

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 David and
Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 PM	Intentions of the Labuda Family Intentions of Renato C. Intentions of Agnes Doyle + Dianne Kovats	The Labuda Family Angela Tellez Ana Prior Paul and Marilyn O'Neill
Wednesday, February 19	8:00 AM	Intentions of Ellen Doye	Anna Altomare
Thursday, February 20	8:00 AM	+ Lorraine O'Neill	Chris O'Neill
Friday, February 21	8:00 AM	+ Vera Fantini	Terry O'Neill and Tara Cooper
Saturday, February 22	5:00 PM	+ Maria Pimentel + Mary and Jim Haney + Gela Carballo + Catalina Zamora Balbin	The Martins Family The Haney Family The Blouin Family Carolina Arevalo
Sunday, February 23	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	

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Our Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 17th** for the Family Day Holiday.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Please join us this **Sunday, February 16th**, before the final Blessing at the 11am Mass as we present our newly elected CWL Executive Officers. Fr. David, along with our CWL outgoing President, Carol O'Brien, will preside over the "Installation" of our new Executive. Please help us welcome these ladies as they commit themselves for the next two years witnessing to the love of God through their ministry and service. Thank You.

MARCH BREAK RETREAT FOR TEENS: Youth Teams of our Lady (YTOL) and Fr. David Reitzel are inviting all students (grade 9-12) to the High School March Break Retreat from **Sunday, March 9 to Friday, March 14**. It is an overnight camp style retreat at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Acton. It is a time to get away from the busyness of life and encounter how Christ works in your life. Cost: \$380. For more information, please contact the parish office. www.ytolcanada.org
Please note: There will be no weekday Masses from March 10 thru March 14.

MISSION MATS: Join us on **Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. Come out and see the process. Drop in anytime...you don't need to stay for the whole two hours. A great way for teens to earn volunteer hours. Milk bags are not needed. All are welcome!

2024 TAX RECEIPTS: All 2024 receipts have been mailed. Contact the office if you have not received your tax receipt by Feb. 28th.



MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: PREPARE FOR LENT

All men over 18 are invited to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish on **Saturday, March 1st, 10am-3pm** for a Lent day of recollection. The day will consist of Mass, confession, and talks given by Fr. Paul Pearson of the Toronto Oratory. Lunch will be provided. Please visit the parish website or scan the QR code on the posters to register. A \$10 fee will be collected at the door.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025: This year the World Day of Prayer will be hosted here at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish** on **Friday, March 7th at 1:30 pm**. Social and fellowship time following the prayer service. All are welcome. Envelopes will be provided for donations.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025: First Reconciliation will take place in early April. Parents of grade 2 students can sign up online for a date and time: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/date-registration>

PARISH OFFERINGS

February 8/9, 2025

Sunday Envelopes (105):	\$2,374.50
Loose Offerings	\$479.25
Seminary Education (11)	\$225.00

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday Offerings (76):	\$ 5,047.00
Building Fund (46):	\$ 905.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE: From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many today feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - even when it is easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ's merciful hands reaching out to heal. **Sunday, March 2, 2-3:30pm** with guest Fr. Toby Collins, St. Mary's Parish, Founder of "Tiny Home Takeout".
www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL offers another crucial dialogue with Resilient Genius **February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM.** The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family! (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



MARIAN RESIDENCE: Marian Residence Catholic Retirement Home, located in Cambridge, is owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. For more information or

to come for a tour, please email info@marianresidence.ca or call 519-653-0363. You can also have a virtual tour at www.marianresidence.ca

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/>



THE JUBILEE LOGO: The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at

the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of hope*, represented in green letters.



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