

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.

Children's Ministry: Programs are suspended until further notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.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 closed until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

Current restrictions do not allow our Ministers of Communion to enter nursing homes or hospitals at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

INFORMATION ON PARISH CLOSURE:

Thank you for your patience as we await an update from the Diocese regarding the re-opening of Churches. Please continue to check the parish website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca for updates and information.

In addition to the provincial health measures in effect, the Diocese of Hamilton has provided the following directives to all parishes:

- No public Masses, No Communion services.
- No Eucharistic Adoration.
- Baptisms are postponed.
- Weddings and funerals allowed with a maximum of 10 people but no mass, all guidelines must be adhered to.
- Confession is permitted by appointment only. Please call or email the parish to make an appointment.
- Offices remain closed to the public.
- All meetings must be done virtually.

You can still reach us by phone: 519-658-4443 or by email: stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com



LIVESTREAMED AND PRERECORDED MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON:

As we cannot gather in person, parishes throughout the Diocese are providing the opportunity to watch both livestreams and prerecorded Masses. Please see the list on the Diocesan website:

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



Ash Wednesday, February 17th, begins the Holy Season of Lent. The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program

that can be celebrated at home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church.

February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. Pope Francis writes: *"...the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."*



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE:

Bishop Crosby would love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, and so we encourage couples to register for their wedding anniversary certificate on the Hamilton Diocese website: www.hamiltondiocese.com. Please also inform Fr. Love if you are celebrating a special anniversary this year!

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: You may have noticed that the parish has a new phone system which allows for access to more information and voice messaging options. A very special thank you to City-Com Communications for their generous donation to our parish!



CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thank you for your generous pledges to date! As of Friday, January 29th, St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has

received 86 gifts totaling \$139,313!

We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make! Please mail in your gift or make an online pledge at www.oneheartonesoul.ca/give. For more information about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca

PARISH OFFERINGS

To be reported next week.

Thank you for your continued support during the parish closure.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish during the closure, please visit <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>

2020 TAX RECEIPTS: Annual Tax Receipts for the 2020 year have been mailed. Please contact the parish office if you have not received your tax receipt within the next few weeks (*delays with Canada Post may occur due to Covid*)

SEMINARY OFFERING – FEBRUARY 7, 2021

This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians within the Hamilton Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY MISSALS AND MISSALETTES are available for parishioners to pick up in the entrance to the parish office, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. You are also invited to pick up a **2021 Catholic Calendar**.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This time last year we reached out to the ladies of the parish and invited anyone 16 years and older to consider joining/rejoining our parish CWL to journey with us in a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship. We said then, and we'll say now, *"We know you have unique and valuable gifts that are meant to be discovered, developed and shared, so come join us!"*. The response to our invitation was wonderful! Unfortunately, the pandemic shut us down less than two months later, but not before we had a few events that had ladies attend in numbers we had not seen in several years! And throughout the pandemic you still helped by offering your assistance at seven First Holy Communion Masses. We hope you consider joining/rejoining again this year – we need you more than ever! We also hope and pray the pandemic reduces to a point where we can come back to our church and become involved as we were last year, and more! Our 2021 membership fee of \$30.00 is due in early February. You can use your CWL blue envelope and drop it off at the parish office between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. Those wishing to provide a cheque can make it payable to Catholic Women's League or CWL. If you have any questions or would like a pick up please call Chris at 519-400-3657. Thank you, Ladies – let's keep up the enthusiasm again this year!

VOCATIONS: Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

February 8 – February 13

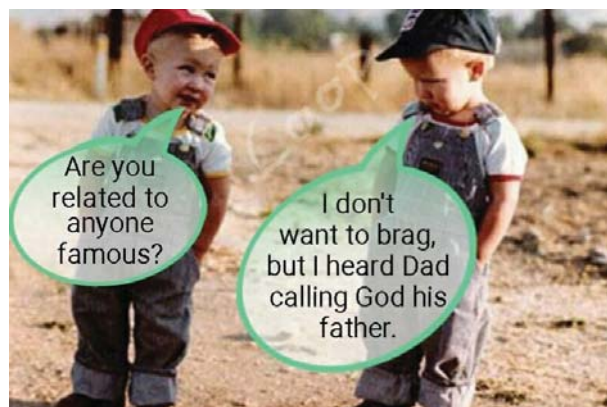
Monday	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday	Rev. Tim Theriault
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.



CHARITY DRAW: Ontario State has replaced the Car raffle with the NEW 50-50 K OF C CHARITY DRAW. People wishing to purchase tickets simply visit the Ontario Knights of Columbus draw site: www.kofcontario5050.com and follow the instructions on how to purchase their tickets. The tickets sell 100 for \$40.00, 40 for \$20.00 and 15 for \$10.00. Confirmation of sale and ticket numbers will follow in an email. **In the billing info section (Step 2) select "Cambridge 4916" from the drop-down menu, this credits our Council for the sale.** The early bird prize draw of \$2,500 will be on February 14, 2021. The grand prize draw will be on April 01, 2021. If anyone would like more information, contact Dan Schmalz at 519-650-5523.

THE CCCB OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS is preparing a four-session webinar series titled *Nurturing Friendship – The Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti*. The four sessions will be offered from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays: March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, and March 23rd. Our own Monsignor Murray Kroetsch will launch the series with a reflection on Chapter 1 of Fratelli Tutti. The second session will feature Dr. Josephine Lombardi on Chapter 2 of the Encyclical – why the parable of the Good Samaritan is a paradigm for Pope Francis' vision of social friendship. The Diocese of Hamilton will be well-represented by them. Interested? You are invited to register to participate in the engaging webinar – a perfect way to nurture your faith during the holy season of Lent! More information will soon be available on the CCCB website.

COMMUNITY PROJECT: The Cambridge Poppy Project wants to put 10,000 poppies on display outside the Idea Exchange locations in Cambridge this November in honour of Remembrance Day. Anyone who knits/crochets is invited to participate. Visit www.cambridgepoppyproject.ca for information and patterns.



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