

# 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



**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.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

A reminder that there will be a **rehearsal in the Church on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.** for all children participating in the Christmas Pageant. Attendance is required.



*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, December 17**

1:30 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's Place  
7 p.m. + Armandino Santos

**Wednesday, December 18 at 8 a.m.**

+ Mary Hilker

**Thursday, December 19 at 8 a.m.**

+ Audrey Vandervoort

**Friday, December 20 at 8 a.m.**

Intentions of Gemma O'Keefe and Family

**Saturday, December 21 at 5 p.m.**

+ Germano Rego  
Intentions of the Rego Family

**DIocese OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.    |
| Tuesday   | Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp |
| Wednesday | Youth Ministers                      |
| Thursday  | Rev. Tim Hingston                    |
| Friday    | Rev. David Avila                     |
| Saturday  | Rev. George Nowak, C.R.              |

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

December 7/8, 2019

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| Envelope Offerings: | \$3,469.00 |
| Loose Offerings:    | \$ 551.30  |
| Building Fund:      | \$ 784.00  |

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**2019 OFFERINGS:** Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2019 by Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule  
December 21/22 – TEAM D**

Please **sign up** to serve for the Christmas and New Year's Masses.  
*Sign-up sheets located in the sacristy.*

**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.*



**ANNUAL RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN:**

Thank you for your participation in our Advent tradition of helping those in need in third world countries. Our donations will be delivered to Canadian Food for Children on December 19; therefore, we ask that you **return your filled stocking by Wednesday, December 18.** Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS BUTTONS:** The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary of the Visitation for their generous support of the Christmas Button Campaign which raised \$400.60. Thank you!



**NEXT CATHOLIC CAFÉ:**

Join your fellow parishioners for a special Christmas Café after Masses on **December 21 & 22.** We look forward to seeing you there!

**AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME DESK**

**Advent devotion booklets:** A great resource to prepare for Christmas! \$2.00/booklet  
**Sunday Missals:** Missals for the new liturgical year. \$5.00/missal  
**Calendars:** 2020 Catholic Art Calendars. \$3.00

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020**

Please pick up your 2020 envelopes, located 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

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**

*Family Mass with Pageant*

\* *Children's Ministry for JK-Gr 4  
& Shuttle Service*

**7:00 p.m.**

\* *Children's Ministry for JK-Gr 4  
& Shuttle Service*

**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.

\**Shuttle Service:* A shuttle bus will be running from St. Gabriel School to our parish where indicated above.

**JINGLE JAM** – Christmas Children's Ministry Program: All children from JK to grade 4 are welcome to join our Jingle Jam program at the 5 pm and 7 pm Christmas Eve Masses. We have a special gift to share with you this Christmas!

### **MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Christmas is a wonderful time to reach out to our wider Hespeler community and share the joy of the newborn Christ! We need extra ministers for Holy Communion, lectors, ushers and parking ministers to welcome and help our guests have a great Christmas experience at St. Mary's. Please sign up!

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES:** Fr. Love will be available for confession following the morning Mass on Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20. Confession on Sat., Dec. 21 will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Please note the deadlines for submitting bulletin announcements to the office: December 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletin – submit by Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., December 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin – submit by Thursday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin – submit by Monday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Thank you to everyone for your participation! 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.)

**CHAPEL OF ADORATION:** Thank you to all the parishioners who showed interest in becoming members of our Adoration Chapel. Remember, Jesus cannot be outdone in generosity. Whatever we give to Him, He gives back a hundredfold. For more information please call: Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414

**LOST AND FOUND TABLE:** There are many items to be claimed! Mitts, gloves, water bottles, glasses, umbrellas, etc. Please see the table in the hallway to the parking lot. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

**HEY YOUNG ADULTS!** *Crossroads has returned!* This is a monthly gathering for young adults and the young at heart where you can meet other like-minded individuals. The setup will be a board game social with an element of prayer and discussion. We'll meet on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm! **The next meeting is Thursday, December 19.** Bring your friends, your young children are also welcome! Contact Imogen at 519-221-0252 for more information.

### **BE A PARKING LOT MESSENGER OF CHEER!**

We are looking for people to help make our Christmas Eve Masses as *welcoming* and *safe* as possible. We need assistance starting at 4pm on Christmas Eve. What a great way to start your Christmas celebration - by wishing "Merry Christmas" to so many of your friends as you help direct them into their parking spaces! If you are interested and available to help out, please sign up in the sacristy or contact the parish office.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**VOCATIONS:** "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



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