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He is Risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 22	7:00 PM	+ Paul Quinless + Anthony Nusca + Donald Harding + Michael Curtin	The Quinless Family Ruth Ann Milne Anna Altomare Carol and Richard O'Brien
Wednesday, April 23	8:00 AM	Intentions of Michelle	Her mother
Thursday, April 24	8:00 AM	+ Mary and Jim Haney	The Haney Family
Friday, April 25	8:00 AM	+ Jose Maria Monteiro and Family	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Saturday, April 26	5:00 PM	+ Prezilda Chabot + Mauricio Gomes + Tran Thi Lai + Nguyen Thu Trang + Anna Smyk	Jocelyn Dominas Maria Gomes The Nguyen Family The Nguyen Family Helga Blackwell
Sunday, April 27	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	



EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! As the joy of Easter morning fills our hearts, let us give profound thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for his ultimate sacrifice and glorious resurrection, the cornerstone of our salvation. His victory over death has opened the gates of eternal life for us all.

Alas, the Easter season is not just one day, but a vibrant and grace-filled period of fifty days, culminating in the celebration of Pentecost. Let us continue to live in the light of Christ's resurrection, deepening our faith and sharing the Good News with everyone we encounter during this blessed time. May the Risen Lord's peace and love be with you and your families.

Father David

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your contributions towards the Easter flowers. Flowers will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all Masses during the Easter season.

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.

Reminder: The adoration chapel will remain closed until after the 11:00 am Mass Easter Sunday morning.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

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

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.



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>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The program will resume next **Sunday, April 27th**.



APRIL MEETING: Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on

Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. *New members are welcome.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the parish office is closed on Monday, April 21st.

PARISH OFFERINGS

April 12/13, 2025

Sunday Envelopes (142):	\$3,614.95
Loose Offerings	\$873.05
Share Lent (24):	\$ 735.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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



HAPPY EASTER FROM COUNCIL 4916

He is Risen! Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 wishes all our fellow parishioners and their families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Thursday, April 24th** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Come join us for an evening of faith, love and prayer. Coffee and refreshments to follow. Please bring a shareable snack.



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. Please contact Chris at (519) 400-3657. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP AT ST CLEMENT'S!

Calling young adults aged 19-29, Fr Markus and Fr David invite you to a small group study on the world renown series, The Chosen on **Sundays from 5:30pm - 7pm on April 27, May 4, 11 and 18** in the parish office (facing Duke St). Grab a bite to eat, watch and discuss an episode in small groups and connect with awesome men and women in an informal environment. Bring a friend or come solo, and let's enjoy some great conversations together!

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL explores the risks of global food insecurity with the powerful documentary **The Grab** on **April 24, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**. *The Grab* unfolds a remarkable story of greed and fear at the dawn of the 21st century. Register and view the full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>



JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025: The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as **"Pilgrims of Hope"**!

We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are available on the Diocesan Website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/>

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL: The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 24**. The theme of the Retreat is "Hope". The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, two short conferences, and a time for prayer and reflection. The retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend please register on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

PREPARE TO SAVE A LIFE: St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge will host a one-day Emergency First Aid with Child/Adult CPR training course provided by HeartZap Safety Training on **Saturday, May 31, 9am to 4pm**. Upon completion of this program, you will be confident to assist when someone is injured, choking, or experiencing a heart attack. Learn to be prepared! Cost is \$85.00. Registration required. Please register by phoning St. Ambrose Church office 519-621-2013.



MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND: Are you ready to make new friends to share your faith with? Why not recharge your spiritual batteries and think about taking 3 days to learn more about your faith through a program of renewal and friendship called **CURSILLO**. Cursillo was started back in the 1940's in Spain and has spread to millions of people around the world. The rewards of the weekend are very worthwhile to your spiritual life. The Men's weekend takes place **May 22-25, 2025**, at Kkottongnae Retreat Centre, 6069 Second Line, Orton, ON. The application deadline for this weekend is May 11, 2025. Contact Bonnie Frizzell at 519-212-3562 for more details.



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

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