

ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH



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

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| St. Benedict Secondary School | 519-621-4050 |

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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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Requested by |
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| Tuesday, January 13 | 7:00 PM | + Judy Newton Intentions of Donna Walker Intentions of Joan Anning Intentions of those we serve | Carol & Richard O'Brien Paul and Marilyn O'Neill SSVP Giving Tree St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| Wednesday, January 14 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Adam | The Walter Family |
| Thursday, January 15 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Chris O'Neill | Anna Altomare |
| Friday, January 16 | 8:00 AM | Intentions of Dave & Erin Henderson | Millie Scapinello |
| Saturday, January 17 | 5:00 PM | + Juliette Harrison Intentions of Sharon Pauze | The Fernandez Family SSVP Giving Tree |
| Sunday, January 18 | 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will **resume this Sunday, Jan. 11th,** during the 11a.m. mass.

WINTER VACATION: Father David will be away from **January 26th – February 1st**. In his absence there will be no weekday masses. On the weekend of January 31/February 1 we will welcome **Father Mark Morley**, the Vocation Director of the Diocese, to celebrate our Sunday Masses.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Hey Grade 6, 7 and 8's! Our next gathering will be a movie night! Join us on **Tuesday, January 13th** in the Parish Hall from 6 - 8p.m. Please sign up on the parish website:
<https://stmaryhespeler.ca/youth-group>

MISSION MATS: Join us in making sleeping mats on **Monday, January 26th 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. A great way for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours. All are welcome!



FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Come join us for an evening of faith, love and prayer. Coffee and refreshments to follow.

Please bring a shareable snack.



COFFEE SUNDAY: Join us this weekend following ALL Masses. Plan to stay after Mass for some coffee and treats and to wish your fellow parishioners a happy new year!

ENCOUNTERING JESUS: A wonderful opportunity awaits you in our Adoration Chapel. An opportunity to encounter Jesus - to spend quality time with Him in silent adoration. Please consider becoming part of this devotion. For more information, please call Frank or Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414.

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Altar Servers: Any child in grade 4 or above is invited to become an Altar Server. A training date for new Altar Servers will be scheduled in March. Please email or call the office to sign up.

Leaders of Children's Liturgy: At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, school age children who have not made their first holy communion are able to partake in their own liturgy of God's Word. Leaders of Children's Liturgy need to complete a police check as part of the volunteer process. Please contact the office in order to begin the process.

Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion: If you would like to become a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion please contact the parish office. The Diocese provides training workshops for these ministries throughout the year. Father David can also offer training when workshops are not available.

Ushers: Ushers assist with seating people, collecting the offertory and distributing bulletins after Mass. We are in need of more men and women (ages 18 and up) to join this ministry. Please contact Rosanne in the parish office if you are interested.

PARISH OFFERINGS for Dec. 27/28, 2025

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 3,973.35 |
| Christmas Offerings: | \$ 710.00 |

PARISH OFFERINGS for Dec. 31/Jan. 1, 2026

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| Solemnity of Mary: | \$ 2,312.25 |
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PARISH OFFERINGS for Jan. 3/4, 2026

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$3,166.25 |
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Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

TAX RECEIPTS: Annual tax receipts for the 2025 year will be available for pick-up in early February. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed. If you moved in 2025, please provide your new mailing address to the office.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **January 22nd, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for a screening of **PUSH**. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. **PUSH** examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule 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.

VOCATIONS: The Baptism of the Lord

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Upcoming Events at the Parish

- January 10/11----- Coffee Sunday in the Parish Centre following all Masses
- January 11----- Baptisms at 12:15pm in the Church
- January 13----- Youth Group at 6:00pm in the Parish Centre
- January 13----- St. Vincent de Paul meeting at 7:30pm in the Hearth Room
- January 14----- Spanish Prayer Group at 8:00pm in the Hearth Room
- January 25----- Sunday Vespers at 5:00pm
- January 26----- Mission Mass at 6:30PM in the Parish Centre
- January 28----- Family Rosary Night at 6:30pm in the Church

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: Fr. Mark Morley invites all 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 (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, Feb. 7th at St. Michael's Church** (80 University Ave. West, Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: NO GREATER LOVE

Saturday, March 14th, 2026. The upcoming Lift Jesus Higher Rally will mark the event's 35th anniversary! The day will feature two simultaneous events—a youth rally (ages 13-18) and an adult rally (younger children can attend). It is a day to deepen and renew your faith, with inspiring talks and testimonies, powerful praise and worship, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and so much more! For tickets and details visit <https://www.ljhr.ca/>

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: God's Doorkeeper - St. André of Montreal. On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. *God's Doorkeeper* looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love. Brother André also had a tremendous devotion to St. Joseph that he shared with all who came in contact with him. On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first Canadian-born male saint. He is living proof that *"it is with the smallest brushes that the divine artist paints the most beautiful pictures."*

NEW TO FORMED? Registration is FREE for St. Mary's parishioners. Go to signup.formed.org and type *St. Mary of the Visitation Cambridge* to find and select our Parish. Provide your name and your email address and click "Sign Up". Enjoy!

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