

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 Ed and Deacon
Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, November 28	7:00 p.m.	+ Dennis Doye + Deceased Members of the Basani & Allam Families Intentions of Reno Natalizio	Ellen Doye The Basani & Allam Family The Natalizio Family
Wednesday, November 29	8:00 a.m.	+ Maria Pellegrini	Anna Altomare
Thursday, November 30	8:00 a.m.	+ Father Bob Stainsby	Gilbert and Judy Howe
Friday, December 1	8:00 a.m.	+ Stanislav Kubala	Sidonia Kubala
Saturday, December 2	5:00 p.m.	+ Maria Andrade + Eugenie Chan Yoke Lin	The Pedro Family Eng Siew Tan



WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH!

A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration form at the church entrance or complete an online form: www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The First Sunday of Advent is December 3rd.

You are invited with your family to light the Advent Wreath at one of the weekend Masses during Advent. Please sign up at the back of the church.

ADVENT BOOKLETS: A variety of Advent Reflection Booklets are available in the church entrance near the Holy Family statue. Cost: \$2.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your overwhelming support towards our Christmas Bazaar. It was a great success and because of your kindness we are now able to outreach to others in need. Congratulations to all the Raffle winners and to Marianne Sloane, winner of the 50/50 draw!

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Offertory envelopes for the coming year are available in the parish hallway **in alphabetical order**. If you previously had a number 375 or higher, you will now have a new number. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Rosanne in the parish office: 519-658-4443, stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com

SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals for the new Liturgical Year are available for purchase at the entrances of the church. Cost: \$5.00.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next Coffee Sunday will be on December 9 & 10 following all Masses!

CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Our adoration chapel was first opened on December 8, 2002. We will be marking this anniversary with Mass and adoration on the evening of **Thursday, December 7th**. Adoration will begin at 6:00pm and conclude with benediction at 6:45pm. There will be a Mass at 7:00pm (This mass will be the vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception). A reception will follow in the parish centre. You are invited to bring a dessert to share with your fellow adorers. A sign-up sheet is located in the chapel and at the back of the church. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. Christmas flowers for the church will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Please pick up a floral tribute form at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website or contact the parish office at 519-658-4443.*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking the parish to help provide gifts to the families that they serve. In the foyer and church hall there are two Christmas trees with tags attached. **Take a tag by Dec. 3, record your name in the book provided and return the unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 10th**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available for those who would like a tax receipt.

PARISH OFFERINGS

November 18/19, 2023

Sunday Offerings (122): \$2,340.25

Loose Offerings: \$827.55

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Have you considered donating to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. You can find the brochure and authorization form on our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>. Please contact the parish office for more information.

FESTIVE DINNERS WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



CHRISTMAS PARTY: Knights of Columbus Council 4916 invites all Brother Knights and their Guests to a Christmas Party on **Friday, December 8th** at 7:00pm at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. Enjoy a catered hot meal by Azore's. Cost: \$15 per person. Please indicate your intent to attend and payment by December 3 to either: George Harris 519-621-3665, Dan Schmalz 519-239-5003, Norbert Oberle 519-622-0988 or Paul O'Neill 519-277-5138.



CWL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

The CWL will be celebrating Christmas with a Hot Turkey Supper on **Tuesday, December 12th**. All ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious meal of Turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$25 per person. You can sign up by putting your name and money in an envelope and placing it in the collection box at the weekend masses. The deadline for this event is Tuesday, Dec. 5. Come and bring a friend and let's celebrate together. Rosary at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:00pm, Turkey Supper following Mass.



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

FESTIVAL: Bring your families and come celebrate with us!

Sunday, December 3, 2023

from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at *Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre*, 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster.

Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa,

Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa. Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact: 905.528.7988 ext. 2251 or mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com

ENJOY ADVENT RESOURCES ON FORMED:

You can access beautiful and faithful Catholic content: movies, e-books, award-winning studies, inspiring audio content, and kids' programming. Registration is FREE for parishioners. Go to signup.formed.org and type **St Mary of the Visitation Cambridge** to find and select our Parish. Provide your name and your email address and click "Sign Up". Enjoy!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE.

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on **Sunday, December 3rd** from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

GRIEF RELIEF: Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six-week grief program **starting January 17, 2024**. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

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