

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.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 19

1:30 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's Place
7 p.m. + Gisele Greig

Wednesday, November 20 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Ron & Boyd Esty

Thursday, November 21 at 8 a.m.

+ Sheila Byrne

Friday, November 22 at 8 a.m.

+ Armandino Santos

Saturday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

+ Kelly Dokis

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Tuesday	Rev. Artur Geringer, S.A.C.
Wednesday	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
Thursday	Rev. Jim Petrie
Friday	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Saturday	Rev. Stephen Gilbert

PARISH OFFERINGS

November 9/10, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,372.70
Loose Offerings:	\$ 585.80
Building Fund:	\$ 238.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
 November 23/24 – TEAM D**

Check your email next week for Winter Schedule.

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.

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.



This Christmas season, in support of Family and Children Services of the Waterloo Region Foundation, St. Mary of the Visitation will be hosting a "Daily Needs" drive. Since there are a number of toy drives in the community

available to families in need, we will, instead, be collecting the items that the Foundation gets asked for most. Items such as diapers, wipes, pull ups, formula, baby bottles, toiletries and cleaning supplies. There are also many requests to support families with child safety needs that are very costly but a must-have, such as high chairs and baby gates. These items are helpful to families at Christmas and throughout the entire year. A full list of items will be posted in the Narthex. **Please bring in your new and unwrapped donations now through December 1.** Gifts can be dropped off in the marked area of the Narthex.



ANNUAL RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN:

This annual tradition begins the first week of Advent with the distribution of stockings. Please stay tuned for details!

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available in the hallway along the parking lot starting this weekend. Those not currently using envelopes but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may contact the office or leave their contact information at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family. Forms are available at Welcome Desk.

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!

WELCOME DESK: Did you know that you can purchase a number of religious items at the Welcome Desk? Books, Sunday Missals, Advent candles, Memorial Candles, Bibles, and other items are available!



PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Next Weekend!
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Saturday, November 23rd
10am– 2pm, After 5pm Mass
Sunday, November 24th:
Following 9 & 11am Masses

Donations greatly appreciated for the following:

- Raffle Table (New Items Only)
- Craft Table
- Christmas Table
- Miscellaneous Items for Treasure Table (Good Condition)
- Children's Books *Only*
- Bake Sale: All Types of Baked Items (For Health Reasons Items Should be labelled for "nut free & gluten free")

Items can be dropped off in the Narthex during all weekday masses from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.
Final drop off: Friday November 22nd from 3pm to 5pm and 6pm to 9pm. *Hosted by the C.W.L. of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish*

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA: November 17th is the 'Annual Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions'. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers. Please review the materials enclosed in your bulletin.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Thank you to everyone who signed up to participate in our Parish Photo Directory. Photography sessions will continue **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!

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. We'll meet on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm! Dates for 2019 are **Thurs., November 21** and **Thurs., December 19**. Bring your friends, your young children are also welcome!



Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations after all masses next weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at the church entrances for those who would like tax receipts.

MASS INTENTIONS: The tradition of Masses offered for the intentions of living or deceased loved ones originated in the very early Church and continues to be an important Catholic practice. For us who believe that the Mass is the perfect prayer, no greater gift can be offered for our loved ones, living and deceased, who may still need the help of our prayers. Masses are often requested for a loved one who has recently died or on the anniversary of a death.

However, the gift of a Mass intention is also a wonderful way to offer prayers on the event of a wedding anniversary, a birthday, an anniversary of ordination or entrance into religious life. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of a person about to undergo surgery, who is recuperating from an illness, or who has some other special need. Masses may also be offered in thanksgiving for blessings, family, health and answer to prayers.

Those wishing to arrange for a Mass intention at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish can do so by visiting the parish office during office hours OR the Welcome Desk before or after Mass on the weekends.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

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. 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>

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

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