

# 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.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, July 29	7:00 PM	+ Luigi Chiarot + Michelle and Patricia O'Neill + Wilf Donnait + Luzminda Vergeire Mendez Intentions of Michael and Anna Kelly	The Natalizio Family Chris O'Neill Maria Mendonca The Yu Family Carol and Richard O'Brien
Wednesday, July 30	8:00 AM	+ David Tavares and Family	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Thursday, July 31	8:00 AM	Intentions of Chris O'Neill	The Teixeira Family
Friday, August 1	8:00 AM	+ Paul Quinless	Andrea Szrejber
Saturday, August 2	5:00 PM	+ Randall Wilson + Nelson De Los Angeles + Artemio Parada + John and Eliza Morrissey and Family + Harry The + Ed and Yvonne Currie	Jaena Parada The Parada Family The Parada Family Gerard Schmidt The Tjioe Family Nick and Leanne Harper
Tuesday, August 5 through Thursday, August 7 <b>No Mass</b>			
Friday, August 8	8:00 AM	+ Jim Ryan	Carol and Richard O'Brien
Saturday, August 9	5:00 PM	+ Jose Augusto Chaves and Family + Sheldon White + Jim Ryan + Solomon Almariego	Carmen and Tony Chaves Bill and Debbie Daniel Frank and Sheila Mauser The Almariego Family



### 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:

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners>

**SUNDAY VESPERS:** We will be praying Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) at St. Mary's at 5:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of every month. Join us for prayers on **July 27<sup>th</sup>** and **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. All are welcome.

**Father David on Vacation:** Father David will be away **August 5-7** and **August 10 – 15**. There will be no weekday Masses on these dates.

### PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closed: Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> for the Civic Holiday

**ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?** Even though you attend Mass at our parish, you may not be registered if you have not submitted a registration form in the past. Please register your family in preparation for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, etc. Register online at <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners>



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? We would like to start the process of preparation come the Fall. If you have thought about being baptized or being received into the Church, please call the office to make an appointment with Father David.



### BIBLE CAMP THANK YOU:

St. Mary's Bible Camp is now complete! The children had a great time learning about their faith and the Liturgical Church Year. A special thanks to all who made the 2025 Vacation Bible School a great success! Thank you to all the leaders, the teen volunteers, parents and participants. A very special thank you to our camp director, *Mrs. Amie Quinless*, for her wonderful leadership! We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their donation of time and funds towards the BBQ celebration for the campers, parents and volunteers.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you enjoy planning social events? We are looking for a small group of volunteers to form a **Parish Social Committee**. This Committee will work with Father David and parish staff to plan and run social events throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> following the 7pm Mass.

## PARISH OFFERINGS

### July 12 - 13, 2025

Sunday Offerings (102): \$2,264.00  
Loose Offerings: \$360.55

### July 19 - 20, 2025

Sunday Offerings (124): \$2,372.75  
Loose Offerings: \$421.40

### Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of July

Monthly Offerings (76): \$5,027.00  
Building Fund (44): \$915.00

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*

*For additional ways to donate, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)*

**DEBT FORGIVENESS:** We gladly share this very important message from Bishop Douglas Crosby: *"Since the times of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, the forgiveness of debts has been a central pillar of the great tradition of Jubilee. In this same spirit and in the hopes of offering the hope of being set free from prohibitive debt, I am pleased to share with you that I have forgiven your Parish debt in the following terms: \$75,000 of St. Mary's \$206,866 Parish Loan owing to the Diocese has been forgiven."* We are extremely grateful for this generous act of debt forgiveness within the Jubilee Year of Hope. A heartfelt thank you to our Bishop, Most Reverend Douglas Crosby.

**HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS:** This weekend we welcome Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing *"Handicraft Holy Land Christians"*. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

**SUMMER BULLETIN:** Bulletins will be distributed bi-weekly on August 10<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**MONTHLY COLLECTION:** Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses the weekend of July 26 & 27.

**MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The *Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship* has been established and will be accepting applications for 2025. The purpose of this scholarship is to afford Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the church, the opportunity to pursue medical education. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The **application deadline is August 8, 2025**. For questions, please contact Francis Doyle at [fdoyle@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:fdoyle@hamiltondiocese.com)

## THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - JULY 27:

This year's theme, *"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"* (cf. Sir 14:2). "In this Jubilee Year, the World Day – established by Pope Francis in 2021 – aims to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly is a sign of hope in every family and ecclesial community" (Cardinal Kevin Farrell). This is a great day to encourage families to celebrate with their grandparents and/or elderly relatives and neighbours. Consider a picnic lunch, barbeque, or a Sundae Sunday in honour of the day so we can remind all elderly people how important they still are in our lives! For more information visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find the link under upcoming events.

**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 on **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** beginning with Holy Hour at 6:30pm and concluding with Compline at 9:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE DAY:** The Office of Youth Ministry is excited to welcome young people in **grades 7-12** to join us for a Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The pilgrimage day will run from 1:00pm – 7:00 pm. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>

**VOCATIONS:** Could God be calling you to be His voice in His Church at this time? If so, you could give it a try by responding to that inclination towards priesthood, religious life or the diaconate. Call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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