

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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*"We are connected to our past, committed to our future and compassionately focussed on being
a Family of Faith with something for everyone"*



Feast of the Holy Family

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Masses on Christmas Day will be the last public Masses until the province-wide shutdown has ended. As announced, the shutdown will extend for a period of at least 28 days. During this time, the Parish and Parish office will remain closed. Please know that you can still reach us by email: stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone: 519-658-4443. Please continue to check the parish website for updates and information.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank everyone who assisted with the Christmas celebrations; those who decorated the church with the tree and

flowers, our musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, collection counters, and the many volunteers who helped clean the pews after each Mass.

A sincere thanks to all who sent myself and our parish team personal greetings, cards and gifts. They are truly appreciated and, on behalf of myself and my staff, I thank you for your kindness.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Robert Love

MASS INTENTIONS: All Mass Intentions scheduled during the shutdown will be rescheduled to a new date when public Masses resume. Please contact the office if you would like to request a specific date.

CONFESSION: Confession during the period of shutdown is available by appointment only. Please call or email the parish to make an appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: We are not permitted to have Eucharistic Adoration until the shutdown has ended. The next scheduled date for Adoration is Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Please check the parish website for updates.

SUNDAY MISSALS AND MISSALETTES are available for parishioners to pick up in the entrance to the parish office, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

YEAR-END GIVING: Please remember that only donations made *prior* to December 31st, 2020, can be applied for income tax credit for this year. We kindly ask that any donations to the Parish are **submitted by Wednesday, December 30th at 12 noon**. Mail slots in the office doors can be safely used when the door is locked. Thank you.



Prayer to the Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the
splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion
and prayer, authentic schools
of the Gospel and small
domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

(Pope Francis, Feast of the Holy Family 2013)



THANK YOU: We would like to extend our "utmost" gratitude for your support in enabling us to continue to help the less fortunate, especially during this pandemic year. Your monetary and food donations allowed us to continue to deliver monthly to our clients regardless of the pandemic. All three schools held a Christmas food drive and our pantry is overflowing! What a wonderful sight to see! One parishioner, along with 15 or so friends, held a "Reverse Advent" food drive also providing up to 20 boxes of food. The Knights of Columbus donated coats for 25 children ranging from ages 3 – 17, and the Knights of Columbus in Kitchener donated an abundance of toys providing toys for over 40 families! Your funds also enabled us to provide the same generous Food Basics Christmas gift cards that we have each year. May God bless and reward each of you for your kindness this Christmas and throughout the New Year! Thank You!

PARISH BULLETIN: Bulletins will be published **bi-weekly** during the parish closure. (January 10 and January 24). If you would like to receive the parish bulletin via email, please visit our parish website and scroll down the home page to 'subscribe to bulletin'!

THE KIDS BULLETIN: Visit thekidsbulletin.com for a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thank you for your positive response and generous pledges to date!
As of Friday, Dec. 18th, St.

Mary of the Visitation Parish has received 74 gifts totaling \$123,673. Further updates and more information will be provided later in January.

PARISH OFFERINGS for December 20, 2020:

Sunday Offerings: \$3,069.35
Building Fund: \$2,075.00

Thank you for your continued support!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish. Forms are available on our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI – ‘Fratelli Tutti’: With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.” (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90-minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to “all people of good will.” Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary online and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 28 – January 2

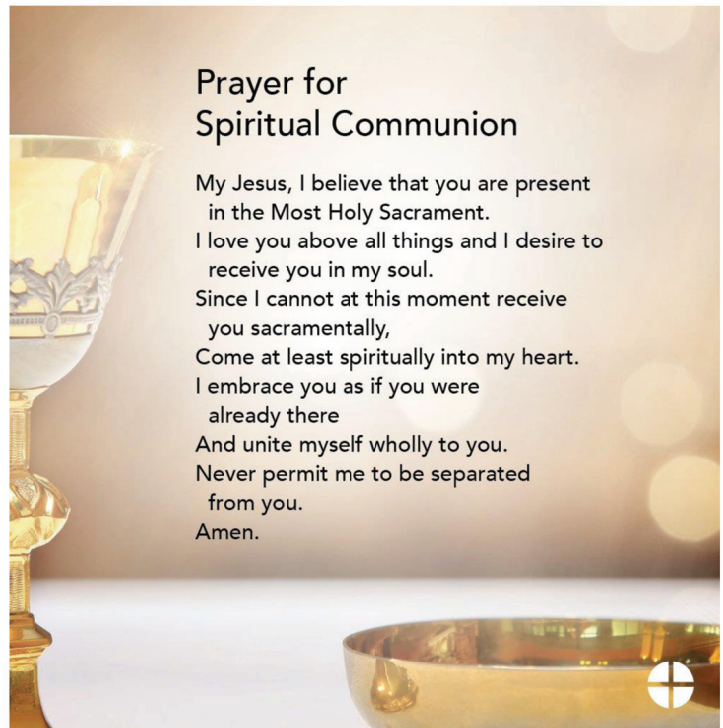
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| Monday | Rev. Joseph Michel |
| Tuesday | Rev. Kiwook Kim |
| Wednesday | Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne |
| Thursday | Rev. Arpee Urquico |
| Friday | Rev. Pawel Jamroz |
| Saturday | Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. |

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

TELEVISED MASS is available on Salt and Light Television and Vision TV. **Online Mass** is also available on a number of Catholic sites such as www.slmedia.org and www.dailytvmass.com.



**Prayer for
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to
receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were
already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated
from you.
Amen.

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEBSITE: Be sure to visit the Diocesan website for important updates and resources: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>

WOW SOCIAL/WOW VIRTUAL: To prevent isolation from happening and to stay connected to others in these unprecedented times, please join us on the phone or the computer for our WOW programs. WOW Social connects small groups of people on the phone and WOW Virtual connects groups through Zoom programs on the computer. We play games, bingo and trivia, we listen to live music and guest speakers about a large variety of topics. Feel free to join once or many times, have a laugh, chat or just listen. For more information, call Lisette at 519 740 4681 Ext 4242, email machanl@cambridge.ca or register for programs at www.cambridge.ca/registration



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