

# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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Rev. Ed Henhoeffler, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael Foulger, Permanent Deacon

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## SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m.  
Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and

7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All are welcome.

## PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call Sheila at 519-658-9414.

## 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 OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by completing a form located at the parish entrances.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or  
by appointment.

## 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

Please contact the office and Father Ed and Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 6	7:00 p.m.	+ Jim Haney + Joey Woods + Frank Ryan	Mildred Scapinello The Woods Family Chris O'Neill
Wednesday, December 7	8:00 a.m.	+ Ron Milne	The Milne Family
Thursday, December 8	8:00 a.m.	+ Mary Manni & Tony Pellegrini	Anna Altomare
Friday, December 9	8:00 a.m.	+ Judith Becker	Megan Lam & Family
Saturday, December 10	5:00 p.m.	+ Frank Ryan + Stanislav Kubala + Ines Chaves and Family + Percy Miranda	Anna Altomare The Kubala Family Carmen Chaves The Miranda Family

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**\*Please see the special bulletin insert  
for the complete schedule \***



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** In November, we warmly welcomed into our family of faith through Baptism: *Lucas B., Dario M., Eli R., Raya R., River R., and Ryla R.* May the Lord bless them as they begin their journey of faith as disciples of Jesus.

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAPEL

Our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration will mark its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. For 20 years, a steady stream of pilgrims have been making their way to this hallowed place – the joyful, the sorrowful, the sick, the lonely, the depressed, the skeptical and the grateful – giving thanks for the many blessings received from God. They come seeking the peace of Jesus Christ which is found in the silence of the chapel. Kneeling before the Real Presence, His compassion, understanding, forgiveness and love sweeps all around. There are several hours still available. If you would like more information, please call Sheila or Frank - (519) 658-9414.



### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

You are invited with your family to light the Advent Wreath at one of the weekend Masses during Advent. Please sign up at the back of the church.

### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Saturday, December 17: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 20: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** All are invited for coffee, juice and Christmas treats next **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Stop by and say hello to your fellow parishioners!

**ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES:** Join us for the final Saturday morning on **December 10** as Father Ed leads us through a look at the document *Lumen Gentium*, (The Light of the Nations) which is the Council's document on the nature of the Church. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a talk in the Parish Centre, concluding at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** This year the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is asking the parish to help provide gifts to the families that they serve. In the foyer and church hall there are two Christmas trees with tags attached. **Take a tag by Dec. 4, record your name in the book provided and return the unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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 pick up a floral tribute form at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!

**PARISH OFFERINGS**  
**November 26-27, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes (118): \$3,989.00  
Loose Offerings: \$ 287.10

***Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.***

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)



**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place

on **Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent**, and is known as *Bambinelli Sunday*. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses to be blessed as we celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and, as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

Our collection for November was \$2839.25. Thank you to all for your generosity!

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Offertory envelopes for the coming year are available in the parish hallway **in alphabetical order**. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Rosanne in the parish office: 519-658-4443, [stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com)



**TURKEY SUPPER:** The CWL will be hosting their annual Turkey Supper on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** in our Parish Cafe. The Rosary will be prayed at 5:30pm

followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Turkey Supper will be around 6:30. Turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce will be provided. You are asked to contribute your favourite dish. We will provide all the place settings for the Christmas meal. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Bring a friend and come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



**SCULPTURE SALE:** This weekend, **December 3-4**, the Knights of Columbus Council #4916 will have a display in the narthex of religious and hockey sculptures

by Timothy P. Schmalz. The cost is a good will offering for the sculpture of your choice. All proceeds from the donations will be donated to the Knights of Columbus Charities. Donations can be cash or cheque (*payable to Knights of Columbus Council 4916*).

**MEETING:** The Knights of Columbus, Council 4916 December meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St Gregory the Great Church, upper floor by the kitchen.



**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:**

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real '*reason for the season*'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. *From: Family Ministry Office.*

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**  
**December 5 – December 10**

Monday	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Tuesday	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican)(O.P)
Thursday	Rev. John Van Hees
Friday	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
Saturday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: IN THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES** on **Monday, December 12** from 7pm-9pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us for a presentation from the Honourable Graydon Nicholas, Chancellor of Saint Thomas University, New Brunswick, and former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the National Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, we will reflect together on the significance of the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. This presentation will be available for attendance in person or streamed live via the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King YouTube page.

Register at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

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