

# 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, January 21**

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

7 p.m. + Marlene Roche

**Wednesday, January 22 at 8 a.m.**

+ Molly Roche

**Thursday, January 23 at 8 a.m.**

+ John Rainford

**Friday, January 24 at 8 a.m.**

+ Artemio Parada

**Saturday, January 25 at 5 p.m.**

+ Peter Peori

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tuesday	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Wednesday	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thursday	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Friday	Rev. John Schnurr
Saturday	Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

**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 11/12, 2020**

Envelope Offerings (163):	\$3,084.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 388.50
Building Fund:	\$ 490.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule  
January 25/26 – TEAM A**

**CONFIRMATION 2020**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Our Lady of Fatima School and St. Gabriel School*

**Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

*St. Elizabeth School and Other Schools*

**PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.*

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Reminder of Rehearsals:**

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. for those attending the January 29th Celebration.

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. – for those attending the January 30th Celebration

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020:** Our Photo Directory Committee will be putting together the directory over the next few months. **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!

**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, January 23** from 6:30pm-8pm! Bring your friends, your young children are also welcome! Contact Imogen at 519-221-0252 for more information.

**BIBLE SUNDAY:** Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday. This year it will be observed on **Sunday, January 26, 2020.** Prayer Cards will be distributed at Mass on the weekend of January 25-26th. Order forms for Bibles will also be available. We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God.

### EASTER PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal candle is a rich symbol of our faith. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega `the beginning and the end') and the current year; then affixes the five grains of incense. The Paschal candle remains in the Sanctuary on its special candle stand during the full 50 days of the Easter season, and is lit for liturgical services during that time. After Pentecost the candle will be placed next to the baptismal font. **Baptisms:** The candle is lit during all baptisms throughout the year, passing the light of Christ to each person baptized, starting with the Catechumens at the Easter Vigil service.

**Funerals:** The candle may also be used at funeral services, and placed next to the casket during a funeral Mass. At funeral services it is a reminder that the sacrament of Baptism is itself a death and resurrection in Christ, and testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.

*If you would like to donate a new Paschal Candle to the parish, you will receive the candle for your home at the end of the liturgical year. Please contact the office or speak with Fr. Love if you are interested or would like more information.*



**CWL MEMBERSHIP:** The Catholic Women's League will be holding their membership drive this weekend. Our CWL members will be at all entrances handing out brochures – we ask all ladies to take a copy and consider making 2020 the year you journey with us in a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship. For more information please email: [cwlhspeler@gmail.com](mailto:cwlhspeler@gmail.com) or call Angela at 519-658-9143 or Carol at 519-658-9432. To all current members, the 2020 membership fee of \$30.00 is due in January.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer this year on **Friday, March 6, 2020.** The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries. This year's theme is "Rise, Take up your Mat and Walk". All are welcome to attend the first meeting hosted by CWL this **Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm** in the parish hall. Please come and consider taking part in the activities.

**PARENT AND CHILD GATHERING:** A reminder that there will be a gathering for all children preparing for and parents that are preparing for First Reconciliation. **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Attendance is mandatory.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Don't miss out on the 2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!** 40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!! 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](http://www.ccfowr.org/lottery) OR call (519) 747-5661 to purchase over the phone!

### Full Day Conference: Healing is Possible

We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or wounds caused by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing.

**February 1, 2020** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, Milton. The conference includes Mass, lunch, testimonials and speakers. To register: contact Ester at 416-990-3136 or <http://regnumchristiontario.org/event/healing-is-possible/>

### Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills –

"Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten-week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! **In Kitchener:** At St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener (519-571-9200) Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. **January 28 - March 24.** The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS:** Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over?" Well if you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then feel free to call RAY ST. CARTIER: 519-622-5928 or Fr. GARY SCHLACK: 519-364-1973 or MARY ANN KIRKONNELL: 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart! De Colores!

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