

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 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A Children's Ministry for those aged 2 until Grade 4 is offered at the 9:30am and 11:30am Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or on-line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK: Father Chris will be participating in the Diocesan Priests Retreat being held **May 27 – May 31**. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses from May 27 – 31. A priest remains on call for emergencies and the parish office is open for regular hours.

Saturday, June 1 at 5 p.m.

+ Mary Hilker

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

June 1/2 – Team A

Parish Office Closed: Our Parish Office will close at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31st.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Children in grade 4 and up are invited to join this very important ministry. Please see Fr. Chris or call the parish office if you or your child are interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – HELP NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry continues to be a source of blessing for our community. We are in need of a few extra teachers to aide in our program. You do not need to be a certified teacher to help out. You just need to have a love for children and the desire to bring them closer to Christ. Please see Sr. Marie Therese if you are able to invest once a month in making a positive impact in the life of a child.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Our parish is blessed with several Ministers of the Eucharist who regularly take communion to our sick and homebound members. We are in need of new members to visit parishioners in their home or at St. Luke's Place. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact the parish office to meet with Father Chris.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with openness and love. A word of thanks to all who helped prepare them and to all who shared their talents to add beauty to our First Communion Masses.

*Upcoming Celebration of Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday, June 1 at 5 p.m.***

KIDS KLUB YEAR-END BBQ: Join us on Friday, May 31st for the Kids Klub End of Year BBQ. Meet at the Parish Centre at 6:30 for some food and games in the park.



CWL BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE: The CWL will be hosting a Bake Sale and Raffle on Father's Day weekend - **June 15 & 16** after all Masses. Donations of baked goods and new items for raffle prizes are needed. New raffle items can be dropped off at the church or office before June 12. Nut-free, labelled baked goods can be dropped off in the Parish Centre on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Thank you!*

NEXT CATHOLIC CAFÉ: Save the date for our next gathering after Masses on **June 22 & 23**. We hope to see you there! **KRISPY KREME IS BACK!** We are happy to let you know that in our next Café our high schoolers will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts - available individually and in a box to take home - all proceeds go toward their cost to attend the Steubenville Conference - make sure to stop by!



MICHAEL HOUSE BABY SHOWER:

A sincere thank you to all of St. Mary parishioners who donated so generously to the baby shower for Michael House. Thanks to your overwhelming support the shower was a great success. On behalf of the CWL and St. Mary's parishioners, donations of gift cards, cheques, cash, and many gifts were sent to Michael House. The team at Michael House was extremely grateful for the donations that will help moms and their babies. May the Good Lord continue to bless our Parish and all that we do to help others. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Women's League

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: All ministries and groups are asked to submit their bulletin announcements to the office by Monday at 4 p.m. each week. Please email stmaryhespeler@bellnet.ca

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

What is a Parish feast Day? The richness of our Catholic faith believes in the intercession of saints. The patron saint of a particular group of people is a saint who has special affinity to that group, and whose attributes speaks to its members. Some consider asking a saint for intercession, rather than expecting to be answered themselves, as an act of displaying humility, calling to mind what is written in the Book of Job 42:8.

Our Feast Day is celebrated on **May 31**. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration to May 31, between the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, "so that it would harmonize better with the Gospel story."

The Visitation is the encounter of the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56. Mary, having heard of the Annunciation through the angel, Gabriel, that Elizabeth was six months pregnant, left her home to visit her. Elizabeth and John the Baptist were inspired by the Holy Spirit at her arrival; and Elizabeth, seeing Mary's faithfulness, cared for her giving her the opportunity to nourish the gift of life, Jesus, within her. Mary, surrounded by Elizabeth's love, pronounced the "Magnificat." It is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, with the Spiritual Fruit of a Love of Neighbour.

Thus, as a parish community dedicated to Mary, under the title of Our Lady of the Visitation, this Feast reminds us of our call to love our neighbour, to be welcoming and to provide a place for others to grow nourishing the Lord within them.

SUMMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE: We will soon be preparing our Summer Schedule for all Ministries. If you will be away in July and August, please email the Parish Office to inform us no later than June 14th. Thank you!

C.W.L. SOCIAL: Join us for our year-end social on Tuesday, June 18th beginning at 6:00p.m.- Potluck Supper at Ruth Fach's house. All ladies of the parish are welcome - Bring a friend!

ADDRESS CHANGES: Please notify the Parish Office of any address changes. If you are moving this summer, please let us know so we can keep in touch.

BANNS OF ORDINATION: *Mr. Robin Mendonca* is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your parish priest. Let us all pray that Mr. Robin Mendonca will be a good and faithful servant to the Lord and His Church.

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PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, thank you for calling our Seminarians to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Bless them while they study your Word and the teachings of Your Church, and give them generous hearts to serve your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our Seminarians and for Future Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning June 29/30, 2019, we will be moving to the following summer schedule:
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MASS of ANOINTING of the SICK: You are invited to attend a Mass of Anointing of the Sick on **Wednesday, June 5th**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clement Parish, Cambridge. The Sacrament is intended not only for the sick but for those weakened by old age or failing health, those about to undergo serious surgery, and those who personally feel a need for the healing hand of the Lord. If you have family or friends who are housebound or in a nursing home, please consider assisting them to attend this special Mass. Our lift allows wheelchair access to the church and parish hall, and there is a wheelchair-accessible washroom. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. To help us plan, please R.S.V.P. to 519-653-6123 or stclements@rogers.com

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