

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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The Nativity of the Lord

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 27	7:00 p.m.	+ Frank Ryan Intentions of Fina Pellegrini & Anna Altomare	Mildred Scapinello Lisette Caron
Wednesday, December 28	8:00 a.m.	+ Ed Teixeira	Chris O'Neill
Thursday, December 29	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Patricia & Chris O'Neill	Lisette Caron
Friday, December 30	8:00 a.m.	+ Ismael Dela Cruz	Nina Dela Cruz
Saturday, December 31	5:00 p.m.	+ Michael Pauze + Frank Ryan + Jim Haney	Wendy Halliwell The Townsend Family The Van Beek 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



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU:

As we gather as God's people to celebrate the birth of our Lord the Christian people give thanks for the gift of the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. On this Christmas Day I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who support the life of our Parish Community. I say thanks

to our parish secretary, Rosanne Nusca, to Deacon Mike and to all who volunteer in the various ministries and organizations in the parish, a special thanks to our music ministry for their dedication. I would also like to thank the parishioners who sent cards and gifts to the office, your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a blessed celebration of Christmas.

Father Ed

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Saturday, December 24 th	Sunday, December 25 th
5:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.	(no 9:00 a.m. Mass)
10:00 p.m.	

Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 1, 2023	Sunday, January 8
5:00 p.m. (December 31 st)	5:00 p.m. (January 7 th)
9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.



WEEKDAY MASSES: This week the weekday Masses will be celebrated at their regular times. During the Octave of Christmas, we have several beautiful feast days. Because there is no Sunday between Christmas and New Year's the **Feast of the Holy Family** will be celebrated on **Friday, December 30th**. Join us for Mass during these Christmas Days.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will resume on January 8, 2023.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your dedications of flowers for the Christmas season. Christmas flowers for the church have been 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.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CROSBY:

All are invited to read Bishop Crosby's Christmas Message: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/news-2>
Printed copies are also available at the church entrances.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

To everyone involved in our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration, we wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a grace filled New Year. Thank you for your faithful commitment. Without you this Chapel would not exist. If you would like to become an adorer, please call Frank or Sheila Mauser at (519) 658-9414. Jesus is waiting for you in this Sacrament of Love.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next Coffee Sunday will be **Sunday, January 8th** following the 9am and 11am Masses. Plan to stay after Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the New Year!



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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: In December, we warmly welcomed into our family of faith through Baptism: *Netochukwu O., Mateo G. and Alice R.* May the Lord bless them as they begin their journey of faith as disciples of Jesus. Please contact Rosanne in the parish office for baptism inquiries. We are currently celebrating Baptisms on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 17 - 18, 2022

To be reported in the next bulletin.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for DECEMBER 2022

Sunday Offerings (82): \$ 5,223.00
 Building Fund (50): \$ 950.00

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'.

YEAR-END GIVING: We kindly ask that any donations to the Parish are **submitted by Thursday, December 29th**. Mail slots in the office doors can be safely used when the door is locked. Thank you.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

December 26th to 29th: Closed
 Friday, December 30th: Open
 9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, January 2nd: Closed

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

VOCATIONS: We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 26 – December 31

Monday	<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>
Tuesday	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Wednesday	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a)
Thursday	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Friday	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
Saturday	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – Cathedral

Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton
 His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on Sunday, December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website – www.ctkbasilica.ca.



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 extends to all our fellow parishioners and their families a most Blessed and Holy Christmas. May this Holy season bring Peace, Joy and Happiness to you and your family.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope that 2023 is filled with every good blessing for you and your families.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com

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