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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, January 16th – Friday, January 19th – NO MASSES THIS WEEK			
Saturday, January 20	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Carol Ryan Intentions of Cole Murphy + Seamus Ward + Anne and Urban Schmidt	Angela Heintz The Strauss Family Anne Pierotti Gerard Schmidt

COFFEE SUNDAY: Following ALL Masses this **Saturday, January 13** and **Sunday, January 14**.



WINTER VACATION: Father Ed will be on vacation from **January 15th – 25th**. In his absence there will be no weekday masses. Weekday Mass will resume on Friday, January 26th. On the weekend of

January 20/21, we will welcome Father Mark Morley, the Vocation director of the Diocese to celebrate our Sunday Masses.

THE CHOSEN: On Saturday mornings for February and March (February 3 – March 23) join us for Season 1 of 'The Chosen'. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and then we will gather in the parish center to watch the episode followed by discussion and fellowship. A great way to prepare for Easter. All are welcome.

ST. LUKE'S PLACE: There will be a Communion Service at St. Luke's Place on **Wednesday, January 17th at 2:00 p.m.** The service takes place in the chapel. All are welcome.

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.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21, 2024**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parents who have registered their child for First Holy Communion are asked to sign up for a Reconciliation time on **Thursday, February 22nd or Thursday, February 29th**. Please sign up online: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/date-registration>

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 30/31, 2023

Sunday Envelopes (97):	\$3,301.00
Christmas Offerings	\$290.00
Loose Offerings	\$646.05

January 1, 2024

New Year's Day Offerings	\$2,160.80
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January 6/7, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (128):	\$2,999.25
Loose Offerings	\$457.15

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

TAX RECEIPTS: Annual Tax Receipts for the 2023 year will be available for pick-up in early February. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed by February 16, 2024. If you moved in 2023, please provide your new mailing address to the office.



CWL MEETING: Due to inclement weather the CWL meeting was postponed to **Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at 7 p.m.** (no Mass this evening). Our guest speaker Susan Flemming, a Registered Nurse from Lisaard House will be joining us. Come and bring a friend to this very interesting evening.

MILK BAG MATS: Join us in making sleeping mats on **Wednesday, January 31st 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!
Next session: Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists & attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love & forgive despite it all... just as we are called to do? **Sunday, January 28th** at 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES: The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program **starts January 17, 2024** and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3rd** at **St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: Please join us on **Monday, January 15th** at 2pm at MP Bryan May's office, 534 Hespeler Road to "take a stand" against the government's plan to expand euthanasia to our vulnerable mentally ill neighbors, which is scheduled to begin in March of this year. Due to so much pushback from the public our Justice Minister stated that the government is now considering "pausing its original plan, to broaden the rules to include mental disorders". This is an important time to show "where we stand" and help the government to make that decision to "not just pause" but to halt its implementation! If you haven't already done so please consider writing & bringing a personal letter of concern that can be delivered directly to MP May along with CRTL's letter of concern! Please park across the street at 525-529 Hespeler Road- signs will be distributed at MPP May's plaza. Thank You.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18 – 25, 2024

"You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..."

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbour with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbour". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity. Visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR
January 15 – 20

Monday	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tuesday	Rev. Luc Payette
Wednesday	Youth Ministers
Thursday	Rev. David Weise
Friday	Rev. Tom Moisan
Saturday	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.



THE POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER

INTENTION: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.
Pope Francis-January 2024. www.thepopevideo.org

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm – **January 16**, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: 519-884-9311, or parish@stmichaelw.ca

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY - TAKE HEART: By His Wounds We Are Healed. Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9 AM - 5:30 PM at the Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). For event details visit <https://www.ljhr.ca/>

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