

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH



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## SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m.*

*Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2*

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and

7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All are welcome.

## PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call Sheila at 519-658-9414.

## 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 OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by completing a form located at the parish entrances.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday – Friday 15 minutes prior to Mass

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

## 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

Please contact the office and Father David would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 14	7:00 PM	+ Mila Eljuga Intentions of our SSVP Members	Liz and Rob Pedro The Parish
Wednesday, April 15	8:00 AM	+ Maria de Braga and Family	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Thursday, April 16	8:00 AM	Intentions of Anna Altomare	Chris O'Neill
Friday, April 17	8:00 AM	Intentions of Erin Henderson	SSVP Giving Tree
Saturday, April 18	5:00 PM	+ Noreen Bourgeois Intentions of Javier Cristancho Intentions of Paul Sepulveda & Estella Díaz Irías	Donna Baglole Javier Cristancho Estella Rosa Irías Girón
Sunday, April 19	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	

**THANK YOU:** To the Choir, Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Decorators and all those who helped make our Easter Celebrations special, thank you! - *Fr. David*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Welcome to the three new members Baptized into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil last weekend. Let us pray that the grace of this sacrament and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will help them grow in their love of God as they continue their spiritual journey of faith.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Please join us on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** as we ready our Parish grounds for the summer season. Bring your rakes, brooms and leaf blowers! All are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy program will **resume this Sunday, Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>**, during the 11a.m. mass.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion later this month:

- *Our Lady of Fatima:* Saturday, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m.
- *St. Gabriel:* Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- *St. Elizabeth:* Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

See our parish website for details:

<https://www.stmaryhospeler.ca/first-communion>

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration...May our Adoration never cease." - *Saint John Paul II.*

If you would like to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel please call: Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Join us in celebrating Father David's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** with Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch reception at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception can be purchased online: <https://stmaryhospeler.ca/anniversary>. \$25/ticket. Only a few tickets remain available! Please see the poster at the Church entrance for more information.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Join us this weekend, **April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**, following ALL Masses, for coffee, juice and treats. Come wish your fellow parishioners a Happy Easter!

**BIBLE CAMP 2026:** Mark your calendars! Plans are in the works for our annual Summer Bible Camp (Ages 4 – 11) scheduled for **July 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the office. More details to follow soon!

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** New members are invited to join! Our next meeting is **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish centre. We hope to see you there!



**APRIL MEETING:** Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. *New members welcome!*

### PARISH OFFERINGS for Easter Triduum 2026:

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land:	\$3,029.00
Easter Sunday:	\$4,205.40
Sunday Envelopes:	\$5,490.30

***Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.***

*For additional ways to donate, please visit*  
[www.stmaryhospeler.ca/donate](https://www.stmaryhospeler.ca/donate)

**SHARE LENT 2026:** Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *On Track for Justice* campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish has collected \$3,058.75 to date.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD:**

Once again our Catholic Women's League is offering an award of \$250 to a graduating student from St. Benedict's Secondary School. This student must be an active member of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership, and who is pursuing a post-secondary education. Applications are available at the side entrance of the church. *Deadline for submission is April 30<sup>th</sup> to the parish office.* If you qualify, you will be notified on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The recipient must accept the award in person on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. Benedict's Convocation.

**CWL LADIES RETREAT:** All ladies of the Parish are invited to our Ladies Day retreat on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** starting with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by the presentation of Anniversary Pins. A hot catered brunch of quiche (including gluten free) / salad / rolls and dessert will be served. After brunch our guest speaker Teresa Hartnett will speak on the topic of Life, Love and Being a Woman: "God created us as women, with purpose. Learning to appreciate womanhood can be a journey – sometimes one that may seem to have no end, but we should all be able to confidently say that I love being a woman. Let's embrace our womanhood and remember that Pope St. John Paul wrote about the beautiful role and importance of women because he recognized it in us. Let's celebrate together as women!" Please register: [cwlhespeler16@gmail.com](mailto:cwlhespeler16@gmail.com) For questions or more information, please contact Chris at 519-400-3657. Cost: Freewill offering

**INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND - A Catholic Commitment to Healing and Reconciliation:** Next weekend, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, each parish in our diocese is having a collection in support of local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This collection also forms part of the national commitment made by dioceses across Canada. Envelopes are available in the offertory boxes and at the parish entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

**YOUNG ADULTS FORUM:** Father Mark Morley, Vocations Director, invites young adults to discuss topics with other young adults, especially difficult or polarizing topics, at St. Clement's Church, in a new semi-regular series. Each Young Adults Forum will follow the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass and start at 6:00 p.m. It will include a social with food, a short presentation, small group discussions, and finally live music to close the night before Compline. The topic for April 12<sup>th</sup> is "The Vocation and Mission of the Laity" and the topic for April 26<sup>th</sup> is "Treasure In Heaven". Those who participate in these discussions will be asked to make suggestions for our topics in May and June. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office. For more information visit: <https://www.stclementcambridge.com/>

**THE SCANDAL OF THE INCARNATION:** A Study Day co-sponsored by the Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton and St. Clement's Parish, Cambridge, **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Clement's Church. The Scandal of the Incarnation by theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar is a small book in which he thematically quotes from *Against the Heresies* by St. Irenaeus and provides commentary to help us understand how ancient Gnosticism takes on new forms in our day. Come join the presentations and discussion. No need to read the book. Optional Mass at 9:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and end at 2:00 p.m. For more information visit: <http://communiohamiltondiocese.org> or call Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish. Join others in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, through music and reflection. Everyone welcome.



**THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**

**For priests in crisis:** *Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.* April 2026 – Pope Leo XIV  
Watch the video: <https://thepopevideo.org>

**HIRING FOR OFFICE POSITION:** St. Mary's is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/secretary. Please visit the Diocese of Hamilton website for the job posting and application process.



**HAMILTON DIOCESE WEBSITE:** Be sure to visit the Diocesan website for important updates, events, and resources: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>

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