

# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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Rev. Mr. Michael Foulger, Permanent Deacon

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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 OF LENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, March 14	7:00 p.m.	+ Domenico Pellegrini Intentions of Linda Vicente & Family Intentions of Father Bradley Markus	Anna Altomare Rosa Paiva A Parishioner
Wednesday, March 15 <i>Mass at St. Luke's</i>	8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Intentions of Ellen Doye + Nora Kennedy	Chris O'Neill The Downey Family
Thursday, March 16	8:00 a.m.	+ Patricia O'Neill	The Teixeira Family
Friday, March 17	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Agnes Doyle	Ana Prior
Saturday, March 18	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Angelica and Nick Rotundo + Bob Halliwell + Noemia Vieira	Angela Tellez-Lance Wendy Halliwell Maria Gomes



### THE SEASON OF LENT

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Join us at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent, followed by a ½ hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

**A LENTEN VIDEO SERIES:** Take some time this Lent to learn about the beauty of our Catholic Faith with the *Catholicism* Series by Bishop Robert Barron. Join us **Saturday mornings during Lent** for Mass at 8:30 am followed by the video and discussion in the Parish Centre.

**CONFESSION DURING LENT:** Saturdays: 4 p.m. – 4:30p.m., Tuesday, March 28: 7:30p.m. – 8:15p.m., Saturday, April 1: 11:00a.m. – 12 noon., 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m., Tuesday, April 4: 7:30p.m. – 8:15p.m., Wednesday, April 5: 8:30a.m. – 9:15a.m., Thursday, April 6 (*Holy Thursday*): following Mass – 9:00p.m



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** During this Lenten Season we invite you to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Quietly sit in His presence. Listen to His quiet voice. Come and experience the love of God in so intimate a way. What a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Easter! For more information, please call Frank or Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414. *"Be still and know that I am God."* (Psalm 46:10)

**MASS OF CHRISM:** Each year during Holy Week the priests and of the faithful of the Diocese gather with the bishop to celebrate the Mass of Chrism. At this Mass the bishop will bless the oils that will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year and the priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination. This year the Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. All are welcome.



**EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES:** Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. During the Easter season, the names of your loved ones will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses. *Forms are available at the parish entrances and on our parish website.*

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:** Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Lectors are invited to sign up to serve at Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please sign up online or contact the parish office. Thank you!

**PALMS:** Bring your old palms to church between now and Palm Sunday and place them in the box by the parking lot entrance. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday next year.



### SPECIAL FEAST DAYS IN MARCH:

March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, patron of the Universal Church and patron of Canada. This year, March 19 is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent so the St. Joseph's feast day will be celebrated on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us for **Mass on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** to honour St. Joseph. March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord - as part of our Lenten series there will be Mass at 8:30 am that day. All are welcome.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Join us for Coffee and refreshments **next Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00am and 11:00 am Mass.

**WINTER PARKING:** With the snow accumulation we have fewer spots in the parking lot. Just a reminder that one is able to park in the small lot below the church, across the street in our small lot and, on Sunday mornings, the larger lot across the street is also available. (The community that uses the former Lutheran Church worships on Saturday evenings so please keep those spots free for them.)

**MARCH BREAK OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the parish office will be **closed** on **Monday, March 13** and **Wednesday, March 15**. There will be regular office hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. *Have a fun and safe March Break!*

**COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF TURKEY AND SYRIA:** If you are planning to donate through the parish, please include your donation in the collections this weekend. We will be forwarding the donations to the Diocese after this weekend. (Please make cheques payable to 'St. Mary of the Visitation Parish'.)

#### PARISH OFFERINGS March 4/5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes (99):	\$2,335.00
Loose Offerings:	\$320.50
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal:	\$2,820.00

***Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.***



**THANK YOU!** The CWL would like to offer a special thank you for your kind generosity towards our Monica Place Shower. Apart from the many gifts, we received cash, cheques and gift cards all in support of Monica Place. The shower was a great success because of your support.



#### THE POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. *Pope Francis – March 2023*  
Watch - <https://thepopevideo.org>

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH.** Mass on **Monday March 20 at 3:00 pm** in the newly renovated Chapel at the **Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha**. The celebrant will be *Bishop Wayne Lobsinger*. Light refreshments to follow.

#### This Lent, STAND FOR THE LAND

**Colombia:** defence of land and territory. Colombia is home to nearly 10 per

cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/>

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents, it is important that we do not treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as a child of a certain age. There are normal patterns to children's brain development and when we understand those stages, we can more fully understand how to love, teach, discipline and support our children throughout their lives. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

#### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR March 13 – March 18

Monday	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tuesday	Rev. David Wilhelm
Wednesday	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Friday	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Saturday	Rev. George Stortz

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH INFORMATION SESSION

Domestic Church is a long-term formation for Sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and with other couples. Learn more by attending the information session on **Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM in parish hall (after 11:45 AM Mass), Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener. Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about Domestic Church. Children are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Contact: Marta & Jacek Nawrot, 519 896-8979, [domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com)

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