

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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## Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise  
Still Seek Him.**

## THE EPIPAHNY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, January 6	7:00 PM	+ Hugh Buchanan + Joey Woods + Theresa Haire Intentions of James Wakeford Intentions of Bonnie Frizzell	The Buchanan Family The Woods Family Lorraine and Dennis Harding Carol & Richard O'Brien Millie Scapinello
Wednesday, January 7	8:00 AM	Intentions of Paul Curtin	Anna Altomare
Thursday, January 8	8:00 AM	+ Dorothy Greig	Anna Altomare
Friday, January 9	8:00 AM	+ Frank and Anna Smyk	The Blackwell family
Saturday, January 10	5:00 PM	+ Juliette Harrison + Jose Chothirakkottu Ouseph Intentions of Leone and Ross Schuett	The Blouin Family Neethu and Samson SSVP Giving Tree
Sunday, January 11	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](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners)

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN:** If you would like to receive the parish bulletin via email, please visit our parish website and scroll down the home page to 'subscribe to bulletin'.

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

### O COME LET US ADORE HIM

Wishing all the faithful members of our Adoration Chapel a very joyful Christmas season and a peaceful, Holy New Year. If you do not have a weekly Holy Hour, why not consider making a New Year's resolution to spend time in prayer with Jesus who is truly present in our Chapel of Adoration? Come and experience the peace that only He can give. He cannot be outdone in generosity. Whatever you give to Him, He will give to you a hundred-fold. For more information please call: Sheila or Frank at (519) 658-9414.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our next Coffee Sunday will be **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** following ALL Masses. Plan to stay after Mass for some coffee and treats and to wish your fellow parishioners a happy new year!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The Children's Liturgy program has paused for the holidays and will **resume next Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



**C.W.L. NEWS:** The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Centre, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The **CWL membership fee of \$40.00 is now due.** We invite all ladies of the parish, 16 years and older, to consider joining us in 2026! Come share your unique and valuable gifts and join us as we share a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship! We look forward to welcoming you as a new member! For questions please contact Chris at 519-400-3657.



**MEETING NOTICE:** Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Knights of Columbus Council 4916 wishes all parishioners a Happy and Blessed New Year. We begin this new year with our meeting on **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish**, 16 Cooper Street. *New members 18+ are welcome!*

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO LAUNDRER SACRED

**LINENS:** Do you have a heart for service? We need volunteers to help launder and press our sacred altar linens. This flexible, quiet ministry can be done from your own home. This ministry would primarily involve weekly laundering of small linens used for Mass. On occasion there is need for laundering larger items like towels used in baptisms and cassocks worn by altar servers. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the office.

**THE KIDS BULLETIN:** Visit <https://thekidsbulletin.com/> for a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.

**PARISH OFFERINGS for Dec. 20/21, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes: \$4,120.95  
Christmas Offerings: \$1,760.00

**PARISH OFFERINGS for Dec. 24/25, 2025**

Christmas Offerings: \$7,094.15

**December 27/28, 2025**

*To be reported in the next bulletin*

**Your continued 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)

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:** Have you considered donating to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. You can find the brochure and authorization form on our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>.

**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 by February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If you moved in 2025, please provide your new mailing address to the office.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:** The collection for the weekend of December 27/28<sup>th</sup> was \$1,051.05. Thank you for your continued support. Happy New Year to all!



**THE POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** For prayer with the Word of God: *Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*  
January 2026 – Pope Leo XIV  
Watch the video: <https://thepopevideo.org>

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**VOCATIONS:** "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**MONTHLY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All are welcomed and urged to come out to pray and be a witness for God's unborn babies being aborted. Will you be their voice and witness today? Please pray to end abortion and pray for the conversion of hearts. Where: Opposite Freeport Hospital - 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Parking: Schneider Park (across the road) If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour of pray? Thank you and God bless you. Contact: [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com) or 519-742-9025. Future monthly prayer vigils: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. 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.

*Upcoming Events at the Parish*

- January 6----- CWL Meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre
- January 8----- Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00pm in the Hearth Room
- 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 in the Parish Centre at 6:00pm



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