

# 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.



*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.**

+ Nelson, Serafina, Manuel Barcelos

**Wednesday, February 19 at 8 a.m.**

+ Margaret McLennon

**Thursday, February 20 at 8 a.m.**

Grandparents of the Nguyen Family

**Friday, February 21 at 8 a.m.**

+ Peter Peori

**Saturday, February 22 at 5 p.m.**

Intentions of the Avelar Family

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday	Rev. Luc Payette
Tuesday	Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
Wednesday	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D)
Thursday	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Friday	Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, S.J.
Saturday	Rev. Scott Whitfield

**CHAPEL OF ADORATION**

Our Adoration Chapel is open for all to make a quiet visit any time. To find out more about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration please call: Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**February 8/9, 2020**

Envelope Offerings (160):	\$3,354.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 259.75
Building Fund:	\$ 328.00
Seminary Education:	\$ 410.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY:**

Our Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 17th** for the Family Day Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTORAL MINISTER**

Next weekend we officially welcome Catherine Quinto, our new Pastoral Minister. Catherine will be leading the Children's Ministry Program as well as the preparations for First Communion and First Reconciliation.

A little bit about Catherine: *"I grew up in Cambridge and am currently living in Preston. I was an active member of my Catholic youth group from the age of 12 years old until 22 years old. In 2019, I finished my degree in Music Education, Voice emphasis from the Conservatory of Music of the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. I am now a music teacher and have always been active in sacramental life and enthusiastic in continuously learning about my faith. Last December 2019 I got engaged and I am now looking towards my wedding in July 2020."*

**PARENT AND CHILD GATHERING:** A reminder that there will be a gathering for all children and parents that are preparing for First Reconciliation. **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Attendance is mandatory.



**PARISH POTLUCK DINNER:** Join your fellow parishioners for a *Taste of St. Mary's* - a parish potluck to bring together the diversity of our parish families through cuisine. **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**at 5 p.m.** Hosted by the CWL. Please sign up next to the welcome desk with the number of people attending and the dish you plan to bring. We look forward to seeing you at the first social event of 2020!



**CATHOLIC CAFE:** Join us this weekend, **February 15 and 16**, after all Masses. *We wish Fr. Love a very special happy birthday!*

**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. **The next meeting is Thursday, February 20** from 6:30pm-8pm! Bring your friends, your young children are also welcome! Contact Imogen at 519-221-0252 for more information.

**2019 TAX RECEIPTS:** Annual Tax Receipts for the 2019 year are available for pick-up in the parking lot hallway. Please check your name carefully and only pick up your own envelope. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed by February 18<sup>th</sup>.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**  
The World Day of Prayer will be held in our Church on **Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. The Prayer Service will be in honour of the people in

Zimbabwe, Africa. Everyone is welcome to come and offer prayers and support for this country. An invitation has been sent to our neighbouring churches to join us and to participate in this World Day of Prayer. A social will be held in our parish centre immediately following the prayer service. Come and pray with us and offer your support for Zimbabwe.



### THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m. Please watch for details.

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### February 22/23 – TEAM A

Thank you to the volunteers who have started to use our new scheduling program. If you did not receive the introduction email to this program please contact Rosanne in the office. Volunteers that prefer not to use the program are asked to pick up a printed copy of your ministry schedule in the sacristy or the office. Thank you for your patience as we all get familiar with this new program. Please call or email the office if you have any questions or concerns.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH:** Catholic Women's Conference: **Saturday March 28, 2020.** Keynote Speakers: Colleen Carroll Campbell & Kimberly Hahn. Registration: 8:30am, Conference: 9:00 am Mass: 4:00 pm LOCATION: Le Tréport Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga. For more information call 416-907-1042 or visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

**SERRA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER:** Celebrate the anniversaries of Priests, Consecrated/Religious Brothers and Sisters who have served 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 + years in the Diocese of Hamilton with members of the Serra Club on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** at Liuna Station, Hamilton. Those called to ordination or to profess final vows will also be present. For more information: contact Margaret Carreiro at [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com) or via <https://celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner>



### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please take a registration form from the poster located at the parking lot entrance or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Father Ron Rolheiser Retreat:** March 6-8, 2020  
Theme: Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. To register or for more information call 905-278-5229.

**Stress in Your Marriage? Rediscover Joy in Your Relationship!** *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about, or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**SHRINES OF QUEBEC PILGRIMAGE:** Overland Tours is organizing a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Think about joining us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines and much more. For more information, contact Rose Gunn at 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt at 519-766-5262.

**UNPLANNED MOVIE:** Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, UNPLANNED. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, **Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm.** (Doors open at 6 pm). For further information, call the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext 2250. The registration link can be found online at [www.hamiltonrighttolife.org](http://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org) While the movie showing is free, donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.



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