

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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 14 at 7 p.m.

Intentions of the Avelar Family

Wednesday, January 15 at 8 a.m.

+ Joey Woods

Thursday, January 16 at 8 a.m.

+ Armandino Santos

Friday, January 17 at 8 a.m.

+ Mary Hilker

Saturday, January 18 at 5 p.m.

+ Germano Rego

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Wednesday	Youth Ministers
Thursday	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Friday	Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza, C.S.C.
Saturday	Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.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

Dec 31, 2019 / January 1, 2020

Envelope Offerings:	\$2,524.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 185.25
Building Fund:	\$ 40.00

January 4/5, 2020

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,733.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 637.80
Building Fund:	\$ 490.00

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.

Reminder of Rehearsals:

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for those attending the January 29th Celebration.

Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – for those attending the January 30th Celebration

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge, is looking for a part-time Catechist. Please see the job posting on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com

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. Thank you!



CWL AT ST. MARY'S: The next Catholic Woman's League (CWL) meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 14th** after the 7pm Mass. We invite all ladies of the parish (16 years

and older) to consider joining CWL in 2020 and journey with us in a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship. This year we celebrate our 100th anniversary! We know you have unique and valuable gifts that are meant to be discovered, developed and shared, so come join us! For more information please pick up our CWL brochure / membership forms at the entrances of the church. Our 2020 membership fee of \$30.00 is due in early February.

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes, located at the Welcome Desk. Forms for Pre-Authorized Giving are also available.



THANK YOU: The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The total collection for December was \$1167.30

BOWLING: The bowling league has started up again for the winter session. We bowl on Monday nights at 7:00 pm. You do not have to commit to every week. Pay per night. Call Susan 519-658-6939 for details.

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.

MISSIONS MATS: The next mission mat making date is **Saturday, February 8** from 10am – 12 noon. Watch for more dates soon.

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.

Pope's January Prayer Intention: Promotion of World Peace. In his prayer intention for the month of January, Pope Francis calls us to pray "*that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world.*" "*In a divided and fragmented world, I want to invite all believers, and also all people of good will, to reconciliation and fraternity. Our faith leads us to spread the values of peace and mutual understanding, of the common good. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote together peace and justice in the world. Thank you.*"

- Pope Francis, January 2020

Watch - <https://thepopevideo.org>

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
January 18/19 – TEAM D**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest. If so, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills –

Come and Learn More! "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! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows:

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, 2020**

In Hamilton: At the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. **March 26 – June 4, 2020**. 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

2020 LABYRINTH PROJECT: First session to be hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, 173 Lourdes Street, Waterloo, on **Saturday, January 18th**, from 9:30 AM to Noon. All are welcome to come and try praying with the labyrinth. The labyrinth is a great tool for helping us to focus on our prayers. A short introduction will be presented at 9:30 AM. Those who are experienced with this mode of prayer might wish to come anytime during the morning. Please see webpage <https://whyatbreakfast.com/2020-labyrinth-project/> for details



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 go to www.hamiltondiocese.com to register.

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