

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

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 and
Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria de Braga and Family + Hugh Buchanan + Paul Quinless Intentions of Anna Altomare Intentions of Cedric Diaz Irías and Jose Maria Irías Girón	Carmen and Tony Chaves Anna Altomare The Quinless Family Paul and Anita Curtin Estella Rosa Irías Girón
Wednesday, April 16	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Judy Howe & Family	Anna Altomare



WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration form at the church entrance or complete an online form: www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

The church will remain open until 10 p.m. for private prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter foods

8:30 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

(There is no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK: Today we begin Holy Week, the most solemn time of our liturgical year. This week, we journey with Jesus through his Passion and Death to arrive next Sunday at the glory of His Resurrection from the dead. The liturgies of the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night speak to us about the work of God accomplished in Jesus Christ. As the Christian faithful, let us take time to truly participate in these most sacred rituals so as to arrive at an ever-deeper faith in the mystery of Salvation won for us in Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: A reminder that the Children's Liturgy program will *not* run on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The program will resume on April 27th.



CONFESSION THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, April 15: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.,
Wednesday, April 16: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
and **Friday, April 18 (Good Friday):**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the parish office is closed on Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:
A special thank you to all of our volunteers who signed up for Holy Week and Easter Masses.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

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

- *St. Elizabeth:* Saturday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima:* Sun., May 4th at 1:00 p.m.
- *St. Gabriel:* Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 p.m.

See our parish website for details:

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

THE KIDS BULLETIN: Visit

<https://thekidsbulletin.com/> for a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week. A great resource for the season of Lent!

ADORATION CHAPEL AND THE TRIDUUM:

The adoration chapel will close at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and remain closed until after the 11:00 a.m. Mass Easter Sunday morning. As we enter Holy Week we invite you to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Please call Frank or Sheila for more information (519) 658-9414.

PARISH OFFERINGS

April 5/6, 2025

Sunday Envelopes (132):	\$3,295.40
Loose Offerings	\$435.90
Share Lent (34):	\$1,044.05

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated. Please note: The Parish Financial Report for 2024 will be presented in May.

SHARE LENT 2025: Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Reaping our Rights campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish has collected \$1,344.05 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. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND:

The Good Friday Collection, on April 18, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.



CWL LADIES RETREAT:

All ladies of the Parish are invited to our Ladies Day Retreat on **Saturday, April 26th**. Former Soul Sister and now Spiritual Director, Rosetta Del Monte, will speak on "The Three Teresas". This is a special day as we also celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. The day will start with Mass at 10:00 a.m., followed by a presentation of CWL recognition pins, a catered brunch and then Rosetta's presentation. The cost is a "free will offering" which can be given on the day of the event. To secure your spot, the registration deadline is April 18th. Please contact Chris at (519) 400-3657. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there!



THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:

For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. *Pope Francis*
Watch - <https://thepopevideo.org>



CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: *"If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic burden, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economy, but the economy must be expanded to fit the human."* Fulton J Sheen

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Father Ed Henhoeffter would like to extend an invitation to the parishioners of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish to a celebration of 30th anniversary of ordination. Mass will be celebrated at **St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener** on **Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm** followed by a reception in the Parish Life Centre.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Life is busy, sometimes so busy that we forget to make time every day to connect with our spouse. Demands on our time can make it seem impossible, but it is necessary to help love thrive. We must make a choice to put our couple relationship into our agendas. Spend time at the beginning or end of each day to touch base on what is going on in our lives, pray together each day, book date nights (at home and/or out of the home), enjoy a coffee together, take a walk, just the two of you. Relationships of any kind need both quality and quantity time; make sure you have both to keep your marriage strong. (Family Ministry Office)

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTER NOW! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Register at Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com.

GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH: The 'Be A Man' Brant Men's group cordially invites you to our 3rd Annual Catholic Men's Retreat on **Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, at St. Pius Church, Brantford**. Bishop Scott McCaig will be our speaker and leader for the event. Bishop Scott is a lumberjack, a storyteller and has a heart for speaking to men. He is the Ordinariate for the Canadian Military and you won't want to miss this dynamic speaker. The Friday evening Mass and Wine and Cheese Social is open to everyone, so the men are encouraged to bring their wives. The cost is only \$35. For more information and details visit: <https://beamanbrant.ca>

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