

# 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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



### 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.



### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, March 17

1:30 p.m. Mass at St. Luke's Place

7 p.m. + Thom Ryan

#### Wednesday, March 18 at 8 a.m.

+ Armandino Santos

#### Thursday, March 19 at 8 a.m.

In Honour of St. Joseph

#### Friday, March 20 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Katharine Van Beek & Family

#### Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Copping Family

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tuesday	Rev. Terence Sehl
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Friday	Rev. Edward Mahony
Saturday	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

### 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

#### March 7/8, 2020

Sunday Offerings (138 Envelopes):	\$2,832.00
Sunday Offerings (Loose):	\$210.75
Building Fund:	\$173.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Liturgical Ministries Schedule

#### March 21/March 22 – TEAM A

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

**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 *Thursday Afternoon Bible Study Group* on Friday, March 20<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. Items that are needed most include: school snacks, kraft dinner, cereal, rice, crackers, puddings, canned: soups, fruits, vegetables, pasta, meat, beans, tuna, salmon. Thank you for putting your "Faith in Action" by joining us to end hunger.

**EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES:** Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. Forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. 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 return your form and envelope by placing in the collection basket or dropping off at the office.



**MARCH BREAK OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the parish office will be open **ONLY from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.** from Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20.

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

**NEW SCHEDULING PROGRAM:** Thank you for your patience as we all become familiar with our new "Ministry Scheduler". Overall, the response has been very positive! Just a reminder that you can modify your default settings under "My Profile" so that you will receive/not receive reminder emails. Please also note that when a "sub request" is made by a volunteer, an email *automatically* goes out to everyone in that ministry. You are *not* required to respond to that email. You are only invited to select "volunteer now" if you are able to fill in for that date. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you!!

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENT-CHILD

**GATHERING:** A reminder to parents that the next Parent-Child gathering for First Communion will be held **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, beginning at 7 pm. Please come earlier to sign-in.



**CHALICE APPEAL:** Next weekend, on **March 21/22**, we welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about Chalice, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program.

He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. Please visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

**Biography of Deacon Philip Allard:** Deacon Philip Allard was ordained in 2000 for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He was raised in Toronto and has been married to Arlene for over 30 years. Arlene and Philip have 3 dependant children in their 20's that are living at home and engaged in post-secondary studies. Philip has served in the same Scarborough parish since his ordination, and also ministers in a residential treatment centre for women with addictions and emotional problems. Philip enjoys singing and playing the guitar and has used this talent in various music ministries. Philip is employed as a social worker in a long-term facility in Toronto where he has worked for over 25 years.



## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash. For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. "On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected." — Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil. Watch the Mura's testimony at [devp.org/campaign/mura](http://devp.org/campaign/mura). Please pick up the Mini-magazine at the parish entrances to learn more about Development and Peace's work.

You may also read online at [www.devp.org/lent/resources](http://www.devp.org/lent/resources)

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: All Liturgical Ministers are invited to attend.** Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life, will facilitate a Lenten day of reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Children's Liturgy, Music Ministers and Hospitality Ministers on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener. Please contact the parish office to register or go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formatio-n-reflection-events.php>

**COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE:** Are you looking to break away and spend time in silence? Visit [www.loyolahouse.com](http://www.loyolahouse.com) for more information on upcoming retreats and programs at Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph.

**STRESS & ANXIETY SEMINAR:** Holy Family Church, New Hamburg, the Catholic Women's League and the Council of Catholic Men are co-sponsoring a talk on anxiety and depression in the Church hall on **Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm**. The guest speaker is Mike Glugosh B.Th. who works for Mountainview Clinic for Stress and Anxiety. All are welcome. Seminar will last for approximately an hour with refreshments to follow. (Holy Family Parish, 329 Huron St. New Hamburg)

**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 [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

**YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MEET-UPS:** Thursdays from 7:30 - 9 pm. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish (56 Duke Street West, Kitchener) All Young Adults invited (ages 18-35). Every Thursday during Lent we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks provided!

**SERRA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER:** Celebrate the anniversaries of Priests, Consecrated/Religious Brothers and Sisters who have served 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 + years in the Diocese of Hamilton on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** at Liuna Station, Hamilton. For more information: contact Margaret Carreiro at [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com) or via <https://celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner>

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