

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 Ed and Deacon
Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Requested by |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Tuesday, December 12 | 6:00 p.m. Please note time change | + Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Joey Woods and Alavine Tourout + John De Martin + Cesare Rizzuto Intentions of Marta Veber | The Afonso Family The Woods Family Virginia Chiarot The Buchanan Family Joe Veber |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 8:00 a.m. | + Maria Lola De Gamero | Erika Gamero |
| Thursday, December 14 | 8:00 a.m. | + Eric Walter | Bert and Kurt Walter |
| Friday, December 15 | 8:00 a.m. | + Marie Catherine Seaman | The Yu Family |
| Saturday, December 16 | 5:00 p.m. | + Percy Miranda + Stanislav Kubala + Jose de Oliveira | The Miranda Family Sidonia Kubala Lucinda de Oliveira |



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.stmaryhospeler.ca/new-parishioners

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

11:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. Christmas flowers for the church will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Please pick up a floral tribute form at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website (<https://www.stmaryhospeler.ca/floral-tribute>) or contact the parish office at 519-658-4443.*

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES DURING ADVENT

Tuesday, December 19: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COFFEE SUNDAY: Join your fellow parishioners this weekend for coffee, juice and Christmas treats! Stop by after the 5PM, 9AM or 11AM Mass.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place

on *Gaudete Sunday*, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 17th** at all Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO "COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS":

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to ***Come Home for Christmas***. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return. For information visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

Thank you for the many gifts that have been brought in to date! **Please return your unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 10th**

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 2/3, 2023

Sunday Offerings (144): \$3,733.00

Loose Offerings: \$503.50

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

2023 OFFERINGS: Please submit any donations to the Parish for 2023 by Thursday, December 28th. Thank you.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Offertory envelopes for the coming year are available in the parish hallway **in alphabetical order**. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Rosanne in the parish office: 519-658-4443, stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com



MEETING NOTICE: Msgr. Paul J Meyer Council 4916 December Meeting is **Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Clement Parish Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive entrance. Please try to join us!

RENEWED BY LOVE CAMPAIGN: Are you seeking to make a difference in the lives of seniors? *Renewed by Love* is a joint fundraising campaign by Major Decorating LTD. and Marian Residence Retirement Home. It seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of our organization: *Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility*. Marian Residence is a registered charity and will offer tax receipts for all donations. Your support empowers us to continue the compassionate care and Catholic living that our residents experience every day at Marian Residence. Join our family today! Visit bit.ly/renewedbylove to donate.

VOCATIONS: John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

ADVENT RESOURCES FOR YOUTH: The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to share the 2023 Advent Resource, "*Shine Your Light*". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens in your families and communities. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>



ADVENT NIGHT OF REFLECTION:

LED BY FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo on **Friday, December 15**. Please join us for Mass at 7pm followed by a reflection at 7:45pm with Fr. Thomas Rosica who will be speaking on *Emmanuel: The Plea and the Promise*. Please register at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/advent-evening-of-reflection> or call St. Michael Parish at 519-884-9311.



THE POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For People with Disabilities

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation. Pope Francis – December 2023. Visit www.thepopevideo.org.

NEW MASS TIMES AT ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH

LORD'S DAY MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm
Sunday at 9:30 am; 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIMES: 30 minutes before each Lord's Day Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: No Mass
Tuesday – Friday: 12:15 pm

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES: During the month of December more than 1800 appointments need to be filled in order to help meet patients' needs over the holidays and into the new year. Please visit blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE or 1-888-236-6283.

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