

# 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.

A Children's Ministry for those aged 2 until Grade 4 is offered at the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.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 always available for a time of quiet, personal prayer. Please enter by the west side of the church, off the lower parking lot.

## PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Our Parish Book of Prayer is located in our Adoration Chapel (lower level of the Church). You are welcome to write your intentions on its pages. These are remembered at Mass.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment 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

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital each Sunday. To ensure a visit when hospitalized, please make sure to indicate at registration that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St Mary Parish.

## IF GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE REQUIRED

About 10 minutes before Mass begins, please visit the Sacristy and ask Sacristan to reserve a gluten-free host for you.

## DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD - SMALL GROUPS

We are blessed with a variety of small groups - couples groups, men's groups, ladies groups, mother's groups, faith sharing groups - check our display in the Parish Centre - join us.

## PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

519-658-6511

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We are really glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Robert Love, or stop by our

Welcome Desk for details on our parish life and ways of connecting.



### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m.**

Deceased Members of the CWL

**Wednesday, December 4 at 8 a.m.**

+ Pat Parlee

**Thursday, December 5 at 8 a.m.**

+ Bill Donahue

**Friday, December 6 at 8 a.m.**

Deceased Members of the Kus and Pickering Families

**Saturday, December 7 at 5 p.m.**

+ Huguette Corriveau

+ Real Chabot

**\*Please note that Mass on Tuesday is at 6 p.m.**

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.
Tuesday	Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Friday	Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Saturday	Very Rev. John Van Hees

### PARISH OFFERINGS

November 23/24, 2019

Offerings (*Envelopes and Loose*): \$4,045.35

Building Fund: \$ 143.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

**December 7/8 – TEAM B**

Please **sign up** to serve for the Christmas and New Year's Masses.

*Sign-up sheets located in the sacristy.*

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** There will be an Advent Penitential Service on **Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m.** Several priests will be available for Confession at this service.



### CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. The floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Please pick up your tribute sheet at the entrances of the church.*



### DAILY NEEDS DRIVE:

Thank you for your generous donations in support of Family and Children Services of the Waterloo Region Foundation. By supporting this Daily Needs Drive you are helping families at Christmas and throughout the entire year. *This is the last weekend to bring in your donations.*



### ANNUAL RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN:

This annual tradition begins this weekend, the first week of Advent. Please pick up a stocking and return to the church by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Stockings can be filled with school supplies, small toys and toiletries. Stockings will be delivered to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse and shipped to children in need.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BUTTONS:** The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 will be distributing 'Keep Christ in Christmas' buttons again this year at the Masses on **December 7 & 8**. These have a new design this year and donations go to Knights of Columbus Charities.

**ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS:** Devotion booklets for the Advent season are available in the Parish Narthex (\$2/each). "Let the Heavens be Glad" and "Wonders of His Love – Family Devotions and Activities for Advent". A great resource to prepare for Christmas!

**SUNDAY MISSALS AND 2020 CALENDARS:** Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year and 2020 Catholic Art Calendars are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk. Missals are \$5.00 each. Calendars are \$3.00 each

**HESPELER CHRISTMAS PARADE!** Please join us in representing our parish at the 2019 Hespeler Christmas Parade on **December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

We plan to walk, however, if anyone has the skills necessary to decorate a pickup truck and trailer, we will provide those. Ugly Christmas sweaters, costumes, carolers, whatever, we're interested in your participation! Let's show Hespeler how great our parish is! If you're interested in participating in any way at all, please call Imogen at 519-221-0252. For parade details visit [hespelersantaclausparade.ca](http://hespelersantaclausparade.ca)



### C.W.L. POTLUCK SUPPER

All ladies of the Parish are invited to bring a friend and join in an evening of fun and laughter. When: **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 p.m.** It begins with Rosary at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6:00p.m. Turkey and trimmings will be provided for all. We ask you to bring your favourite dish to share and your own place setting to this event. In keeping with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* on "Care for our Common Home", we will avoid using any plastic for this special meal. We hope to see many of you there!

**THANK YOU:** A very sincere thanks to everyone who contributed any way to the Annual Christmas Bazaar. We really appreciated all the excellent donations for the raffle, craft, treasure, and Christmas tables. The Bake table overflowed with exceptional treats with something for everyone. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we will be able to offer financial assistance to our Parish, the Catholic Missions of Canada, our Seminarians and other Outreach programs. Special thanks to the CWL and the Pastoral Team for helping to host this event.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available in the hallway along the parking lot, sorted by last name. Those not currently using envelopes but who are interested in obtaining Offering Envelopes, may contact the office or leave their contact information at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family. Forms are available at Welcome Desk

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY:** New burial plots are now available for sale at St. Mary's Cemetery. Please contact Allison Hogle at the Cemeteries Administration Office, located at Parklawn Cemetery, at 519-740-4681 ext. 4299.

**HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS!** Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to meet other youth with similar values? Come to our monthly Da Crew meetup! Each month we'll learn more about our faith, eat snacks, play games, and have fun. The setup is an open forum where we discuss topics that are relevant to you and answer any questions you may have. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm! **Our next meeting is Thursday, December 5.** Bring your friends!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God – December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
5:00 p.m.

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.

**Please note:** A shuttle bus will be running from St. Gabriel School to our parish on December 24<sup>th</sup>

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the parish office will be closed for the afternoon on **Wednesday, December 4** and will re-open Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

A few spots are still available for **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up online or call the office to schedule a photo session. Thank you to everyone who has participated! If you did not have a chance to have your photo taken, we would still love to have you in the directory. Please submit your own photo to the office. (Digital photos should be vertical and a minimum of 1MB. Printed photos must be vertical and no larger than a 4" x 6" photo.)

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### EVENING PRAYER WITH ADVENT HYMNS

The Diocesan Choir presents Evening Prayer with Advent Hymns, together with the Saint John's Bible and a small reception at St. Raphael's Parish, 4072 New St, Burlington on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM. Choral preludes begin at 7pm with Evening Prayer at 7:15pm. There will be a free-will offering in support of St. Raphael's Parish.

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