

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"



*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*



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 7 at 7 p.m.

+ Germano Rego

Wednesday, January 8 at 8 a.m.

+ Marilyn Lawson Trottier

Thursday, January 9 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Ed Teixeira

Friday, January 10 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Michelle O'Neill

Saturday, January 11 at 5 p.m.

Intentions of Dianne & Jim Ryan

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Tuesday	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Wednesday	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thursday	Rev. John Redmond
Friday	Rev. Phillip Cook
Saturday	Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 21/22, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$10,959.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 949.00
Building Fund:	\$ 78.00

December 24/25, 2019

Christmas Offerings (envelopes & loose): \$10,613.40

December 28/29, 2019

Sunday Offerings (envelopes & loose):	\$3,796.05
Building Fund:	\$ 853.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
January 11/12 – TEAM C**

Christmas Thank You from the Pastor

I want to thank everyone who helped and assisted with the Christmas celebrations; those who decorated the church, with the tree and flowers, our musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, greeters, and parking lot helpers. A sincere thanks to all who sent myself and our parish team personal greetings, cards and gifts. They are truly appreciated and, on behalf of myself and my staff, I thank you for your kindness.
Fr. Robert Love



FAREWELL RECEPTION:

We will be having a special farewell café for Sister Marie Therese after Masses next weekend, **January 11 & 12**. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN: WOW!

What a wonderful response! A huge thank you for your generous donations to the Red Stocking Campaign! Hundreds of stockings were filled with much needed items in support of *Canadian Food for Children*. A special thank you to the staff and students of our schools for their participation: St. Elizabeth, St. Gabriel, Our Lady of Fatima, and St. Benedict. Amazing!! Our stockings have been delivered to the CFFC warehouse and will be shipped to children living in countries that are greatly in need of our donations. Thank you!!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER:

All those preparing for Confirmation will gather together for the day at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 for those attending St. Elizabeth School OR Wednesday, January 8, 2020 for those attending Our Lady of Fatima and St. Gabriel School. A letter was distributed to the schools and can be found on our website under Confirmation.

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

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS! Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to meet other youth with similar values? Come to our monthly Da Crew meetup! Each month we'll learn more about our faith, eat snacks, play games, and have fun. The setup is an open forum where we discuss topics that are relevant to you and answer any questions you may have. We meet on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm! **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2020.** Bring your friends!

NEW YEARS MESSAGE

As we remember and look back on the past year and look towards the new year, I want to wish everyone a Spirit enriched New Year. May the year 2020 be a year of God's Blessings and Grace in your lives.

Fr. Robert Love

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.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION

"O, come let us adore Him!" 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



UPCOMING MEETING: The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 meeting will be on **Thursday January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at St Clement Church

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

If you did not have a chance to have your photo taken, we would still love to have you in the directory. We will be accepting photos until January 6, 2020. Please submit your own photo to the office. (Digital photos should be vertical and a minimum of 1MB. Printed photos must be vertical and no larger than a 4" x 6" photo.)

We are also looking for pictures from events and gatherings for our collage pages. Please submit these to the parish office. Thank you!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARENTING TIP: Colder days in January can mean more time indoors, a perfect time to connect as a family. Board games, puzzles, movie night, sharing a decade of the Rosary, baking or cooking a meal together – these are all great ways to interact and learn about each other. The more time we spend with each other, the greater the connection we feel for the other. Children need to feel they are valued and nothing speaks to their hearts more compared to time spent together!

MARRIAGE TIP: New Year's Resolutions are often lofty goals that don't last too long after they are made, but even thinking about them reminds us that there is room for change/improvement. This year skip the resolutions and plan for a specific change in your couple relationship: a date night once a month (weekly if that is realistic); time at the end of each day to ask, what did we do good today, what could we do better; holding hands on walks or while shopping; sharing a coffee every morning before the kids wake up or work interferes; finding one thing to thank your spouse for daily; looking for moments to compliment. There are so many more possibilities, so take the time to do something! At the end of 2020 you will feel a renewed sense of connection and love – try one or try them all, but do try something!

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