

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.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:

A special thank you to everyone that donated to the school supply drive to assist families through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Cambridge Self-Help food bank, and Family and Children Services. Your care and generosity is greatly appreciated!



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Ferrand Family

Wednesday, September 18 at 8 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Freiburger Family

Thursday, September 19 at 8 a.m.

+ Ronald A. Stoltz

Friday, September 20 at 8 a.m.

+ Robert Allen

Saturday, September 21 at 5 p.m.

+ Kyle Parthe



MORNING ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on weekdays (Wed – Fri). All are welcome.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Rev. Mike Francis
Friday	Rev. Wallace Metcalfe
Saturday	Rev. Robert Kiffman

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 for Altar Servers at the 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses.

**Liturgical Ministries Schedule
September 21/22 – TEAM C**

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

PARISH OFFERINGS

September 7/8, 2019

Sunday Offerings:	\$4,086.61
Building Fund:	\$265.00

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: It's that time again! We will be putting out a new photo directory for 2020. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need a small committee to oversee this project. If you are interested in helping out, or if you assisted with the last directory, please contact Rosanne at the parish office. We are hoping to get started soon and have family portraits available in time for Christmas! Thank you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Mary's is blessed to have several vibrant and comprehensive Children's Ministry programs for Sunday Mass. A reminder that the program has been reorganized to the following model:

- **Kids Zone** (age 2-3)
Only at the 9 a.m. Mass
- **Children's Liturgy** (J.K.- Gr 1)
At the 9 a.m. and 11 am Mass
- **Visitation Kids** (Gr 2-4)
At the 9 a.m. and 11a.m. Mass

Please complete a new registration form provided by the program leaders or found at the parish entrances.



CATHOLIC CAFÉ: *Welcome Back Weekend* **September 21/22** after all Masses.

Join us next weekend to welcome back your fellow parishioners from their summer holidays and to *officially* welcome our Pastor, Fr. Robert Love!

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 Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30pm! Bring your friends, all are welcome!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting takes place on **Tuesday, September 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We depend a great deal on volunteers to assist in providing ministry to people within our parish and community. Some of the most urgent areas of need are below; please contact Father Love if you can help as a:

- Minister of Hospitality (an Usher)
- Parking Lot Attendant
- Welcome Desk Attendant
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Da Crew Leader
- Catholic Café Host/Hostess



Is 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 in early October.

ADULT BOWLING STARTS SOON! The Strike Squad is excited about starting up their new season and eagerly invites new members. Contact Susan at (519) 658-6939 for details.

MISSION MATS: Come find out how simple milk bags become sleeping mats for individuals in many third world countries. **Join us on Saturday, September 21st** at 10:00am in the Parish Center to be part of the process.

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S: Celebrations of Mass for the Catholic residents of St. Luke's Place resume on Tuesday, **September 17th** at 1:30p.m. We are always in need of volunteers to help bring residents to the chapel - call the parish office to be part of this rewarding ministry.



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.

MARRIAGE TIP: September brings with it the joy of gathering the harvest from plants we have nurtured from the time of their planting. Well looked after plants provide us with food and/or beauty because of the time we have spent watering, feeding, weeding and protecting them. Marriage is like a garden in this respect – the more we nurture our marriage the stronger our love for each other grows. Like a garden we have to feed and water our marriages by spending couple time together, by talking about small and big moments and feelings, by complimenting, helping and protecting our relationship. The harvest of this nurturing is beautiful love that lasts.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE – "40TH" ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

Come walk with us *or* sponsor a walker. Help serve as a witness to our community that life deserves respect from fertilization to natural death. **Saturday, September 28th, 2019.** The Galt Legion (4 Veterans Way) Registration: 9:30 am and Walk: 10 am – 12 Noon. Refreshments to follow. Students Earn Volunteer Hours. New for a 2nd year: Students - Poem/Essay Contest. Get your sponsor sheets by calling 519.623.1850 or email: info@cambridgerighttolife.ca

WCDSB "Called to Belong" Twilight Retreat Opportunity for Parents/Guardian

The experience will be facilitated by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., the Spiritual Animator for the Board. Come and discover more about the spiritual journey upon which our staff and students have embarked. All are welcome to come and learn and pray around the awesome mystery of God's universal love! **Wednesday, September 25th** at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ONLINE FAITH FORMATION: Registration for Online Faith Formation programs for adults is now available. These programs are offered through the Diocese of Hamilton in partnership with Dayton University in Ohio. Each course costs \$50. Information sessions will take place throughout the Diocese in the coming weeks. To learn more about the Online Learning Portal, please visit the website, <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact David Dayler, ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or 905 528 7988 ext. 2226.

WCDSB: The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for Occasional Teachers. Please visit website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

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