

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 28 at 7 p.m.

+ Christiaan Oei

Wednesday, January 29 at 8 a.m.

+ Martha Wagner

7 p.m. Confirmation Mass

Thursday, January 30 at 8 a.m.

+ Percy Miranda

7 p.m. Confirmation Mass

Friday, January 31 at 8 a.m.

+ Patrick Allen

Saturday, February 1 at 5 p.m.

+ Esmenia & Santiago Ballesteros

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Sims
Wednesday	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)
Thursday	Rev. Michael Downey
Friday	Rev. Martin Vallely
Saturday	Rev. Joseph Michel

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

Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of January

Monthly Offerings (75):	\$4,375.00
Building Fund (51):	\$1,185.00

January 18/19, 2020

Envelope Offerings (123):	\$2,399.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 377.10
Building Fund:	\$ 60.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



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. 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 will be available at Mass.

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!

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 again 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: cwlhespeler@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.** All are welcome to attend the first meeting hosted by CWL this **Monday, January 27 at 7 pm** in the Hearth Room. Please come and consider taking part in the activities.

LEND US A HAND: Our Welcome Desk and Usher Ministry are in need of a few more volunteers. Training provided. Please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or contact the office.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS: Annual Tax Receipts for the 2019 year will be available for pick-up in early February. 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please take a registration form from the poster located at the parking lot entrance or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com to register.

Don't miss out on the 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!

CURSILLO: 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!

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