose Offerings: \$623.45

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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

2023 OFFERINGS: Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2023 by Thursday, December 28th. Thank you.

2024 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

RENEWED BY LOVE CAMPAIGN: Are you seeking to make a difference in the lives of seniors? Renewed by Love is a joint fundraising campaign by Major Decorating LTD. and Marian Residence Retirement Home. It seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of our organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility. Marian Residence is a registered charity and will offer tax receipts for all donations. Your support empowers us to continue the compassionate care and Catholic living that our residents experience every day at Marian Residence. Join our family today! Visit bit.ly/renewedbylove to donate.

ADVENT RESOURCES FOR YOUTH: The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to share the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES: During the month of December more than 1800 appointments need to be filled in order to help meet patients' needs over the holidays and into the new year. Please visit blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE or 1-888-236-6283

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