

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 4 at 7 p.m.

+ Myrtle Roche

Wednesday, February 5 at 8 a.m.

+ Martin Wagner

Thursday, February 6 at 8 a.m.

+ Alfred and Stephen Gibson

Friday, February 7 at 8 a.m.

+ Ying Yuen Soo

Saturday, February 8 at 5 p.m.

+ Maurice Roche

+ Domenico Altomare

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Tuesday	Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday	Rev. Antonio Cunha
Friday	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Saturday	Rev. Ross Campbell

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

January 25/26, 2020

Envelope Offerings (184):	\$4,071.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 342.05
Building Fund:	\$ 215.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

February 8/9 – TEAM C

New schedule coming soon!

CONFIRMATION 2020

On January 29th and January 30th, many of our Grade 7 students received the sacrament of Confirmation! On behalf of our entire community, we would like to congratulate our Confirmandi on this important milestone in their faith journeys.



CATHOLIC CAFE is a fun way to get to know other parishioners while enjoying a delicious treat or simply having a hot or cool beverage. This special event takes place

once a month. We encourage you to stop into the parish centre for Catholic Cafe. Cafe dates are posted in advance in the parish bulletin. At this time we are looking for volunteers to assist with the Cafe at the 9 am and 11 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to get some volunteer hours or individuals to give back to the parish.

For inquires please e-mail lizrobpedro@rogers.com

Save the date! The next Catholic Café will take place on **February 15 and 16** after all Masses. We hope to see you there!

PARENT AND CHILD GATHERING

DATE CHANGE

The gathering scheduled for Thursday, February 6th has been rescheduled to **Thursday, February 27th at 7 p.m.** This is for all children and parents preparing for First Reconciliation. Attendance is mandatory.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – FEB. 2

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. **Candles blessed on this day are available at the Welcome Desk.**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020: Our Photo Directory Committee will be working on the editorial pages of our directory over the next few months. **WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! We are looking for pictures from events and gatherings for our collage pages.** Please submit these to the parish office. Digital photos should be a minimum of 1MB. Printed photos should be from 2" x 3" up to 8" x 10" and clear/high quality. Thanks!

DID YOU KNOW? You can access the bulletin on our parish website! www.stmaryhespeler.ca/bulletin

PARISH POTLUCK DINNER: We are bringing back a *Taste of St. Mary's* - a parish potluck to bring together the diversity of our parish families through cuisine. Date: **Sunday, February 23rd at 5 p.m.** Hosted by the CWL. Please sign up - starting Feb. 8 - 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!

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS! Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to meet other youth with similar values? Come to our monthly Da Crew meetup! Each month we'll learn more about our faith, eat snacks, play games, and have fun. The setup is an open forum where we discuss topics that are relevant to you and answer any questions you may have. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm! **Our next meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2020.** Bring your friends!



Thank you to all who took a copy of our CWL brochure during our membership drive. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a member. While we realize many have busy schedules and are overloaded with many commitments we would like to set your mind at ease to let you know your joining us will not add another task to your already busy schedule. Whatever time you can give us it strictly up to you, whether that be saying a prayer for a member to assisting in one of our events to coming together for a ladies day. The greatest support you can offer is your prayers! Also when you join the CWL "our" VOICE becomes stronger in lobbying for change in Government issues. Thank You!

KNITTING PROJECT: Are you looking for a winter project? Vests and toques help to prevent pneumonia in Third World babies and toddlers, and doctors treating children in poor or war-torn countries ask for teddy bears to cuddle. Patterns are simple, and there is an abundant supply of donated yarn and wool. Everything is stored in the cupboards just down the stairs from the Chapel - and new volunteers are always welcome.

SEMINARY EDUCATION COLLECTION - FEB. 2
This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians within the Hamilton Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU: The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The total collection for January was \$704.25.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: Development & Peace invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, held at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener on **February 12th at 7pm.** Our Share Lent campaign this year, 'For Our Common Home', invites Canadian Catholics to learn about the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest for the survival of humanity, and introduces you to some of our incredible partners and the communities that they serve, who struggle every day to protect this precious piece of Creation. View our campaign webpage: www.dev.org/lent/resources

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes: February 11
Holy hour & Rosary begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass. We reflect on how the apparitions of Our Lady, over 150 years ago, remain relevant and can inspire us. We will consider how this memorial can once again remind us about our own poverty and brokenness, the power of prayer, and the importance of Our Lady's Son, Jesus Christ, as our savior. Join Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton for this time of reflection and refreshments in the parish hall.

ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL: Are you separated and divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30pm** at St Michael Parish (80 University Ave. West, Waterloo) in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social - you belong! Register on line on our website - <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>, Email - parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY: Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region. Purchase a ticket today at www.ccfowr.org/lottery OR call (519) 747-5661!

PRAYER VIGIL - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

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