

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Intentions of the Avelar Family

Wednesday, March 11 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Sister Marie Therese

Thursday, March 12 at 8 a.m.

+ Wagner Brothers and Spouses

Friday, March 13 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Tyler Schell

Saturday, March 14 at 5 p.m.

+ Daniel Chabot

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Francis Trzuppek
Tuesday	Rev. Edward Hampson
Wednesday	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Friday	Rev. Peter Meyer
Saturday	Rev. Donald Sanvido

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

February 29/March 1, 2020

Sunday Offerings (168 Envelopes):	\$3,648.00
Sunday Offerings (Loose):	\$291.40
Building Fund:	\$858.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

March 14/March 15 – TEAM D

Please note: A limited number of printed schedules will be made available for volunteers not using the new online scheduling program.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the church every Friday at 7 p.m. Each week, the Stations of the Cross will be led by a different group/ministry within our parish. Everyone is invited to join the *Catholic Women's League* on Friday, March 13th at 7 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 has partnered with our St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide "**Food for Families**" in our Community. During Lent, from February 26 - April 10, we are providing collection boxes in the Narthex and front door for your donations. All donations will help replenish the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. Mary's. Items that are needed most include: *school snacks, kraft dinner, cereal, rice, crackers, puddings, canned: soups, fruits, vegetables, pasta, meat, beans, tuna, salmon.* Thank you for putting your "Faith in Action" by joining us to end hunger.

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. Forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. During the Easter season, the names of your loved ones will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION for Ministers of the Word, Communion and Hospitality

Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day or reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers and on **Saturday, March 21st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener.** Please contact the parish office to register or go to the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php>

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS NEEDED

New ushers are needed in our parish for all weekend masses. If you are sixteen years of age or older and attend the same Mass regularly, this is a perfect opportunity for you to serve your fellow parishioners as an usher. Please leave your name and contact number at the welcome desk or send an email to the parish office.



SAVE THE DATE: Join your fellow parishioners after all Masses on **March 28 & 29.** We hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who made their First Reconciliation this weekend! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of ST. MARY will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 10th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All ladies are invited to attend.

MISSION MATS: Join us on **Saturday, March 14th** at 10:00am in the Parish Centre. Volunteers will gather to turn milk bags into sleeping mats.



The **Knights of Columbus Council 4916** meeting will be on **Thursday March 12,** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement Church.



MARCH 8 – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod. Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-

Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples." Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. On this International Women's Day, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica's testimony: www.devp.org/campaign/yesica Please pick up the Mini-magazine at the parish entrances to learn more about Development and Peace's work. You may also read online at www.devp.org/lent/resources

KNITTERS NEEDED: Are you looking for a late-winter project? Vests and toques help to prevent pneumonia in third world babies and toddlers, and doctors treating children in poor or war-torn countries ask for teddy bears because children who have teddies to cuddle get better quicker than those who don't. Patterns are simple, and there is also an abundant supply of donated yarn and wool. Everything is stored in the cupboards just down the stairs from the chapel - and new volunteers are always welcome.

MISSING CROCK POT LID! Please check your lids from the parish potluck dinner. If it doesn't fit your crock pot, please return to the office. Thank you!

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

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH Catholic Women's Conference: **Saturday March 28, 2020.** Keynote Speakers: *Colleen Carroll Campbell & Kimberly Hahn.* Registration: 8:30am, Conference: 9:00 am Mass: 4:00 pm LOCATION: Le Tréport Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga. For more information call 416-907-1042 or visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MEET-UPS: Beginning Thursday, March 5th from 7:30 - 9 pm. St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish (56 Duke Street West, Kitchener) is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall. We will continue every Thursday during Lent. Through guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

Retrouaille: Experiencing Stress in Your Marriage? Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage not what you hoped it would be? Are you, or a relative or friend, heading for a possible divorce? Retrouaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouaille program is highly successful in not only saving marriages, but in helping them to thrive. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13, 2020. Please call 905-664-5212 or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouaille.org.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: Be sure to sign up for the Diocesan Newsletter available on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com. You will receive up-to-date information regularly.

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