

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, January 23 rd – Thursday, January 25 th – NO MASSES			
Friday, January 26	8:00 a.m.	+ Margaret Langan	Paul Langan
		+ Mary Cryan	Anne McKelvey
Saturday, January 27	5:00 p.m.	+ Marta Veber	The Veber Family
		+ Maria Man	The Nguyen Family

WINTER VACATION: Father Ed will be on vacation until January 25th. In his absence there will be no weekday masses. Weekday Mass will resume on Friday, January 26th.

This weekend we welcome **Father Mark Morley**, the Vocation director of the Diocese to celebrate our Sunday Masses.



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/
Pick up a prayer card and bookmark at the parish entrances this weekend.

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE BLESSINGS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Have you ever visited our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration? Do you know it is open 24 hours a day? We invite you to come and experience the peaceful presence of Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity to start the New Year with a commitment to deepen your relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him in silent prayer and adoration. Jesus is waiting for you to return to this Sacrament of Love. Please consider becoming part of this devotion. Several hours are available. For more information, please call Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414

NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: A new schedule will begin February 14 (Ash Wednesday) Positions for regular Masses will be assigned. Please update your availability either through the Ministry Scheduler website or by contacting the office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Parents who have registered their child for First Holy Communion are asked to sign up online for a Reconciliation time in February: https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/date-registration

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

On February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, which commemorates Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple so as to present him to the Lord. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Light of the Nations is one of the themes of this feast day and so it is customary to bless candles at Mass on this day. At the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, February 2nd, candles will be blessed and will be available for an offering of \$5. You can bring your own candles that day and they can also be blessed as part of the liturgy.

PARISH OFFERINGS

January 13/14, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (120): \$2,686.00 Loose Offerings \$484.25

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for JANUARY 2024

Sunday Offerings (76): \$ 4,953.00 Building Fund (45): \$ 960.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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

TAX RECEIPTS: 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.



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.

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/

NEW ON FORMED: THE CATHOLIC PARENT

The Catholic Parent encourages moms and dads as they embrace their God-given role to form their kids in the Catholic faith. It features real parents telling real stories: Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity, and more. This lighthearted six-episode series is ideal for adult faith formation, small groups, or parents of kids preparing to receive a sacrament.

New to FORMED? Registration is FREE for 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!

MARDI GRAS MOMS' NIGHT OUT AT ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH: Calling all moms of young families! Do you need a fun night out before the penitential season of Lent kicks in? Come to St. Clement Church, Cambridge on February 13 at 7pm to meet amazing Catholic moms where you'll laugh, eat some sweets, listen to a New Orleans inspired playlist and casually gander at the different stations set up to give you ideas on how you and your family can observe Lent. There will be 30 takehome Lent kits available on a first come, first serve basis and a digital guide will be sent out as well. Please email Andrea Szrejber, Family and Children's Ministry Coordinator, andreaszrejber@gmail.com with any questions.

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. Join the presentation and discussion on Sunday, January 28th at 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

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). Adult Tickets \$ 30 / Youth Tickets \$ 15. The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7 AM and returning at approximately 6:30 - 7 PM. Bus details concerning cost and departure location are incomplete at this time. For ticket and bus information call Tina 519-222-6283. For event details visit https://www.lihr.ca/

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 Saturday, 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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Please see calendar posted on bulletin board located at the parish entrance or view online: https://hamiltondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-PrayerCalendar-Final.pdf

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the 2024 season on January 25, 2024 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, with the film **Gather**, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrianne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be quest speakers for the evening. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at: https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/ 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.

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