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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

Tuesday – Friday 15 minutes prior to Mass

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 would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, March 24	7:00 PM	+ Joey Woods + Domenic Bucarelli + Lynda Caron Intentions of Sem. Jangho Hong Intentions of Bonnie Frizzell Intentions of Scott & Presly Buchanan	The Woods Family The Natalizio Family The Henderson Family Chris O'Neill Dorothy Gunther Cathy Buchanan
Wednesday, March 25 <i>* note time change</i>	7:00 PM	+ Bride Kolb	Donna Baglole
Thursday, March 26	8:00 AM	+ Ronald Milne	Ruth Ann Milne
Friday, March 27	8:00 AM	+ Delia Chaves Tavares and Family	Carmen and Tony Chaves
Saturday, March 28	5:00 PM	+ Antonio Pedro + Peter Tung Son Nguyen + Parents of Stanislav & Sidonia Kubala Intentions of Javier Cristancho	Knights of Columbus 4916 The Nguyen Family Sidonia Kubala Javier Cristancho
Sunday, March 29	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: On Wednesday, March 25th

(9 months before Christmas) we celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation of our Lord. This feast marks the moment when Mary said

YES to the Angel Gabriel and became the mother of our Saviour. **Join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

NOTE: There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on this day.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 7:00 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 p.m. and concluding with Benediction.

CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT:

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 28: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

April 3 (*Good Friday*): 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please note: No Confession on Holy Saturday

Could you not watch one hour with Me?

During this Lenten Season we invite you to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus is waiting for you in this Sacrament of Love.

There are several time slots still available. Please call Frank or Sheila for more information (519) 658-9414.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

PALM SUNDAY, March 29

Mass at 5:00 p.m. (*March 28*),
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A procession will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Hespeler Cenotaph and process to the church for the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

(no 8 a.m. Mass)

The church will remain open until 10 p.m. for prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
(no 8 a.m. Mass)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter foods
8:30 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil
(no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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 church entrances.*

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2026: Please pray for our young students preparing for their First Reconciliation on **Thursday, March 26th and Friday, March 27th.**

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Altar Servers, Ministers of Communion, 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 office.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD:

Once again our Catholic Women's League is offering an award of \$250 to a graduating student from St. Benedict's Secondary School. This student must be an active member of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership, and who is pursuing a post-secondary education. Applications are available at the side entrance of the church. *Deadline for submission is April 30th to the parish office.* If you qualify, you will be notified on May 8th. The recipient must accept the award in person on June 9th at the St. Benedict's Convocation.

PARISH OFFERINGS for March 14/15, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,487.25
Share Lent:	\$ 90.75

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Come join us for an evening of faith, love and prayer. Coffee and refreshments to follow. Please bring a shareable snack.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be celebrating Father David's 10th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, May 3rd** with Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch reception at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception will be sold after all Masses this weekend. \$25/ticket which includes a catered lunch. Cash or cheque only. Remaining tickets will be sold online starting March 24th. Please note, due to limited space, tickets for the reception are limited.



This Lent, please give generously Solidarity Sunday is this weekend, **Sunday, March 22nd.** Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's '**On Track for Justice**' campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world." — *Mikaell Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil.*

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Envelopes are available in your offertory boxes and at the entrances of the church.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE: In our noisy world, many voices compete for our attention. We are called to go to that quiet place in prayer where God speaks to us. Do we listen? And act? Come away from the noise & join us for the next St. Agnes Education Cafe: "*God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness.*" Join us on **Sunday, March 29th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.,** St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale Street N., Waterloo with Fr. Raphael Ma, Associate Pastor of St. Mary's, Kitchener. www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: When we ask you about joy in your life, the most common answers are family, friends and fun. But is God in your joy? Come join the 4th Annual Catholic Men's Retreat on **Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th** at St. Pius X Church, 9 Waverly Street, Brantford, to discover "Living a Life of Joy". Fr. Paul Pearson of St. Philip's Oratory in Toronto will lead us with a sense of humour and down to earth discussions. The cost is only \$35 which includes a Wine and Cheese social for registrants and a guest following Mass on Friday evening, and talks, fellowship and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register please visit: <https://beamanbrant.ca>



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