

# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

16 Cooper Street,  
Cambridge (Hespeler), Ontario N3C 2N2

Tel: 519-658-4443

Email: [stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com)

[www.stmaryhespeler.ca](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca)

Rev. Ed Henhoeffer, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael Foulger, Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Rosanne Nusca, Administrative Assistant



## 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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 5	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving + Afra Jong + Barry Hilker + Roberto Marciano & Anibal Marciano	The Mendonca Family Paul & Marilyn O'Neill The Hilker Family Carmen Marciano
Wednesday, December 6	8:00 a.m.	+ Ismael Dela Cruz	Nina Aguba
Thursday, December 7	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+ Ron Milne <i>Intentions of All Adorers</i>	Ruth Ann Milne
Friday, December 8	8:00 a.m.	+ Tom and Margaret O'Brien + Mary Manni and Tony Pellegrini	Carol & Richard O'Brien Anna Altomare
Saturday, December 9	5:00 p.m.	+ Huguette Corriveau + Andre Chabot + John Coppes Intentions of Linda and Ken Heffernan (55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Jocelyn Dominas Jocelyn Dominas The Coppes Family The Heffernan Family



### THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

Today we begin the Season of Advent and the new Liturgical Year. When we celebrate the New Year, it is a time to remember the past and to look forward with expectation towards the future. Advent

also has that two-fold meaning. At the beginning of Advent, we reflect on the second coming of Jesus. We are attentive to the fact that at the end of time we will encounter Jesus, the Lord of Glory. And we also look back to the birth of Jesus. We look to the humble beginnings of our Lord's mission who was born in the stable. He who is the Son of Mary is also the Son of God. The exhortation of the First Sunday of Advent is, "Keep awake!" In other words, pay attention; be aware; be present to the Word of God so that we can truly be ready for the coming of our Lord.

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:** You are invited with your family to light the Advent Wreath at one of the weekend Masses during Advent. *Please sign up at the back of the church.*

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Christmas Day – Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m.

*Please see the bulletin insert for a December calendar of Mass and Confession times.*

### CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Our adoration chapel was first opened on December 8, 2002. We will be marking this anniversary with Mass and adoration on the evening of **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Adoration will begin at 6:00pm and conclude with benediction at 6:45pm. There will be a Mass at 7:00pm (This mass will be the vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception). A reception will follow in the parish centre. You are invited to bring a dessert to share with your fellow adorers. A sign-up sheet is located in the chapel and at the back of the church. All are welcome.

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** All are invited for coffee, juice and Christmas treats **next weekend, Dec. 9 & 10, following all Masses.** Stop by and say hello to your fellow parishioners!



### 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.*

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Available for purchase at the entrances of the church. Cost: \$5.00



## Volunteers Needed!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion

are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!

**MISSION MATS:** Join us in making sleeping mats on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Volunteers are needed to help with the many steps of turning milk bags into sleeping mats. Teens are welcome! *Milk bags are not needed.*



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

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking the parish to help provide gifts to the families that they serve. In the foyer and church hall there are two Christmas trees with tags attached. **Take a tag by Dec. 3, record your name in the book provided and return the unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>**

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**November 25/26, 2023**

Sunday Offerings (124):	\$3,463.60
Loose Offerings:	\$199.00

**Your financial support is greatly appreciated.**

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

Our collection for November was \$1,991.15. Thank you to all for your generosity!

**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](mailto:stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com)

**PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, December 7, 2023** 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: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)



**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Knights of Columbus Council 4916 invites all Brother Knights and their Guests to a Christmas Party on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. Enjoy a catered hot meal by Azore's. Cost: \$15 per person. Please indicate your intent to attend and payment by December 3 to either: George Harris 519-621-3665, Dan Schmalz 519-239-5003, Norbert Oberle 519-622-0988 or Paul O'Neill 519-277-5138.



### CWL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

The CWL will be celebrating Christmas with a Hot Turkey Supper on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. All ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious meal of Turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$25 per person. You can sign up by putting your name and money in an envelope and placing it in the collection box at the weekend masses. The deadline for this event is Tuesday, Dec. 5. Come and bring a friend and let's celebrate together. Rosary at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:00pm, Turkey Supper following Mass.



**THE KIDS BULLETIN:** Visit <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> for a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week. A great resource for the season of Advent!

**ADVENT RESOURCES FOR YOUTH:** Did you know there are great Advent resources for teens brought to you by the Youth Ministry Office? Over these next four weeks, let Advent be a time to shine your inner light to the world!

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/resources-for-young-people/>

### NEW MASS TIMES AT ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH Begins First Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2/3)

#### LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 9:30 am; 11:30 am; 4:30 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday to Friday – 15 minutes before each Mass



# SCHIEDEL

CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED

Design-Build  
Project Management  
General Contractors

405 Queen St. W.

519-658-9317

www.schiedelconst.com



## Goad and Goad LAW FIRM

Estate and Wills  
Powers of Attorney  
Real Estate & Business Law  
519-623-7660  
www.goadandgoad.com



Listen to  
the Holy Rosary Hour  
Sunday  
from 9 - 9:30 a.m.  
On CKWR 98.5 fm  
Sponsored by CWL



## FREE HEARING SCREENINGS



101 Holiday Inn Dr.  
Cambridge, ON

NEW HOPE  
HEARING

519.220.1441

A Proud Hespeler Business Since 2010



**Geoff**  
**KROEGER**  
HOME SELLING TEAM  
Real Estate Broker



YOUR HESPELER REAL ESTATE CONNECTION  
OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



519-740-4820  
soldongeoff@gmail.com  
www.sold4topdollar.ca



**Dumfries Memorials**  
670 Fountain St. N.  
beside Parklawn Cemetery  
519-650-0190

## Continental Hairstyling

We care about  
your hair



31 Queen St. E.  
519.658.4811



Shopping Locally Saves Gas!

## JOIN US

You are born a man  
You become a Knight



Contact  
Msgr Paul J. Meyer  
Council 4916

## Remember...

Let our advertisers  
know you saw  
their ad here.



# Lounsbury

FUNERAL HOME

Steve Parker - Owner

1766 Franklin Blvd.

519-658-9366

www.lounsburyfuneralhome.com



ALFRED FACH  
EXCAVATING LTD.  
R.R. 21, Cambridge  
519-658-5021

Call  
1-800-268-2637  
for this space

THE PERFECT **SPOT** TO ADVERTISE  
YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL 1-800-268-2637