

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.



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. **Sunday, February 23rd 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!



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 11

1:30 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's Place

7 p.m. + Ludvika Winnicki

Wednesday, February 12 at 8 a.m.

+ Joey Woods

Thursday, February 13 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Cleusa & Terry Harris

Friday, February 14 at 8 a.m.

+ Alfred Crichton

Saturday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

+ Armandino Santos

+ Alois & Ida Maier

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tuesday	Rev. William Foote
Wednesday	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.J.C)
Thursday	Rev. Robert Love
Friday	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Saturday	Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

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 1/2, 2020

Envelope Offerings (154):	\$3,177.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 202.55
Building Fund:	\$ 710.00
Seminary Education:	\$ 340.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

February 15/16 – TEAM D

Please check your email for details on our new scheduling program.

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS FOR 2019: Through the generous donations of parishioners (*Catholic Café*), parish groups, and our parish schools (*Hats for Haiti*), we collected a total of \$6,453.00!

These funds have been forwarded to Chalice in support of the following students and projects:
\$ 444 – Annual child sponsorship of Derby Andre
\$1,712 – Food relief for Haiti North
\$2,682 – Education costs for Jean-Vanel Labranche, post-secondary student in Haiti in his final year.
\$1,615 – Water project in Asembo, Kenya.
The Chalice Organization is extremely grateful for our contributions. If you would like additional information, please contact the parish office or visit www.chalice.ca



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

THE SEASON OF LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 26th. 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.

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 18th. Per the CRA, donations received on or after January 1, 2020 will appear on your 2020 contribution record. Thank you for your understanding.

PRE -AUTHORIZED GIVING: To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Mary of the Visitation Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to the parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account, and donated on the 15th of each month, directly to the parish. Forms are available at the entrances to the church and at our Welcome Desk. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for considering this giving option.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: 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 that were blessed on this day are available at the Welcome Desk.**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of ST. MARY will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 11th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All ladies are invited to attend.

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. Whatever time you can give us is 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!



The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement Church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: Development & Peace invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, held at St. Francis Church, 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. Visit: www.dev.org/len/resources

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

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 or via <https://celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner>

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK is February 11, 2020 The ministry 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 to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): 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, 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 online on our website – <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>, Email - parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.

PARENTING TIP: Hugs, kisses, spending time together and looking after our children's needs are all ways of letting them know they are loved, but experts are telling us we also need to use words to convey this important message. I love you - three simple words with a powerful impact. Children, especially as they age, need to hear us tell them they are loved, over and over again. So tell them you love them each time you greet them, remind them you love them as they leave, say goodnight and add those three powerful words and your child will know that they are indeed loved!

MARRIAGE TIP: February is often referred to as the month of love, since we celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th. Real love isn't a fairy tale though – it takes time and effort, good communication and spending time together. This Valentine's Day go big: write each other a love letter, write out a list of the 10 things you most love about your spouse, commit to a date night each month on the 14th to keep the love day alive, look through your wedding album together and remember that moment when you united your love into one. Perhaps most importantly, commit to praying together each day because God is always present to give us strength when we need it!

ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor): ANCOP is a registered charity that is working to assist those in need following the recent violent Taal volcano eruptions in the Philippines. For those who would like to donate or learn more about ANCOP, please visit www.ancop.ca

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