

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: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.

"Come to Me all who are weary"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church **every Tuesday** from **9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Please consider spending some time in silent adoration. For more information call: Sheila Mauser at 519-658-9414.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration." Pope St. John Paul II



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

Intentions of Cara Millar
Intentions of Helen Douglas

Wednesday, December 9 at 8 a.m.

+ Joseph O'Neill

Thursday, December 10 at 8 a.m.

+ Mrs. Irene Desforges

Friday, December 11 at 8 a.m.

+ Mary Peori

Saturday, December 12 at 5 p.m.

+ Real Chabot
+ Huguette Corriveau



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The Rosary is prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and before morning Mass, at 7:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. 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. *Please contact the parish office at 519-658-4443 if you would like to dedicate a floral tribute. You may also pick up a floral tribute form in the parish office or print a copy from our website.*

SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals for the new Liturgical Year are available for purchase *only* in the entrance to the Parish Office (\$5). **Advent Missalettes, Advent candles, Devotion booklets, and 2021 Catholic calendars are also available.** Please visit during office hours.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24th

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

Christmas Day – December 25th

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

Registration for all Christmas Masses is required. Please register online or call the parish office at 519-658-4443 during office hours only.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – December 31st

5:00 p.m.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2021

10:00 a.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers and additional volunteers to sanitize the pews after each Mass are greatly needed. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE: Join our parish in supporting the *Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region* during the pandemic. Gift cards for Walmart, Loblaws, Zehrs or Amazon would be greatly appreciated and will be

provided directly to families to help support them during the holiday season. Gift cards (marked with card value) can be dropped off at weekend Mass, in the Christmas box at the back of the church. They can also be dropped off to the parish office. **Please bring in your gift card donations now through Sunday, December 13.** Thank you for your support to the families of our community!



JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT:

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), has an online weekly video series created to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled 'Journey through Advent', the series serves as an introduction to the liturgical Season and presents reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. Visit the parish website to view these videos: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/advent2020>



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Face masks are mandatory inside the church. We ask that you arrive at church with your own face mask.

- Parishioners are reminded that **singing during Mass is not currently permitted.** We are only allowed one single cantor.
- Following the dismissal, parishioners are to leave the church, row by row, following the directions of the ushers.
- Please **maintain physical distancing** and **refrain from socializing** in the church.
- Please make use of the hand sanitizers provided at the entrance.
- Washrooms should only be used for emergency purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to follow our health and safety protocols.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for your positive response and generous pledges to date! **As of Friday, Nov 27th,**

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has received 51 gifts totaling \$89,823!

If you have not yet been contacted and would like to speak about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, or if have been speaking with a volunteer and still have questions, please contact: Chris O'Neill @ 519-400-3657, Jim Coppin @ 519-716-5536, Kevin Sanders @ 519-658-4795 or you can call the parish office and speak with Father Love.

We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make! For more information about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca

PARISH OFFERINGS for November 29, 2020:

Sunday Offerings: \$2,343.10
 Building Fund: \$ 540.00

ONLINE DONATIONS for NOVEMBER 2020

(<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>)

Sunday Offerings: \$ 2,230.00
 Building Fund: \$ 180.00

Thank you for your continued support!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021 are available in the hallway along the parking lot. *Please maintain social distancing in this hallway. Please wait to pick up your box until there is no one else at the table. Thank you.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPDATE:

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 continues to hold our meetings virtually during this pandemic. Our December

meeting is a Zoom virtual meeting on Thursday, December 12/20 at 7:00p.m. All Brothers are invited to join in.

The Council has been continuing our Charitable work with recent support given to our Churches, Coats for Kids, Food 4 Kids, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council. Interested in the Knights of Columbus? Visit www.kofc.org/joinus



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you for your continued support of food and financial donations which enables us to help those in need. Our total for November's poor box collection and other donations was \$3,407.85.

As we head into the Christmas season, we will provide extra Food Basic gift cards to families, and other households, so they can purchase for themselves the necessary food and supplies for this special time. Your help, no matter how big or small, will in turn leave extra funds in their wallet to buy that special gift for their child. Thank you for your part in this! If you would like to help in any way this Christmas please leave a message on our SVdeP phone line at 519-658-6511.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 6

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
 Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 7 – December 12

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| Monday | Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R. |
| Tuesday | Rev. Kevin D'Souza |
| Wednesday | Order of Preachers (Dominican) |
| Thursday | Rev. Peter Ciallella |
| Friday | Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza, C.S.C |
| Saturday | Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C |

NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS: The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, **December 16th to 25th,** 2020. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

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