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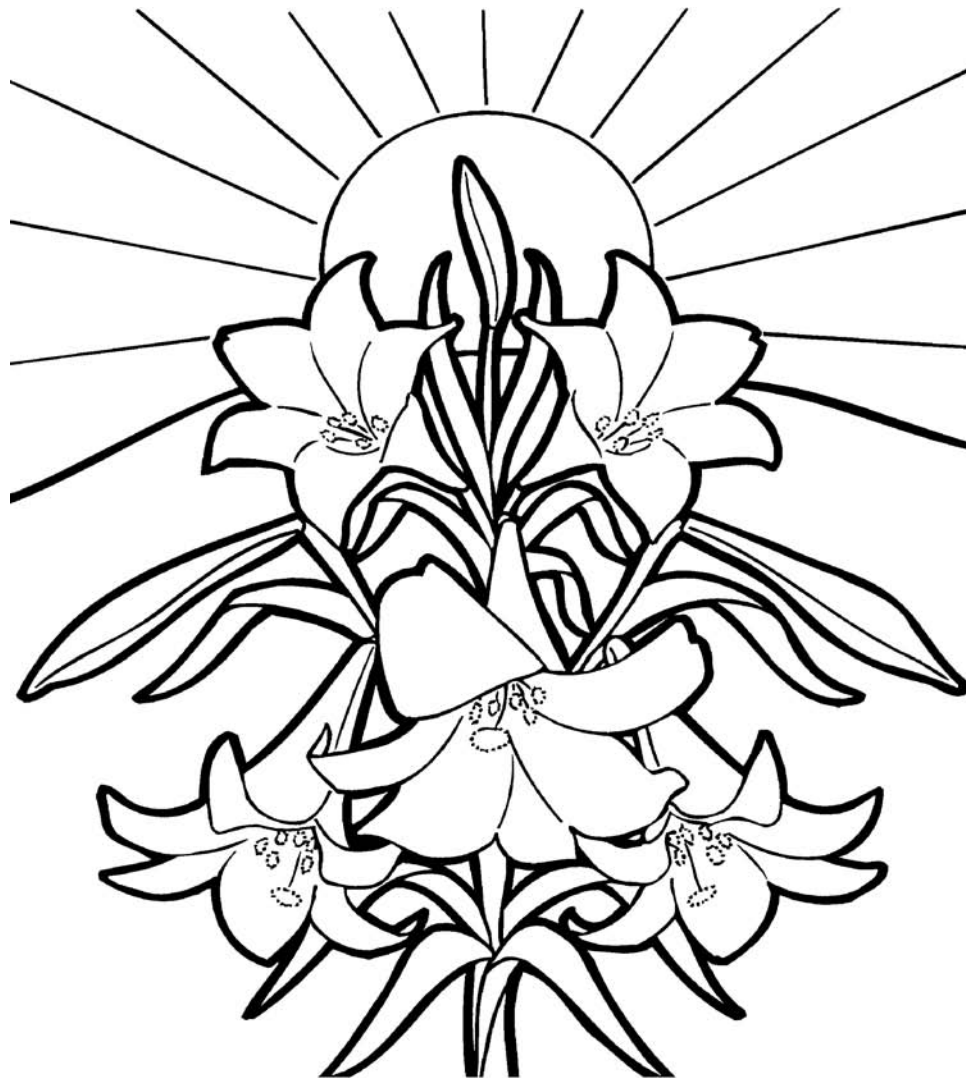
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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 7	7:00 PM	+ Lynda Caron + Maria Freitas and Family + Hugh Buchanan + Spiros Colis Intentions of Richard O'Brien Intentions of Carmen Ogata	The Soul Sisters Carmen and Tony Chaves Cathy Buchanan The Cylwik and Colis Families Chris O'Neill The Ogata-Bean Family
Wednesday, April 8	8:00 AM	Intentions of Sem. Jangho Hong	Lorraine Harding
Thursday, April 9	8:00 AM	Intentions of Terry McKinney	SSVP Giving Tree
Friday, April 10	8:00 AM	+ Souls in Purgatory	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Saturday, April 11	5:00 PM	+ Marie Ross + Jerome Murray Intentions of Javier Cristancho Intentions of Dorothy Marley & Delores Sexton	Barry and Frances Powell Cathy and Paul Strauss Javier Cristancho Patricia Partridge
Sunday, April 12	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	



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 SATURDAY, April 4

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

8:30 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

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

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5

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

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 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday morning.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER VOLUNTEERS:

A very special thank you to all our parishioners who have volunteered to serve at the Holy Week and Easter Masses.

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your contributions towards the Easter flowers. Flowers have been 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.



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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the parish office is *closed on Monday, April 6th.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The program will resume next **Sunday, April 12th** during the 11 a.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. 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>

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Hey Grade 6, 7, and 8's! Come out for a night of fun and fellowship playing badminton! **Tuesday, April 7th** from 5 - 7 p.m. Drop off: St. Mary's Church. Pick-up: W.D. Johnson Centre. Please register:

<https://stmaryhespeler.ca/youth-group> by April 6th.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Join us in celebrating Father David's 10th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, May 3rd** 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://stmaryhespeler.ca/anniversary>. \$25/ticket. Only a few tickets remain available!



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. We welcome all Brothers to our meeting on **Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. *Please come and join your Brother Knights for Fellowship and Faith in Action.*



C.W.L. NEWS: The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 7th** in the Parish Centre, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Rosary

will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. We invite all ladies of the parish, 16 years and older, to consider joining us! Come share your unique and valuable gifts and join us as we share a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship! For questions or more information, please contact Chris at 519-400-3657.

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.

PARISH OFFERINGS for March 28/29, 2026

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,793.60
Share Lent: \$820.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

The collection for March 28th/29th was \$2,132.10. Thank you for your generosity for those in need!

CWL LADIES RETREAT: All ladies of the Parish are invited to our Ladies Day retreat on **Saturday, April 18th** 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 Deadline is Tuesday, April 7th. Cost: Freewill offering

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com



PARENTING TIP: Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH: When we ask you about joy in your life, the most common answers are family, friends and fun. But is God in your joy? Come join the **4th Annual Catholic Men's Retreat** on **Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th** to discover "Living a life of joy". Fr. Paul Pearson of St. Philip's Oratory in Toronto will lead us with a sense of humour and down-to-earth discussions. The cost is only \$35 which includes a Wine and Cheese social for registrants and a guest following Mass on Friday evening, and talks, fellowship and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register go to <https://beamanbrant.ca>

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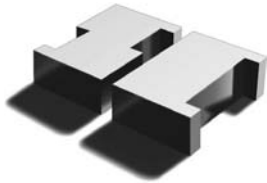
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