

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.

*Children's Ministry: Programs are suspended
until further notice.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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 closed until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office 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

Current restrictions do not allow our Ministers of Communion to enter nursing homes or hospitals at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Every Tuesday in the church from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The period of adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.
 If you have any questions, please call Sheila at (519) 658-9414.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: OCTOBER 11
 Join us Thanksgiving Monday for Mass at 9:00 a.m. as we thank God for the blessings of life and the gifts of creation.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the boxes by the doors of the church on Thanksgiving weekend. We thank-you for your support of this worthy cause.

 *Mass Intentions*

- Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m.**
+ Gisela Ratza
- Wednesday, October 6 at 8 a.m.**
+ Marie Durnford
- Thursday, October 7 at 8 a.m.**
+ Ron Doyle
- Friday, October 8 at 8 a.m.**
+ Ruth Carter
- Saturday, October 9 at 5 p.m.**
+ Johnny Fitzpatrick
+ Colleen Caicco



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. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for and celebrate this special day. Celebrations of First Holy Communion for the grade 3 students continue over the next few weeks. There is still time to register, please contact the office.



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

VACCINE MANDATE: Effectively immediately, the Diocese has mandated that **all volunteers must be fully vaccinated** against Covid-19 to exercise their ministry. Proof of vaccination (a copy of your Ministry of Health receipt) is to be submitted to Father Ed Henhoeffler by the end of October. This can be done by email to ehenhoeffler@hamiltondiocese.com or by placing it in a sealed envelope to Father's attention. The director of human resources at the Diocese will be responsible for keeping these regards which will be destroyed once these restrictions are lifted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS:

- The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine, however, vaccination is **not** required to attend Mass.
- **Masks are required** as well as social distancing while present at Mass.
- We are again saying the "Body of Christ" to each individual communicant
- Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue may do so, but they are requested to wait until the end of the communion line.
- The sanitation of the pews, etc. is not required after each celebration.
- The hymn books can be used for congregational singing.
- No choirs or holy water permitted.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 In September, we warmly welcomed into our family of faith through Baptism: *Jasmine S., Aaron S., Michelle Z., Melania A., Juliana B., Greyson L., and Ezra S.*

May the Lord bless them as they begin their journey of faith as disciples of Jesus.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office. A program of formation begins in the Fall.

CONFIRMATION 2020/2021 UPDATE:

Due to the pandemic, Confirmation liturgies were postponed. The following new schedule is for all students that missed their celebration and are now in grade 8:

- St. Gabriel:* Saturday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m.
- St. Elizabeth:* Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.
- Our Lady of Fatima:* Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.
(a second liturgy will be added if needed)

St. Isidore students are asked to join their home school. Students that attend other schools may select a weekend.

Parents are asked to register online for a Mass on their designated weekend. Students in grade 8 that were not registered last year are still welcome to participate. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

PARISH OFFERINGS

September 25-26

Sunday Envelopes (80):	\$2,842.00
Loose Offerings:	\$280.35
Needs of the Canadian Church:	\$80.00
Building fund (month of September):	\$3,862.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

These programs are interactive parent-child programs, designed to assist families in the Diocese of Hamilton whose children are enrolled in public or private schools, are homeschooled, or for other reasons unable to attend Catholic Schools. There are programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to high school including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. For more information, visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/correspondence/>

HOLY WATER: Holy water is available for those who would like it for home use. Please bring your own bottle and ask either Father Ed or Anton to get the water for you.

VOCATIONS: *Matrimony* - a beautiful vocation so misused today. *Celibacy* - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation contact the Vocations Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 x 2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

October 4 – 9

Monday	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Tuesday	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Wednesday	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Thursday	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Friday	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
Saturday	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre



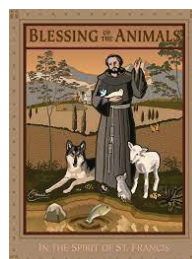
BRIDGE OF ROSES – THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF THE CAPE: Premieres October 7th, 2021.

A priest discovers a pig chewing on a rosary at Mary's altar. What he does next transforms his parish into a national shrine... www.bridgeofrosesfilm.com

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH THE LEGION OF MARY:

Show your faith by praying the Rosary in front of Cambridge City Hall on **Saturday mornings at 9:30am**. All are welcome. Safety protocols must be followed: Masks & Social Distancing. Come rain or shine.

FALL KNITTING: Are you looking for a fall project? Vests and toques help to prevent pneumonia in Third World babies and toddlers. Items are donated through Canadian Food for Children. We have an abundant supply of yarn and wool. Please call the office to arrange for a pick up or drop off of yarn.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 4, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, St. Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis's love for all creatures, animals are given a special blessing. This year, many parishes are offering a virtual blessing. Pet owners are encouraged to go online and participate in one of these special blessings!

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