

# *St. Mary of the Visitation Parish*

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*Let us give thanks to the Lord*

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
<b>Monday, October 9</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Intentions of Erin and Dave Henderson	Sheila and Frank Mauser
Tuesday, October 10	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Linda Vicente and Family Intentions of Velma Gibson Intentions of Doug Moore	Rosa Paiva Anna Altomare Suzanne and Gus Maurice
Wednesday, October 11	8:00 a.m.	+ Deceased Members of the Tan and Soo Families	Eng Siew Tan
Thursday, October 12	8:00 a.m.	+ Geraldine Burke	Carol and Richard O'Brien
Friday, October 13	8:00 a.m.	+ Ed Teixeira	The Teixeira Family
Saturday, October 14	5:00 p.m.	+ Martha Cao Dang	The Nguyen Family



### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Join us on Thanksgiving Monday for Mass at 9:00 a.m. as we thank God for the blessings of life and the gifts of creation.

**THE SEARCH:** Join us for week 3 of this six-week video series. **Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish centre. Everyone is welcome.

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Join your fellow parishioners next **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. We hope to see you there!



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

Donations of *all* non-perishable food items are needed. Please

place donations in the boxes by the doors of the church and parish office. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed from **Monday, October 9 through Wednesday, October 11.**

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR 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](http://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!

**Top Picks this Week:** St. Thérèse, Brother Francis, St. Faustina & More!



**ENCOUNTERING JESUS:** A wonderful opportunity awaits you in our Adoration Chapel. An opportunity to encounter Jesus - to spend quality time with Him in silent adoration. If you would like to spend one

hour a week with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, please call Sheila @ (519) 658-9414

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-2024:** Online registration for First Holy Communion is available on our parish website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/grade-2-registration>.

**CONFIRMATION 2023-2024:** Online registration for Confirmation is available on our parish website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/confirmation-registration>.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**September 30/October 1, 2023**

Sunday Offerings (111):	\$3,461.00
Loose Offerings:	\$681.55
Needs of the Canadian Church (6)	\$120.00

***Your financial support is greatly appreciated.***

*Please note: Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be distributed in November. If your home address has changed, or you no longer wish to receive boxed envelopes, please notify the office.*

**EX CORDE FOUNDATION:** St. Mary of the Visitation would like to gratefully acknowledge a \$20,000 Grant received from the Ex Corde Foundation to help pay for the necessary work undertaken to refurbish and repair the bell tower and tower cross. In 2011 the Diocese of Hamilton established the Ex Corde foundation in order to help Parishes and Catholic Charities with financial assistance. We thank the board of directors of the Ex Corde foundation for responding to our request.



**THANK YOU:** The Cambridge Right to Life would like to thank Fr. Ed for his participation in our Walk for Life fundraiser on September 23<sup>rd</sup> raising \$2465.00! This would not have been possible without the support of the 78 parishioners who sponsored his walk. The funds will be used towards advertising on our bench ads, electronic screen ads at the Delta and our newspaper ads. Thank you so much for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

**NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH:** Thank you for your donations totalling \$580.00. *This collection will end on October 15<sup>th</sup>.*



**MEETING NOTICE:** Msgr. Paul J Meyer Council 4916 October Meeting is **Thursday, October 12** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement Parish Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive entrance. Please join us!

**CANADIAN TIRE MONEY:** If you still have some CT money lying around and you would like to donate it to the CWL, we would love to have it to purchase new items for our upcoming Bazaar. Please place in the boxes at the entrances of the Church marked CTC. Thank you for your support with this project.



**THE POPE'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: FOR THE SYNOD**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.  
*Pope Francis – October 2023*  
Visit [www.thepopevideo.com](http://www.thepopevideo.com)

**MEN'S GROUP:** St. Ambrose Parish invites all men 18 years and older on Saturday mornings from 7:00am to 8:30am for the "Be a Man" men's group starting up again on **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and for coffee and a light breakfast. We will be using the video series from Fr. Larry Richards.

**SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILIES**

This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. **Saturday, October 14**, 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m. \$50/ person. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Register on line: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2023/08/smart-steps-supporting-step-families/>.

**MUSIC AND LITURGY WORKSHOP:** Members of the music ministry, cantors, choir members instrumentalists and all parishioners interested in liturgical music are invited to a workshop facilitated by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch. **Friday, October 13, 6 p.m.** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener. We welcome musicians from other parishes. *"Sacred music and liturgical song have the task of giving us a sense of God's glory, of His beauty, of His holiness that envelops us like a 'luminous cloud.'"* Pope Francis. 2017.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>.** Join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by contacting Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the site.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** All women are invited to take part in a retreat hosted by the Sacred Heart CWL, Paris, on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. 8:30am registration, Mass at 9am and retreat to follow until 1pm. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will explore how our cooperation with God's grace can lead to authentic freedom. Cost: \$35 includes a copy of her award-winning book, Experts in Humanity, and a light lunch. Reserve your spot by paying prior to Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Valerie by phone: 519-805-9975.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is **Oct. 20-22**. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

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