

ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH



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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 PM	+ Raymond Ferandes + Izabela Jozwiak Intentions of Jennifer and Bob Wilson	Maria Mendonca Marek Jozwiak and Family Chris O'Neill
Wednesday, May 13	8:00 AM	+ Betty Posch	Ross and Leone Schuett
Thursday, May 14	8:00 AM	Intentions of Kian and Roslyn	Javier Cristancho
Friday, May 15	8:00 AM	Intentions of Reilly and Callum	Dave and Erin Henderson
Saturday, May 16	5:00 PM	+ Eugene Kelly + Daniel Flynn + Matta Lai thi Tran + Fr. Daniel Simpson Intentions of Javier Cristancho	Megan Lam Angelo and Rhonda Sanfilippo The Nguyen Family Susan and Paul Deemert Javier Cristancho
Sunday, May 17	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	



10th Anniversary of Ordination:

I wish to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who helped make the celebration of my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood so memorable. Your presence, prayers, and kind

contributions made the day truly beautiful.

The priesthood is a profound gift—not just to the individual, but to the entire community of faith. It is right and just that we gather to give thanks to God for His continued grace and guidance. *Fr. David "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."* — St. John Vianney

WELCOME MELANA: We are pleased to welcome Melana Nam as our new parish office administrator. Melana is a local resident of Cambridge and brings a warm spirit to our parish office. Rosanne, our current administrator, will remain with us for a little while longer as she helps Melana transition into her new role. Next time you call or visit the office please offer her a warm welcome.



HONOURING THE BLESSED MOTHER IN MAY:

May is dedicated to the Month of Mary, a beautiful time for us to honour our Blessed Mother and seek her intercession. Throughout this month, we encourage everyone to

deepen their prayer life through Marian devotions, such as praying the Rosary. To help guide our reflections, a small statue of Mary has been placed at the front of the church. A Floral Tribute: We invite all parishioners to bring fresh flowers to the church during the month of May and to leave your bouquets at the base of the statue as a symbol of our love and devotion to the Queen of Heaven.

SPRING FAITH STUDY: Join us for a 5-week faith study as we examine the nature of being a disciple in the 21st century. **Thursday evenings starting May 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Cost: \$25. Please register online by May 19th: <https://stmaryhespeler.ca/faithstudy>



ROSES FOR LIFE: Knights of Columbus Council 4916 will be distributing "Roses for Life" at all the Masses this weekend.

Donations will support Cambridge Right to Life and Dawn Pregnancy Resource Center.



MEETING NOTICE: A Reminder to Brother Knights of our upcoming meeting on **Thursday May 14th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Mary of the Visitation Church. *Please join your Brother Knights for fellowship and Faith in Action.*

CARNATIONS FOR MOMS: This weekend, in honour of Mother's Day, the Social Committee will be distributing carnations to all the wonderful moms in our parish community. Thank you to Zehrs Cambridge Centre for their donation of flowers.


YARD SALE: The Knights of Columbus #4916 will be holding a Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the St. Mary of the Visitation Church parking lot. All proceeds will be donated to local charities. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

SAVE THE DATES! On Monday, June 1st we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day with Mass at 7:00pm followed by a light reception in the parish centre. On Sunday, June 28th our Parish Social Committee is hosting a 'Parish Picnic' at Forbes Park following the 11 a.m. Mass. *Mark your calendars!*

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL: The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026**. The theme of our Retreat, given by *Fr. David Reitzel* is "Our Lady-The Visitation". This Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, April 20th, 2026 - spaces are limited. Visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to register. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass and Adoration.

PARISH OFFERINGS for May 2/3, 2026:
Sunday Envelopes: \$3,152.65
Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

THE POPE’S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION:
This special collection *next weekend* provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. *Thank you for your donations.*

 **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD:**
The recipient of Our Lady of Good Counsel Award is *Sebastian Sanfilippo*. Sebastian is a member of St. Mary's Parish and has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership. *Congratulations Sebastian and we wish you the very best in your new endeavors!*

BIBLE CAMP 2026: Mark your calendars! Plans are in the works for our annual Summer Bible Camp (Ages 4 – 11) scheduled for **July 20 – 24th, 2026**. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the office. Registration for parishioners will begin May 25th, 2026.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING - Screening of the film LIFE WORTH LIVING with Guest speaker and Co-Producer Alex Schadenberg from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Please join us on **Thursday, May 28th** at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, 210 South St. from 7:00 - 9:00p.m. to view this documentary that exposes the euthanasia crisis in Canada which has taken over 90,000 lives since its inception in 2016. It is now so prevalent that patients, without asking, are being offered this way out. Call CRTL at 519-623-1850 or email us at cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com to reserve your seat and join the conversation about this important topic.

SPRING RETREAT AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH:
St. Ambrose Parish, 210 South Street, will have the honour of welcoming Bishop Lobsinger as their guest homilist and speaker at their parish Spring Retreat on May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, as the Catholic church completes the Easter Season. He will preside at each weekend Mass - May 16th at 5 p.m. Mass and May 17th at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. Bishop Lobsinger will then celebrate Masses on May 18th, 19th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. *Bishop Lobsinger will speak on: How to become a Saint in Canadian culture. What does it mean to be a saint? How can we grow in sanctity and what are some obstacles in our life? How does the Church decide whether to canonize someone a saint?*

THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE:
Sunday, May 10th to Sunday, May 17th, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always". (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website: hamiltondiocese.com

Upcoming Events at the Parish

- May 10----- Baptisms at 12:15pm in the Church
- May 12----- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:30pm
- May 14----- Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 18----- Victoria Day – office closed
- May 20----- Spanish Prayer Group at 8:00pm in the Hearth Room
- May 25----- Mission Mats at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre
- May 27----- Family Rosary Night at 6:30pm in the Church
- May 28----- Bible study at 6:30pm
- May 30----- Knights of Columbus garage sale from 9:00-2:00pm in the parking lot

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