

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, September 26	7:00 p.m.	+ María del Pilar Durán + Reina Victoria Figueroa de Spillari + Joseph Cryan In Thanksgiving	Estella Rosa Irías Girón Estella Rosa Irías Girón Ann McKelvey Paul and Stella Logel
Wednesday, September 27	8:00 a.m.	+ Hana Pallo	Eng Siew Tan
Thursday, September 28	8:00 a.m.	+ Maria Rosa and Jose Afonso	The Afonso Family
Friday, September 29	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Velma Gibson	Chris O'Neill
Saturday, September 30	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Wendy Halliwell + George Lehmann + Ed Proud + Jaclyn + Manuel Pires	Ron McQuillan Julianne Lehmann The Proud Family Nathan and Victoria The Pedro 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.

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2023-2024 SACRAMENTS: *Do you have a child in grade 2 or grade 7 this year?* Online registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available on the parish website **starting Monday, October 2, 2023.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for additional leaders for our Children's Liturgy Program which is offered at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Please pick up a volunteer package from Father Ed or contact the office in order to begin the process.

LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: If you would like to become a lector or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion please email or call the parish office. The Diocese provides training workshops for these ministries later in the fall. The expectation is that all new ministers would participate in a workshop before beginning their ministry. (For dates and details visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>)



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

The food pantry shelves are bare! We appreciate your donations of non-perishable food items which can be placed in the boxes by the doors of the church beginning Sept. 30/Oct 1st weekend. We thank you for your support of this worthy cause.



STARTING THIS THURSDAY:

What is the meaning of life? Who is Jesus Christ? Why does any of this matter? Big questions require big answers. In *The Search*, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion help you find answers to these pressing questions. *The Search* will challenge and invite you to consider the Catholic faith's answers to such questions. The six-week series will run on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish centre starting **September 28**. Registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Any child in grade 4 or above is invited to become an altar server. We will have a training session for new Altar Servers on **Saturday, September 30th at 11 a.m.**

One parent is required to attend with their child. Please email or call the office to sign up.

11AM CHOIR: Join us at choir practice on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** New members are welcome! If you have any questions call Bert at 519-658-6547.

MISSION MATS: Join us in making sleeping mats for Canadian Food for Children on **Wednesday, September 27th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please note: *Milk bags are not needed.*



FEAST DAY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: SEPTEMBER 27

The SSVP is under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, it draws its inspiration from his thoughts and his works. Members strive, in a spirit of

justice, charity, mutual help, and solidarity with the poor, and by personal commitment, to ease the hardships of those who suffer.

You can help the society by becoming a member within the parish, donating food to help stock the pantry, making a monetary donation to help support the families and by donating gently used clothing or furniture to our SSVP store located in Galt. Please call Chris at 519 400 3657 if you have any questions or if you would like to become a member.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend.



NEXT CWL MEETING: All CWL members are encouraged to participate in the October 3rd meeting at which two Hamilton Diocesan Officers will make a presentation

initiated by the National Council entitled, "Unity Outreach Project." This is your chance to give your input for future Strategic Planning and help address major issues of the League. Every voice counts so come out and give your opinions. Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Come and join us for this very important presentation.



WALK FOR LIFE: Thank you for your generous pledges! If you have pledged Father Ed's walk, please use an envelope to submit the donation to the parish office or directly to Father Ed. Please make cheques payable to 'Cambridge Right to Life'.

PARISH OFFERINGS

September 16/17, 2023

Sunday Offerings (102):	\$2,069.00
Loose Offerings:	\$532.70
Needs of the Canadian Church (2)	\$15.00

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for SEPTEMBER 2023

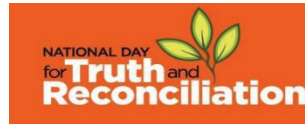
Sunday Offerings (79):	\$ 4,988.00
Building Fund (49):	\$995.00

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.



50-50 K. OF C. CHARITY DRAW: In Support of Homeless Shelters and Coats for Kids. Early bird draws: Oct. 1, Nov. 1 Main Draw: December 31st. To purchase

tickets: www.kofcontario5050.com. Thank you for your support!



SEPTEMBER 30

We recall the words of the Holy Father during his pilgrimage to Lac Ste.

Anne: "When we are lonely and restless, Jesus urges us to go out, to give, to love. So, let us ask ourselves: what do I do for those who need me? When looking at Indigenous Peoples and thinking of their history and the pain that they endured, what do I do? Do I merely listen with curiosity, horrified by what happened in the past, or do I do something concrete for them? Do I pray, meet, read, support them, and let myself be touched by their stories?" May the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation provide each one of us an opportunity to learn, reflect and act in our ongoing journey of healing, reconciliation and hope. (CCCB Statement – 2022)



PRAY TO END ABORTION: From September 27th to November 5th, 2023

we invite you to 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. Please consider Adopting-an-Hour a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies.

You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by contacting Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the site as this prevents one of the committee members from driving out to the site.

OPENING RALLY: Monday, September 25th at Sacred Heart Parish, Kitchener. We will begin with Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow.

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT: *Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear.* Our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus & not to let doubt, fear & anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our everyday lives, so we can earn the true peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring – an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away? **Sunday October 1st, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo.**

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