

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, October 8 at 7 p.m.

Deceased Members of the CWL

Wednesday, October 9 at 8 a.m.

+ Mary Hilker

Thursday, October 10 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Mary and Stan Burns

Friday, October 11 at 8 a.m.

+ Paul Douglas

Saturday, October 12 at 5 p.m.

+ Waclaw Labuda

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
Tuesday	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wednesday	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.S.J.C.)
Thursday	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Friday	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Saturday	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

PARISH OFFERINGS

September 28/29, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$3,221.00
Loose Offerings:	\$554.65
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$503.00
Building Fund:	\$123.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
October 12/13 – TEAM B**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

Be a part of our new parish photo directory! We invite *everyone* to participate to make this photo directory as complete as possible! Everyone will receive a free copy of the photo directory and one free 8x10 for participating! It is also an excellent opportunity to order extra portraits for your families. Portraits make a treasured gift.

All photography is taking place at our church from **October 28 – November 2**. Appointment times are on a first come first served basis. **Please stop by the sign-up table next weekend, October 12 & 13, before or after Mass.**

This parish directory will help us all get to know one another by name and strengthen our faith community. It will be a lasting historical record and make a beautiful keepsake!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

Parents who have children preparing for Confirmation are invited to attend our **Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, October 9, 2019**. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in our Church. Please bring your child's registration form (received at school) and a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate. This meeting is for parents only.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION: If you missed registration, please contact the parish office to speak with Sister Marie Therese.



For children/youth from Grades 2-8 seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation,

First Communion or Confirmation who fall under one or more of these circumstances: Attending public school, private school, or homeschooled OR Not receiving/received religious education OR Are past the usual age to receive a given Sacrament OR Have never been baptized OR Are not Catholic but would like to become Catholic. This program is offered on Sundays at 10:00am (on a scheduled basis). An information meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre.

SOUL SISTERS: The Soul Sisters are a group of mature women who wish to deepen their connection with God through prayer and scripture study. We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the Hearth Room. We also have a Haiti fund which goes toward housing the poor. If this is something that would enrich your life, consider joining us – we welcome you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of ST. MARY will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 8th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4916 will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 9** at 7:00 pm at *St Gregory Church* - note date change.



FALL 2019 CAMPAIGN

A new 40 Days for Life campaign has begun on **September 25** and ends on **November 3**. Daily hours in front of Freeport Hospital are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has agreed to sponsor Sunday, October 20th** and together we are committing to filling 12 hours. We need at least 2 people to sign-up for each hour. **Sign-up will take place in the church narthex on October 5/6**. We ask that you consider signing up for one or more hours that day. Information cards will be available for you to take home. You can also sign up for more prayer hours at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick at 519-748-5548 or Eweline at 519-589-2919.



VOLLEYBALL: Are you ready to set, volley and spike? Join adults on Friday nights beginning at 7:00pm in the gym at St Elizabeth School - new members welcome! Our Season

begins Friday, October 18th. Come check it out! Questions? Contact Paul: 226-749-1074

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS! Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to meet other youth with similar values? Come to Da Crew! Each week we learn more about our faith, eat snacks, play games and have fun. We also go on regular social outings like laser tag, bowling, etc. The setup is an open forum where we discuss topics you want to hear about and answer your questions. **We meet every Thursday evening at 6:30pm!** Bring your friends, all are welcome!



THANK YOU: The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The total collection in August was \$667.48 and last month's collection totaled \$972.85. Thank you for your continued support!



NEXT CATHOLIC CAFÉ:

Save the date for our next gathering after Masses on **October 26 & 27**. We hope to see you there!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

INTERNATIONAL LIFE CHAIN: Do you have an hour to spare? Join this peaceful, prayerful vigil to show your solidarity with the unborn and pray to end abortion in our nation. **Sunday, October 6th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm**. Cambridge participants line along both sides of Hespeler Road near the Value Village Plaza. Signs are provided. Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless! Visit www.cambridgerighttttolife.ca for more info.



ROSARY RALLY: Please join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 noon**. This Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the Delta, 1 Hespeler Road,

Cambridge. Ontario N1R 8L4 at the intersection of Hespeler Road and Dundas Street, near HEARINGLife Canada. For more information please contact Anthony Kent at 519-623-2722.

ROSARY RALLY: We invite all to participate in the Rosary Rally to be held on **Saturday October 12 at noon**, at Trinity Park, beside Trinity Church on Grand Ave. North. We are members of the Legion of Mary at St. Gregory's Parish. Please join us as we pray the rosary along with over 20,000 other communities throughout North America who are participating in this event. The objective is to pray in a public space so as to witness to the power of prayer, especially when we invoke our Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth. We wish to involve all denominations as well as those walking by, praying for them, and with them, for a renewal of our personal and communal faith, to strengthen our families in the face of today's many obstacles and temptations. We hope to see many there!

THEOLOGY ON TAP will be kicking off our Fall season on **Tuesday, October 15th** at 7pm-9pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Come hear about "*Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love*" with Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. FREE finger food will be provided. Special shout out to young adults 19-40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook, "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com

E-WASTE COLLECTION: Held the weekend of **October 19-20** in the back parking lot of St. Clement's Church from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. both days. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

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