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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 21	7:00 PM	+ Betty Posch Intentions of Shannon Bell Intentions of Gerald Blackwell Intentions of the Galera Family	Erin and Dave Henderson Paul & Marilyn O'Neill The Blackwell Family The Baria Family
Wednesday, April 22	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kian and Roslyn	Javier Cristancho
Thursday, April 23	8:00 AM	Intentions of Shannon Bell	Carol and Richard O'Brien
Friday, April 24	8:00 AM	Intentions of Dave Henderson	Millie Scapinello
Saturday, April 25	5:00 PM	+ Jose Maria Monteiro & Family + Prezilda Chabot + Yvonne Patterson + Gerome Murray	Carmen and Tony Chaves Jocelyn Dominas Patricia Partridge Beatrice Costello
Sunday, April 26	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	



Please join us next **Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 a.m.** as we prepare our Parish grounds for the summer season. Bring your garden gloves, rakes, shovels, brooms and leaf blowers! All are welcome. *Refreshments will be provided.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

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

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

See our parish website for details:

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

PASCHAL CANDLE: This year's Paschal Candle is prayerfully sponsored in loving memory of *Elisabeth Tjioe*. We invite our parish community to join us in prayer for the repose of her soul. May her light shine eternally in the peace of Christ's resurrection.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for four teens to volunteer on **Sunday, May 3rd** from 12 noon to 3:00p.m. Teens will help serve at Father David's Anniversary luncheon. Please contact the parish office if you would like to participate. *(Community involvement hours will be given)*

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



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT!

You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Come join us for an evening of faith, love and prayer. *This is a wonderful opportunity to:*

1. Pray together as a family
2. Strengthen your family bond.
3. Seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Coffee and refreshments to follow, providing a chance to connect with fellow parishioners. Please bring a shareable snack.



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 30th to the parish office.* If you qualify, you will be notified on May 8th. The recipient must accept the award in person on June 9th at the St. Benedict's Convocation.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND - A Catholic Commitment to Healing and Reconciliation: **This weekend, April 18th & 19th,** 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.

PARISH OFFERINGS for April 11/12, 2026:

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,699.60

Thank you for your financial support of the parish.

For additional ways to donate, please visit
www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL: The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026.** The theme of our Retreat, given by *Fr. David Reitzel* is "Our Lady - The Visitation". This Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, April 20th, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to register. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass and Adoration.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA: July 31 – August 9, 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18 - 35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a virtual information night on **Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm.** Register: bit.ly/WYDInfoNight For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton visit: www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800th year since the holy death of St. Francis. Join us in prayer, reflection and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. Resources for adults and youth are available: hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/.

MARRIAGE TIP: All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allows! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done, it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: March for Life - Ottawa, May 14th, 2026. Why do we march? There were approximately 101,533 abortions in Canada in 2023, up by 4342 from 2022. Since being legalized, Canada has aborted 4.5 million preborn babies. Statistics from 2020 indicate 96% of abortions are performed due to social or economic reasons with 4% due to; rape & incest, physical health or disability of the fetus, or life or health of the mother. We march in order to call upon Parliament to enact legal protection for all human beings from conception to natural death. Why on a Thursday, and in Ottawa? Because typically, in most years our legislators are sitting in the House of Commons – we want them to see and hear us! Please consider joining one of the buses leaving Guelph or Hamilton at 5:45 am to make your voice heard! Please call us at 519-623-1850 to reserve your seat.

VOCATIONS: Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Upcoming Events at the Parish

- April 18----- CWL Ladies Day in the Parish Centre
- April 22----- Spanish Prayer Group at 8:00pm in the Hearth Room
- April 25----- Spring Clean-up! Meet in the large parking lot at 9:00am.
- April 25 & 26 ----- First Holy Communion Masses
- April 26----- Sunday Vespers at 5:00pm in the Church
- April 27----- Mission Mats at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre
- April 30----- Family Rosary Night at 6:30pm in the Church
- May 3 ----- Fr. David's Anniversary of Ordination Lunch at 12:30pm
- May 4----- Social Committee Meeting at 5:00pm
- May 5----- CWL Meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre
- May 7----- Youth Group Meeting at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre

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