

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



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

Attending Mass in these pandemic days: A reminder that face masks or coverings are mandatory at Mass and they must be properly worn. Please respect the social distancing and do not sit near those outside of your household. If you wish to receive communion on the tongue you must wait until all others have gone to communion and only receive from the priest. Please stay at home if you are sick or feeling unwell. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is still waived for the time being. You are not obliged to attend Mass if, in any way, you feel uncomfortable.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 28 at 7 p.m.
+ Gary Freiburger

Wednesday, December 29 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Ed Teixeira

Thursday, December 30 at 8 a.m.
+ Rick Oliveira

Friday, December 31
(No Morning Mass)
5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022
11:00 a.m.
(No Evening Mass)

New Year's Day: On the eighth day of Christmas (January 1st), we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. In Canada this is a Holy Day of Obligation - 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 11:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY:

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

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

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.

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



Thanks to all who sent gifts, cards and wishes to the parish office and rectory. Thank you for your generosity. A special thanks to Loris Manni for her hard work organizing the decorations for the church this year. Thank you also to the family of our parish that donated this year's Christmas tree.
Father Ed



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

Saying THANK YOU does not cover the feelings of gratitude we have for your generosity throughout the year and especially this Christmas season when you opened your hearts and wallets to help our Hespeler neighbors have a very joyful and "warm" Christmas. The moms loved their warm blankets and chocolates and were so ever thankful for the gifts for their children! Our Single/Adult households were also very grateful for their warm blankets, chocolates and gift cards. We delivered over 30 Christmas Bags to our Senior parishioners living in Senior/Long Term Homes. We thank Knights of Columbus again this year for the abundance of coats that we provided to families. We also give a big thank you to our schools who have stocked our pantry, further than the brim, with their amazing food drives! We are so blessed in this parish to have a SVDP Society where both members and parishioners come together to spread the love and joy of Christ. Now Faith, Hope and Love remain – and the greatest of these is LOVE! Thank you for showing your love this Christmas – there is a lot of warmth wrapped around Hespeler/Cambridge this season!



December 24th to 29th: Closed
Thursday, December 30th:
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, December 31st:
Closing at 1:00 p.m.

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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Have you considered donating to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. You can find the brochure and authorization form on our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Additional copies coming soon! Missals for the new Liturgical Year will soon be available for purchase. (\$5)

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 18-19

To be reported in next bulletin

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for DECEMBER 2021

Sunday Offerings (75):	\$ 4,490.00
Building Fund (45):	\$ 850.00

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'.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the parish bulletin via email each week, please visit our parish website and scroll down the home page to 'subscribe to bulletin'!

VOCATIONS: 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 to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 27 – January 1

Monday	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tuesday	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wednesday	Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)
Thursday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Saturday	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared a beautiful resource for families to share

and pray together in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. As we face new concerns with COVID-19 and in-person celebrations, this resource will be helpful in guiding your devotions at home.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/holyfamily2021/>

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY:

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 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. Visit

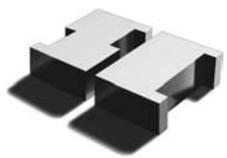
<https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. **The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022.** For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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