

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.



BOOK OF LIFE

During the month of November, our parish "Book of Life" will be placed near the altar. You are invited to add the names of those you have known and loved in life and who are now with the Lord. They will be remembered in a special way in our parish Masses.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.
+ Deceased Members of the CWL

Wednesday, November 13 at 8 a.m.
+ Maria Pellegrini

Thursday, November 14 at 8 a.m.
+ Wayne Brown

Friday, November 15 at 8 a.m.
+ Armandino Santos

Saturday, November 16 at 5 p.m.
+ Domenico Altomare

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2019-2020

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year (beginning Dec. 1) are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk throughout November. Missals are \$5.00 each. A limited number have been ordered.



CATHOLIC CAFÉ: Join your fellow parishioners next weekend after all Masses on **November 16 & 17.** We hope to see you there!

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED

SACRAMENT: The Chapel of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please consider visiting Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Remember that He can never be outdone in generosity! Whatever we give to Him will be returned to us a hundredfold. Please consider signing up for an hour a week to honour Our Lord. What a wonderful gift to give to Him who loves us unconditionally. There are a few open hours where permanent Adorers are needed. If you would like to commit to one hour per week, be a substitute when someone is absent, or would like more information, please call Sheila or Frank at (519) 658-9414.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Tuesday	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Wednesday	Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters
Thursday	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Friday	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Saturday	Rev. Peter Meyer

PARISH OFFERINGS

November 2/3, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,740.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 641.41
Building Fund:	\$1,068.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
November 16/17 – TEAM C**

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADE 4 AND UP:

Altar Servers are needed for all Masses. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Love. There is a great need at the 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses

*Save the date - November 23/24, 2019
CWL Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale*



NEW USHERS NEEDED:

The Usher Ministry needs more male and female volunteers for our **11a.m. Sunday Mass.** The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, finding seating at select masses, taking up the collection and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass. Please speak to Fr. Love or contact the office if you are interested. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of ST. MARY will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Council 4916 meeting for November will be on **Wednesday, November 13** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Visitation Church. Note change of day due to a special presentation at St. Clement Church on our regular meeting night.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Thank you to everyone who signed up to participate in our Parish Photo Directory. Photography sessions will continue from Monday, November 11 thru Saturday, November 16.

New dates have been added in order to accommodate more parishioners and have a more complete parish directory!

New dates: Wednesday, November 27th thru Saturday, November 30th and Saturday, December 7th. Please sign up after Mass or go to our parish website and sign up online! We invite *everyone* to participate!

MISSION MATS: Come find out how simple milk bags become sleeping mats for individuals in many third world countries. **Join us on Saturday, November 16th** at 10:00am in the Parish Center to be part of the process.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: A reminder to all parents that you are required to register online for a Reconciliation time on March 7, 2020. Please visit the parish website and select a time on the First Communion page.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



THANK YOU: On behalf of 40 Days for Life Kitchener, we would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Campaign in any way and especially those who stood in front of Freeport Hospital to pray and witness for life. May we continue to pray that through God's grace and mercy the culture of death may unravel in Canada and around the world.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Marian Residence retirement home would like to invite you to our Christmas bazaar **Tuesday, November 12** from 1 pm to 6 pm. Come and join us for a wonderful shopping time together. Donations are welcome!

St. Clement Parish is hosting an evening of lively discussion with: Dr. Moira McQueen, LL.B, M.Div., Ph.D. on **Thursday, November 14th**, at 7 p.m., St. Clement Church – Parish Hall, 745 Duke Street. TOPICS: "Gender Issues" and "Dying & Death in Christian Life". Free-will offerings will be accepted.

ADVENT CONCERT: Friday, November 29 at 7 p.m. St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 53 Wellington Street, Cambridge. Tickets available at the parish office: Adults: \$15 | Children Under 12: \$7. All proceeds go directly to St. Patrick church.

Coping with the Holidays...When you have Lost a Loved One - Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. The session is being held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, in Hamilton on **Sunday, December 1, 2019** from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

WHY@Breakfast presents "*Exploring Spiritual Practices*". Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ, a spiritual director at Loyola House Retreat and Training Centre in Guelph, will present several traditional and contemporary Christian spiritual practices to help us seek God in today's busy, confused and complex world. You are invited to attend this presentation on **Saturday, November 23rd**, at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Waterloo, at 9:30 AM. After the talk, there is a preview of a new project brought to you by a few Catholic & Lutheran churches in Waterloo. Free presentation with refreshments. Interested? Please call the church office at 519-886-0342 or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. For more info, see <https://whyatbreakfast.com>

HEALING MASS: Have you experienced the death of a child at any time in your life, including before birth or a still birth? Come to the Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – the Mass will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent as a way of providing some healing, as we know the feelings of loss are often more profound during the Christmas season. Join us on **Sunday, December 1st** at the 4 P.M. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is intended for parents, grandparents and other family members who have been impacted by such a loss. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

Relics of Saint Francois de Laval: On the Feast of Christ the King (November 24, 2019) the Cathedral Basilica will host the relic of Saint Francois de Laval – the first Bishop of Quebec (and indeed of Canada). There will be an opportunity to venerate the relic at each of the Masses on that weekend. The current Archbishop of Quebec, and the Primate of Canada, His Eminence Cardinal Lacroix will preach at all Masses on the weekend. All are welcome!

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