

# 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

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## 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 26 at 7 p.m.**

+ Issie Schierz

**Wednesday, November 27 at 8 a.m.**

Intentions of Miranda & Yannis Craig

**Thursday, November 28 at 8 a.m.**

+ Margaret McDonnel

**Friday, November 29 at 8 a.m.**

+ Maria Pellegrini

**Saturday, November 30 at 5 p.m.**

Intentions of Sean & Sadie O'Hagan

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Tuesday	Rev. Stipe Renic, O.F.M.
Wednesday	Diocese of Hamilton Cemetery Staff
Thursday	Rev. Peter Watters
Friday	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Saturday	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

## PARISH OFFERINGS

November 16/17, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,128.70
Loose Offerings:	\$ 750.30
Building Fund:	\$ 128.00

## Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of November

Monthly Offerings:	\$4,335.00
Building Fund:	\$1,180.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

**November 30/December 1 – TEAM A**

*Check your email for the Winter Schedule.*

*Please **sign up** to serve for the Christmas and New Year's Masses.*

*Sign-up sheets located in the sacristy.*

## 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.



## PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – This Weekend!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10am– 2pm, After 5pm Mass

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Following 9 & 11am Masses

*Hosted by the C.W.L. of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish.*



**DAILY NEEDS DRIVE:** 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 is 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. Thank you!



## ANNUAL RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN:

This annual tradition begins next weekend, the first week of Advent, with the distribution of stockings. We will be filling these stockings with school supplies, small toys and toiletries. Stockings will be shipped to those in need by Canadian Food for Children. Stay tuned for further details!

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available in the hallway along the parking lot, sorted by last name. Those not currently using envelopes but who are interested in obtaining 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.

**HESPELER CHRISTMAS PARADE!** Please join us in representing our parish at the 2019 Hespeler Christmas Parade on **December 7th at noon**.

We plan to walk, however, if anyone has the skills necessary to decorate a pickup truck and trailer, we will provide those. Ugly Christmas sweaters, costumes, carolers, whatever, we're interested in your participation! If you don't come, it'll just be me, my husband, and our 1-month old baby. Let's show Hespeler how great our parish is! If you're interested in participating in any way at all, please call Imogen at 519-221-0252. For parade details visit [hespelersantaclausparade.ca](http://hespelersantaclausparade.ca)

**CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:** During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. The floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Please pick up your tribute sheet at the entrances of the church starting next weekend.*

#### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Photography sessions are still available from **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up after Mass or go to our parish website and sign up online. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to participate! **We are hoping to have many more parishioners included in our Parish Directory.** We invite all individuals, couples, and families to participate! You can even include your pet in your photo session!

#### SUNDAY MISSALS AND 2020 CALENDARS:

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year and 2020 *Catholic Art* Calendars are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk. Missals are \$5.00 each. Calendars are \$3.00 each.

**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, December 5.** Bring your friends!

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**ADVENT CONCERT:** Catholic recording artist, Nancy Bodsworth, is releasing her fourth album on Nov. 29th! "The Greatest Gift" is a beautiful Christmas album featuring original and classic Christmas tunes. Nancy, along with her band, will be performing on **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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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: call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

**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

#### Stairways to Heaven – Notice of Closure

Stairways to Heaven (Catholic vendor at St. Jacob's Market) will be closing their business at the end of this month and would like to thank you for your past support. Current inventory of items (including Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation) is reduced by 50%. The store will be open from 7am-3:30pm next Thursday the 28th & Saturday the 30th. [www.stairwaystoheaven.ca](http://www.stairwaystoheaven.ca)

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** To be informed about upcoming workshops and events in the Diocese, be sure to sign up for our Diocesan Newsletter available on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). You will receive up-to-date information regularly.

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