

# 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 28	7:00 PM	+ Dereck Saldanha + Elizabeth McCaig Intentions of Shannon Bell	Maria Mendonca Anna Altomare Catholic Women's League
Wednesday, April 29	8:00 AM	Intentions of Erin Henderson	Chris O'Neill
Thursday, April 30	8:00 AM	+ Maria de Braga Monteiro & Family	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Friday, May 1	8:00 AM	+ Ronald Milne	Ruth Ann Milne
Saturday, May 2	5:00 PM	+ Hazel Adkins + Salvatore & Margherita Natalizio + Charles Patterson + Peter Ho Souls in Purgatory	Len Crichton The Natalizio Family Patricia Partridge The Nguyen Family Barbara Maier
Sunday, May 3	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	



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

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

- *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.stmaryhespeler.ca/first-communion>

**TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for four teens to volunteer on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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)*



### JOIN US FOR A FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT!

You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MISSION MATS:** Join us in making sleeping mats on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Volunteers are needed to help with the many steps of turning milk bags into sleeping mats. All are welcome!



**MONTHLY COLLECTION:** Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend.

**SEMINARIAN JANGHO:** It is with great joy that our parish announces that Seminarian Jangho will be ordained to the **Transitional Diaconate** through the laying on of hands. This sacred milestone marks his final step before the priesthood. The Ordination Mass will take place on **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this beautiful liturgy and offer their prayers for Jangho as he commits his life to diaconal service. Once ordained, Deacon Jango will be empowered to preach homilies, read the Gospel at Mass, baptize, and witness marriages.



### 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.

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL:** The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website ([www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)) to register. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass and Adoration.

**PARISH OFFERINGS for April 18/19, 2026:**

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,996.80  
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: \$545.00

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for APRIL 2026**

Sunday Offerings: \$5,697.00  
Building Fund: \$1,040.00

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

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**APRIL 26:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way.

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**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](http://bit.ly/WYDInfoNight)  
For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton visit: [www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

*Upcoming Events at the Parish*

- 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 6----- Youth Group Meeting at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre

**CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: March for Life - Ottawa, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 in most years our legislators are sitting in the House of Commons – we want them to see and hear us! Buses are leaving Guelph or Hamilton at 5:45 a.m. Come make your voice heard! Call us at 519-623-1850 to reserve your seat. <https://marchforlife.ca/>

**CURSILLO MOVEMENT OF HAMILTON DIOCESE:**

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course". Cursillo is a lay ecclesiastical movement sanctioned by the Vatican that started in the Roman Catholic Church in Spain over 70 years ago and has spread throughout the world. The 3-day weekend is led by clergy and lay leaders. Cursillo is more than a weekend experience but an active community for support, friendship and spiritual growth. Many participants attribute their experience with a profound kindling or re-kindling of their faith. For more information on upcoming weekends please contact [dmbrown269@gmail.com](mailto:dmbrown269@gmail.com). The next women's Cursillo weekend is June 4 to 7th.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT:** Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food, vocations testimony, praise music, and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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