# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish



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St Mary of the Visitation Parish exists to be a light on the hill and offer every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus

#### SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A Children's Ministry for those aged 2 until Grade 4 is offered at the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church) Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **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 ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is always available for a time of quiet, personal prayer. Please enter by the west side of the church, off the lower parking lot.

#### PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Our Parish Book of Prayer is located in our Adoration Chapel (lower level of the Church). You are welcome to write your intentions on its pages. These are remembered at Mass.

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment 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

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital each Sunday. To ensure a visit when hospitalized, please make sure to indicate at registration that you are a Roman Catholic and a member of St Mary Parish.

#### IF GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE REQUIRED

About 10 minutes before Mass begins, please visit the Sacristy and ask Sacristan to reserve a gluten-free host for you.

# DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD - SMALL GROUPS

We are blessed with a variety of small groups - couples groups, men's groups, ladies groups, mother's groups, faith sharing groups - check our display in the Parish Centre - join us.

#### **PARISH BEQUESTS**

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

519-658-6511



#### **WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH**

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We are really glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Robert Love, or stop by our

Welcome Desk for details on our parish life and ways of connecting.



Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.
Intentions of Nora Normore

Wednesday, March 4 at 8 a.m.
In Thanksgiving for Graces Received

Thursday, March 5 at 8 a.m.

+ Thom Ryan

Friday, March 6 at 8 a.m.

+ Maria Freitas

Saturday, March 7 at 5 p.m.

+ John Dominas

#### **DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday Rev. Robert Dunn Tuesday Rev. Ron Cote

Wednesday Deceased Priests of the

Diocese of Hamilton

Thursday Rev. Ralph Diodati
Friday Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher
Saturday Rev. Michael McHugh

#### **CHAPEL OF ADORATION**

Our Adoration Chapel is open for all to make a quiet visit any time. To find out more about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration please call: Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414

#### **PARISH OFFERINGS**

#### February 22/23, 2020

Sunday Offerings (155 Envelopes): \$3,342.00
Sunday Offerings (Loose): \$246.62
Building Fund: \$118.00
Seminary Education: \$15.00

Thank you for your continued support.



**PARISH POTLUCK:** Thank you for participating in our first social event with Fr. Love! We had a great turn-out of approximately 160 people! A very

special thank you to the members of the CWL for hosting this event and to our Sacristans, Owen and Anton, for setting up our dining area!

#### THE SEASON OF LENT



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held in the church every Friday at 7 p.m. Each week, the Stations of the Cross will be led by a different group/ministry

within our parish. Everyone is invited to join the *Knights of Columbus* on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 has partnered with our St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide "Food for Families" in our Community. During Lent, from February 26 - April 10, we

are providing collection boxes in the Narthex and front door for your donations. All donations will help replenish the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. Mary's. Thank you for putting your "Faith in Action" by joining us to end hunger.

**THE WORD AMONG US**: Lenten booklets, "Come, Follow Me", are available at the Welcome Desk for purchase. Booklets include Daily Readings and Meditations for the season of Lent. Booklets are \$3.



**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**: The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its

roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. Please pick up the Mini-magazine at the parish entrances to learn more about Development and Peace's work. You may also read online atdevp.org/lent/resources

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION for Ministers of the Word, Communion and Hospitality

Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day or reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, March 14th at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington and on Saturday, March 21st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please contact the parish office to register or go to the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events <a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php">https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php</a>

**FIRST RECONCILICATION** for all children preparing for First Holy Communion takes place on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m**. in the church. Please register for a time on our website if you have not already done so.



#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

The World Day of Prayer will be held in our Church on **Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. The Prayer Service will be in honour of the people in Zimbabwe,

Africa. Everyone is welcome to come and offer prayers and support for this country. An invitation has been sent to our neighbouring churches to join us and to participate in this World Day of Prayer. A social will be held in our parish centre immediately following the prayer service. Come and pray with us and offer your support for Zimbabwe.

**MISSION MATS:** Join us on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am in the Parish Centre. Volunteers will gather to turn milk bags into sleeping mats.



**THANK YOU:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The total collection for February was \$804.55. Copies of the

2019 Financial Statement for the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available at the parish entrances.

#### Liturgical Ministries Schedule March 7/March 8 – TEAM C

Please note: A limited number of printed schedules will be made available for volunteers not using the new online scheduling program.

**SAVE THE DATE**: The Annual Ladies Morning will be held at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish on **Saturday, April 25**<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Details to follow next month.

#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**DIOCESAN CHOIR:** The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. **Rehearsals begin March 2nd** and are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 or check online at:

<a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/">https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/</a> <a href="liturgy/diocesan-choir.php">liturgy/diocesan-choir.php</a>. Registration will close as sections are filled. DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please take a registration form from the poster located at the parking lot entrance or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Lent is great time to build your marriage bond! Instead of "giving up" something, take a fast from criticizing, complaining or even ignoring your spouse; pray together daily and reflect on how you are called to live your marriage vocation; engage in a Lenten retreat and/or attend the Stations as a couple; read and reflect on a passage of the Bible; consider giving of your time and talent as a couple during the six weeks of Lent. Every activity you undertake will benefit your spiritual life and will also build your bond as a couple as you engage in your Lenten practices together. (Family Ministry Office)

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Lent is an important time in the Church and a great time for parents to talk to their children about it. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, a six week period where we set aside time to reflect on Jesus' suffering and dying, which ultimately led to His Resurrection and eternal life for all who believe and live the faith. Lent is a time for fasting, prayer and reflecting on how much God loves us. Talk to your kids about Jesus and how he tried to change the world; work together as a family to better yourselves as His followers; consider giving something up for Lent and talk about how that small suffering can help relate to how Jesus suffered for everyone. Easter is a time of great celebration, use Lent to help your children understand why!

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH** Catholic Women's Conference: **Saturday March 28, 2020.** Keynote Speakers: *Colleen Carroll Campbell & Kimberly Hahn*. Registration: 8:30am, Conference: 9:00 am Mass: 4:00 pm LOCATION: Le Tréport Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga. For more information call 416-907-1042 or visit <a href="https://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com">www.dynamicwomenfaith.com</a>

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** Be sure to sign up for the Diocesan Newsletter available on-line at <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a>. You will receive up-to-date information regularly.

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