

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"*





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



CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:

Sat., Dec. 18: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 21: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Wed, Dec. 22: 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m

SEATING AT CHRISTMAS MASSES: Seating is first come, first served. Please only attend the Mass time in which you are registered. Groups of 1, 2 or 3 are asked to use the smaller side pews and groups of 4 or 5 can use the middle pews. The middle pews can also seat 2 single parties, one on each end of the pew. In order to better seat everyone, you may be asked to relocate. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Ushers assist in seating you and your families.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.
 + Audrey Athavale

Wednesday, December 22 at 8 a.m.
 + Ines Chaves

Thursday, December 23 at 8 a.m.
 + Mary Fitzgerald

Friday, December 24
 (No Morning Mass)

REGISTRATION CLOSED: ALL Masses for December 24 & 25 are at maximum capacity. Please only attend the Mass time in which you are registered.

If you have registered and you are unable to attend, please notify the office: 519-658-4443 or stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Have you ever considered giving the gift of prayer to someone this Christmas? What a lovely gift it is to offer a Holy Hour for a friend or a loved one in need! Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available from Sunday at 12:00 p.m. through Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (*The chapel closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and re-opens at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday*) Come visit Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and prepare your heart for Christmas. For more information call: Sheila Mauser at 519 658 9414.



CONGRATULATIONS to Emily and Steven who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 11th!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

ALL Masses for December 24 & 25 are at maximum seating capacity

Friday, December 24

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

Saturday, December 25

11:00 a.m.

(No evening Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, Dec. 26

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

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m. (Friday, December 31st)

11:00 a.m. (Saturday, January 1, 2022)

(No evening Mass on Jan. 1st)

Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, January 2

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

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



Christmas Office Hours

Wednesday, December 22nd: Closed
 Thursday, December 23rd: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 December 24th to 29th: Closed
 December 30th: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 December 31st: Closing at 1:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS:

- **Face masks are mandatory** inside the church at all times.
- Please arrive at church with your own properly fitted face mask.
- Please **maintain physical distancing** and refrain from socializing in the church.
- Please make use of the hand sanitizers provided at the entrance.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: In December, we warmly welcomed into our family of faith through Baptism: *Dax B., Madeline H., Nyla B., Junia A., and Hazel A.* 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, and following the current restrictions and health and safety protocols.



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 all of our parishioners a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. We hope to get together with all of the ladies of the parish one day soon!

PARISH OFFERINGS
December 11-12

Sunday Envelopes (93):	\$4,952.00
Loose Offerings:	\$225.10
Floral Tributes:	\$195.00
Christmas Offerings (3)	\$225.00

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'.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Work on the church retaining wall on the rectory side of the church will conclude shortly. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the Building Fund to help cover the cost of this repair.

YEAR-END GIVING: Please remember that only donations made *prior* to December 31st, 2021, can be applied for income tax credit for this year. We kindly ask that any donations to the Parish are **submitted by Thursday, December 30th at 12 noon.** Mail slots in the office doors can be safely used when the door is locked. Thank you.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR
December 20 – December 25

Monday	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Tuesday	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
Friday	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Saturday	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>

VOCATIONS: Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY: HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES - The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on **Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th**, and will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by ticket only.

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