



MANDATORY FACE MASKS:
Face coverings are mandatory in enclosed public spaces. We ask that you arrive at church with your own face mask. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.
 + Bill Donahue

Wednesday, September 9 at 8 a.m.
 + Armandino Santos

Thursday, September 10 at 8 a.m.
 Intentions of Ed Teixeira

Friday, September 11 at 8 a.m.
 + Josefa & Kyle Parthe

Saturday, September 12 at 5 p.m.
 Intentions of Bozena Labuda



MORNING ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on weekdays (Wed – Fri). All are welcome.

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Adoration Chapel will remain closed until further notice.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

	<i>September 7 – 12</i>
Monday	Rev. Maria Alphonse, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Wednesday	Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ
Thursday	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Saturday	Rev. Allen Varlaki

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS:

Missals and missalettes are available for parishioners to pick up in the entrance to the parish office. **Televised Mass** is available on Salt and Light Television and Vision TV. **Online Mass** is also available on a number of Catholic sites such as saltandlighttv.org/mass and www.dailytvmass.com.

OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the office will be **closed on Monday, September 7th** for the Labour Day holiday. Please call to make an appointment with Fr. Love or to make arrangements for Mass cards and other requests. **Face masks are required when entering the office.**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are pleased to announce that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place in the main church **every Tuesday from 12 noon to 6:30pm, beginning September 8th.** Please use the side entrance near the upper parking lot. For more information, please contact Sheila Mauser at 519 658 9414.



FIRST COMMUNION 2020 UPDATE:

Planning is underway for First Holy Communion Masses for students that missed their celebration in the spring. Due to the limited seating capacity in the church and an increase in attendance, these children will be **receiving their First Eucharist at a weeknight Mass during September and October 2020.** Parents will be asked to register online for a particular date. **Dates and further details will be provided shortly.** Thank you for your patience.

CONFESSION: Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm or by appointment. **New location:** The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy). If the door is open you may enter. If it is closed, please wait until the room is empty. After each reconciliation, Father will clean the room before the next person may enter.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
 Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering

becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office. A program of formation begins in the Fall.

PARISH OFFERINGS for August 16 & 23, 2020:

Sunday Offerings:	\$5,182.85
Building Fund:	\$ 470.00

PARISH OFFERINGS for August 30, 2020:

To be reported in next bulletin

Online donations for August 2020

(<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>)

Sunday Offerings:	\$1,570.00
Building Fund:	\$ 185.00

Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We depend a great deal on volunteers to assist at our Sunday Masses. We are currently short volunteers in a number of ministries. Some of the most urgent areas of need:

- Health and Safety Coordinators
- Cleaning Committee Members
- Ushers
- Lectors

Please speak with Fr. Love or call/email the parish if you are able to help out. No previous experience is required. *Thank you for your much-needed assistance!*



THANK YOU! SVDP would like to thank you, once again, for your continued support over these last few months. Your financial donations have helped us to stock our shelves so that we can provide food and Food Basic gifts cards to those in need. Since our last update in May we have received the following donations: June \$2415.00, July \$2512.45 and August \$1217.00. To provide a food hamper and gift cards for a family of 4 costs \$100, so as you can see your donations have made a difference!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

E-MEMBERSHIP: Don't have time, or aren't ready to commit fully to the Knights of Columbus? Try our On-line Membership,

which entitles you to most of the benefits of the order, including insurance and scholarships. Visit our website or contact us for more information!

<https://ontariokofc.ca/online-membership/>

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in the amount of \$2,500.00.

THE POPE'S PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER:

Respect for the planet's resources

"We are squeezing out the planet's goods. Squeezing them out, as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an 'ecological debt.' Who is going to pay this debt? In addition, this 'ecological debt' is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in their own countries. It's outrageous. Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly.

Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. No to plundering; yes to sharing."

Pope Francis – September 2020

Visit <https://thepopevideo.org/>

ITEMS LEFT AT CHURCH: Please make sure that personal items such as prayer books, pens, tissues, are not left in the pews after Mass. We also ask that **milk bags are not brought in** until further notice. Thank you!



CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE will be holding their biggest annual "**Walk for Life**" fundraiser this month to continue their work of defending "Life" from conception till natural death. Since 100% of their funding is through donations, despite Covid 19, their walk must go on, however the walk will be held remotely to allow for social distancing! Supporters and participants will walk a 5km route of their choice **on or before Saturday September 26th**, individually or with friends in their neighborhood. Our parish representative, Chris O'Neill, will walk on Saturday September 26th at 10am, if you are interested in walking or would like to sponsor Chris please call her at 519 400 3657. Thank You.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE:

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live in very real ways. Children are not immune to the impact that the virus has had and have probably heard more than we realize between media news clips and overhearing adults talking. This is a time to talk to your children and help them understand more fully what is going on in the world. Tell them that they can help themselves and others to be healthy and safe by following the instructions given by their parents, by teachers at school and by other adults who care for them. Remind them that our Catholic faith adheres to the fact that every person has dignity and each of us has to do our part to keep all people as safe as possible. As a family, pray daily for all people to remain vigilant in their actions so we can defeat this virus. Empowering our children with concrete information and actions to undertake can prevent the development of very real anxieties from developing.