

# *St. Mary of the Visitation Parish*

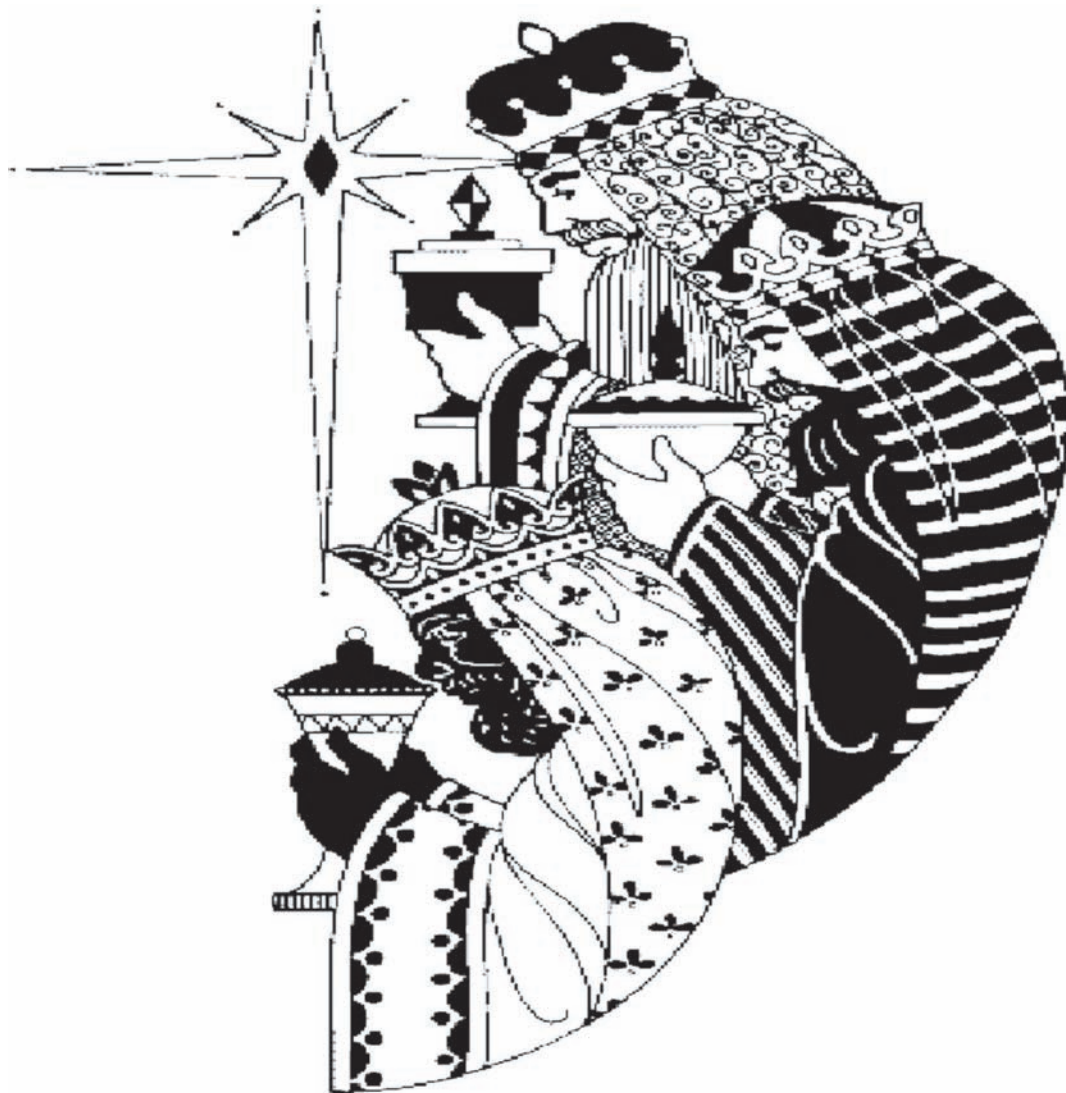
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*"We are connected to our past, committed to our future and compassionately focussed on being  
a Family of Faith with something for everyone"*



*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



**WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH**

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration form at the church entrance or complete an online form: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners)



**Thank you** to all of our parish volunteers for the generosity of your time over the busy Christmas season. A special thanks to our music ministry volunteers for your contribution to our Christmas liturgies.



*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, January 4 at 7 p.m.**  
Intentions of Patrick Henderson

**Wednesday, January 5 at 8 a.m.**  
Intentions of the Staff & Students of Our Lady of Fatima School

**Thursday, January 6 at 8 a.m.**  
Intentions of Anna Altomare

**Friday, January 7 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Maria Fernandes

**Saturday, January 8 at 5 p.m.**  
+ Luis Barcelos



**JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY:**

The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available from Sunday at 12:00 p.m. through Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (*The chapel closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and re-opens at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday*) Come visit Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and prepare your heart for Christmas. For more information call: Sheila Mauser at 519 658 9414.

**Attending Mass in these pandemic days:** A reminder that face masks or coverings are mandatory at Mass and they must be properly worn. Please respect the social distancing and do not sit near those outside of your household. If you wish to receive communion on the tongue you must wait until all others have gone to communion and only receive from the priest. Please stay at home if you are sick or feeling unwell. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is still waived for the time being. You are not obliged to attend Mass if, in any way, you feel uncomfortable.



**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

*Closing at 1:00 p.m.*

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Closed**

Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the hallway along the parking lot. Please contact the office if you cannot locate your box or if you would like a set of envelopes for 2022.

**2021 TAX RECEIPTS:** Annual Tax Receipts for the 2021 year will be available for pick-up in early February. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed by February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you moved in 2021, please provide your new mailing address to the parish office. Per the CRA, donations received on, or after, January 1, 2022 will appear on your 2022 contribution record. Thank you for your understanding.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022**

With the Covid situation still in flux it is very difficult to move forward with planning. A decision regarding dates and times will be made soon. Parents with children in grade 2 and grade 7 who have not yet registered are asked to register online as soon as possible.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR****January 3 – January 8**

Monday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:** Have you considered donating to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. You can find the brochure and authorization form on our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>.

**PARISH OFFERINGS****December 18-19**

Sunday Envelopes (94):	\$3,194.25
Loose Offerings:	\$274.95
Christmas Offerings (8)	\$310.00

**December 24-26**

*To be reported in next bulletin*

**Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.**

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)

**VOCATIONS:** “On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton.

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

[www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY:** The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on **Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th**, and will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*. The presentations, by Zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Visit <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

*Dear Lord,*

*We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.*

*May we take the time to get to know You.*

*Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread*

*Your word,*

*May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,*

*so that in turn, they can see You in us.*

*We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen.*

*This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives.*

*In this new year,*

*let us realize that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You.*

*Let us accept You in our lives,*

*in the way it pleases You,*

*as Truth, to be spoken,*

*as Life, to be lived,*

*as Light, to be lighted,*

*as Love, to be followed,*

*as Joy, to be given,*

*as Peace, to be spread about,*

*as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people.*

**Amen.**

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