

# 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

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 and  
Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, May 20	7:00 PM	+ Donald Harding + Paul Quinless + Maria Mendonca + Pope Francis <i>In Thanksgiving</i>	Chris O'Neill Anna Altomare Ross and Leone Schuett Chris O'Neill Carmen and Tony Chaves
Wednesday, May 21	8:00 AM	+ Michael Curtin	Sheila and Frank Mauser
Thursday, May 22	8:00 AM	+ Hugh Buchanan	Chris O'Neill
Friday, May 23	8:00 AM	+ Ed Teixeira	Soozie Teixeira
Saturday, May 24	5:00 PM	+ Riker McKelvey + Barb Arsenault + Leopoldo Josol + Fred Schartzberg + Luis Moreira and Family	Ann McKelvey and Family Cathy and Paul Strauss Sheena Mae Josol-Aquino Ross and Leone Schuett Carmen and Tony Chaves
Sunday, May 25	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	



### FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Visitation is the encounter of the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56. Mary, having heard of the Annunciation through the angel, Gabriel, that Elizabeth was six months pregnant, left her

home to visit her. Elizabeth and John the Baptist were inspired by the Holy Spirit at her arrival; and Elizabeth, seeing Mary's faithfulness, cared for her giving her the opportunity to nourish the gift of life, Jesus, within her. Mary, surrounded by Elizabeth's love, pronounced the "*Magnificat*." It is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, with the Spiritual Fruit of a *Love of Neighbour*.

### Our Parish Feast Day is celebrated on May 31.

Thus, as a parish community dedicated to Mary, under the title of St. Mary of the Visitation, we will celebrate Mass on **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00a.m.** Following Mass we will crown Mary and place flowers at her feet. We will then gather in the parish centre for a potluck brunch. All are welcome! You are invited to bring flowers for Mary and a brunch item to share. Dishes can be dropped off in the parish centre prior to Mass.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** for the Victoria Day Holiday.

**MONTHLY MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE:** Our next Mass at St. Luke's long-term care is **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m.** All are welcome.



### BIBLE CAMP 2025: July 14-18

#### *The Great Journey with Jesus*

Participant registration for members of the parish begins on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. *Spaces are limited.* Please pick up a form at the parish or print

from our parish website.

Cost: \$55/camper. Completed forms with payment must be returned to the parish office.

*We are still in need of adult and teen volunteers.* If you are interested, please complete a volunteer form found at the parish entrances and return to the office. High school students are invited to participate and will receive community involvement hours.

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** All are invited for coffee, juice and treats **next weekend, May 24 & 25** following all Masses. *Join us for cake in celebration of Father David's birthday!*

### PARISH OFFERINGS

#### **May 10/11, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes (123):	\$2,817.65
Loose Offerings:	\$ 594.35
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund:	\$ 175.00

#### **Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of May**

Monthly Offerings (76):	\$5,017.00
Building Fund (46):	\$ 915.00

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*

*For additional ways to donate, please visit*  
[www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)



**MAY MEETING:** Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. *New members are welcome.*



**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD:**

Once again our CWL 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. You will find applications at the entrance of the church. *Deadline for submission is June 1st.* If you qualify, you will be notified by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CWL FATHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER: June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** following each weekend Mass. We are thankful to our sponsors who have provided the following raffle items: Toronto Blue Jay tickets for June 17<sup>th</sup> / Set of 18 hole golf passes from Merry-Hill Golf Club / 4-person Tour and Taste at Four Fathers, as well as many other items in each raffle basket! There will also be a 50/50 Draw. Save the date, save some cash and support our great cause. We hope to see you there!

**CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING** – Come join us on **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, 210 South Street from 7:00-9:00pm for the screening of Life on Film: Featuring Chapter 3 of "MAiD in Canada – Ethics & Euthanasia" with the Kooman Bros. You'll hear compelling viewpoints from doctors, psychiatrists, bioethicists, legal counsel and more about the medical ethics of euthanasia plus the harrowing true story of Jean Swenson, an inspiring survivor of an accident that paralyzed her from the neck down. Doors open at 6:45. Free will offering. Please call 519-623-1850 to reserve your seat! Please encourage others to attend. Thank You. Also consider joining us on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for our mini Life Chain from 7-8:00 pm on Hespeler Road @ Dunbar, to witness for the unborn.



**SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS:** Walk with the saints this summer. Faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed. Join *Summer with the*

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**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Loving your partner is a choice you make every day and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife, and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. (Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL:** Join us for our final screening of the season with ***The Condor and the Eagle***, **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **7:00 – 9:00 PM**. Four Indigenous leaders embark on a trans-continental adventure from the Canadian Boreal forests to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. Never-before-seen images expose the extractive mining economy and the global rise of land and water protectors across the Americas. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/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 injustices.

### Upcoming Events at the Parish

- May 20 ----- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:30PM in the Parish Centre
- May 24/25 ----- Coffee Sunday following all Masses
- May 26 ----- Mission Mats at 6:30PM in the Parish Centre
- May 27 ----- Fr. David's birthday
- May 29 ----- Family Rosary Night at 6:30PM
- May 31 ----- Feast of the Visitation – Mass at 10AM followed by Potluck Brunch
- June 7/8 ----- CWL Father's Day Fundraiser after all Masses
- June 12 ----- Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00PM in the Parish Centre

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