

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.

*Children's Ministry: Programs are suspended
until further notice.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.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 closed until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

Current restrictions do not allow our Ministers of Communion to enter nursing homes or hospitals at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place in the church **every Tuesday** from **9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** As we continue our Lenten Journey let us consider spending some time with Jesus in silent adoration.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m.
+ Glenn Bickford

Wednesday, March 17 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Carol O'Brien

Thursday, March 18 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Michelle O'Neill

Friday, March 19 at 8 a.m.
Feast of Saint Joseph
In Honour of St. Joseph

Saturday, March 20 at 5 p.m.
+ Joseph & Cecilia Healy

CONFESSION TIMES: Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m., or by appointment. Location: The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the church every Friday, throughout Lent, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 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. *Please contact the parish office at 519-658-4443 if you would like to dedicate a floral tribute. You may also pick up a floral tribute form in the parish office or print a copy from our website.*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:

Please continue to pray for our young students preparing for First Holy Communion in April. Parents are reminded to **register online** for a Mass time.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM 2021

The current health and safety protocols require us to celebrate the liturgies very simply this year. Our Mass schedule has been set as follows:

PALM SUNDAY – March 28
(no distribution of palms)

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - April 1
(no washing of the feet, no Adoration)
7:00 p.m. Mass

GOOD FRIDAY - April 2
3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - April 3
7:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all Masses above.

Please register online or call the parish office at 519-658-4443 (during office hours only).

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Cleaning Volunteers are needed.

Please contact the office if you are able to help.
New volunteers are welcome!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS:

Face masks are mandatory inside the church. We ask that you arrive at church with your own face mask.

- Please make use of the hand sanitizers provided at the entrance.
- Please maintain physical distancing and refrain from socializing in the church.
- Washrooms should only be used for emergency purposes.
- Parishioners are reminded that singing during Mass is not currently permitted.
- Following the dismissal, parishioners are to leave the church, row by row, following the directions of the ushers.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

PARISH OFFERINGS – March 6/7

Sunday & Initial Envelopes:	\$2,589.40
Building Fund:	\$250.00
Seminary Education	\$10.00
Share Lent	\$60.00
Good Friday	\$10.00

Thank you for your continued support.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE**

MONTH: The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may

also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family's means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

MASS OF CHRISM: His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on **Monday, March 29th, 2021** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

VOCATIONS: St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Lent Retreat in Spanish: Do you speak Spanish and would like to experience a Lenten Retreat? The "Comunidad Mensajeros de la Paz" wants to invite you to their Spanish Zoom Lenten Retreat that will take place March 25 (afternoon), 26 & 27 (morning & afternoon) & 28th (morning) Speakers: Fr. Gustavo Jamut, Fr. Diego González & Diac. Gastón Kitegroski. For more information, please contact Carmen at 905-483-9481 or Erika at 519-222-6333.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: 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 injustice. Films are screened once a month and provide an opportunity for community discussion about ways we can all support actions for change. Details and the full schedule can be found at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com. This year the festival is going virtual! All of the films will be available online. Special family friendly screening **March 25th 6:30pm – 8:00pm** - To the Arctic, narrated by Oscar winner Meryl Streep. The film takes audiences into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin seven-month-old cubs, as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness they call home. RSVP online or by email at library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion!



SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: Raise a toast to yourself! Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace? The Share Love, Share Lent campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South. **Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday.** You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! Learn more at www.devp.org/lent

**THE POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

Pope Francis – March 2021. Visit

<https://thepopevideo.org>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

March 15 – March 20

Monday	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tuesday	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Wednesday	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Friday	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Saturday	Rev. Issac Tharayil, C.M.I.

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