

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 1 at 7 p.m.

+ Eric Ball
+ Mathew Roy

Wednesday, October 2 at 8 a.m.

+ Joseph Cryan

Thursday, October 3 at 8 a.m.

+ Carlos Rego

Friday, October 4 at 8 a.m.

+ Margaret Elaine Pape

Saturday, October 5 at 5 p.m.

+ Tim Silver

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Gary Schlack
Tuesday	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I
Wednesday	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thursday	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Friday	Rev. Paul Jamroz
Saturday	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

PARISH OFFERINGS

September 21/22, 2019

Envelope Offerings:	\$2,982.00
Loose Offerings:	\$608.55
Building Fund:	\$98.00

Thank you for your 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 5/6 – TEAM A**

Please check your inbox for the new schedule or pick up a printed copy in the sacristy

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2020

It's that time again! We are looking for committee volunteers to oversee this wonderful parish project! Thank you to our parishioners who have already signed up to help. **We still need a few more volunteers to make this project possible.** If you are interested in helping out, or if you assisted with the last directory, please speak with Fr. Love or contact Rosanne at the parish office. Thank you!!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

Parents who have children who are preparing for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation or Confirmation are invited to attend our **Parent Information Evenings:**

Holy Communion: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Confirmation: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Both meetings 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. These meetings are for parents only.



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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? Even though you attend Mass at our parish, you may not be registered if you have not submitted a registration form in the past. Please register your family in preparation for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings, pastoral references, etc. Registration forms are available at the parish entrances, at the Welcome desk or on our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca

BLESSING OF YOUR HOME: A home blessing is an invitation to let God dwell and sanctify the living place of his people. "The occasion provides a special opportunity for a gathering of the members of the community to mark the joyful event and to thank God, from whom all blessings come, for the gift of a new home." If you wish to have a blessing of your home, Fr. Love would be happy to arrange this with you. Please call the parish office to schedule a visit.

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!



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.

OPENING RALLY: Wednesday, October 1st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow.



UPCOMING MEETINGS: The October meeting of Monsignor Paul J Meyer Knights of Columbus Council 4916 will be on **Wednesday, October 9** at 7:00 pm at *St Gregory Church* - note date change. The November Council Meeting will be on **Thursday, Nov. 14** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Centre.

E-WASTE COLLECTION: The Knights will be holding an e-waste collection 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We depend a great deal on volunteers to assist in providing ministry to people within our parish and community. Please contact Father Love if you can help out with any of the following: *Minister of Hospitality (an Usher), Parking Lot Attendant, Welcome Desk Attendant, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Da Crew Leader or Catholic Café Host/Hostess.* Thank you!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PATHWAYS TO GROWTH: *Focusing on Healing After Separation and Divorce.* Difficult times can be challenging to everyone, but they can also provide us with opportunities to grow and find new supports. Are you separated or divorced? Has life thrown a curve ball at you that you never expected? Are you feeling challenged in your everyday living? Join us on Tuesday, November 5 from 7 -9 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo to learn pathways to growth during this time. All are welcome. For information contact: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or ext. 2241. Healing is possible – join us!

Retrouvaille - Stress in Your Marriage? – Are you feeling bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in your marriage? Are you wondering how to change the situation, or how to communicate with your spouse about it? Retrouvaille is a program designed to help with any problem in a marriage – large or small. Our next weekend program is being held October 25, 2019. For confidential information about the program, or to register: 905-664-5212 or Teamrecine@gmail.com or www.retrouvaille.org

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.

PARENTING TIP: Helping our children to become less focused on themselves and more interested in their neighbour is an essential role of every parent and caregiver. Children do not often think of others before themselves in the early years of their lives, so from a young age be sure to set clear limits on their behaviour and the “things” they get, so they don't become entitled; praise them whenever you witness an unselfish act, no matter how small; model unselfish behaviour both within and outside the home by sharing time, goods and talents. Children thrive in relationships, show less anger and aggression and feel good about themselves when they look outward, not inward. Jesus himself taught that next to loving God, loving neighbour is our most important role in this world.

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.

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