



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, October 6 at 7 p.m.
+ Elisabeth Tjioe

Wednesday, October 7 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Catherine Quinto

Thursday, October 8 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Michelle O'Neill

Friday, October 9 at 8 a.m.
+ Mary Clark

Saturday, October 10 at 5 p.m.
+ Stephanie & Kyle Parthe

CONFESSION: Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the church or by appointment. **New location:** The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy). If the door is closed, please wait. Outdoor confession in the prayer garden is also available by appointment.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS:
Sunday 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.



JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

"Come to Me all who are weary"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church **every Tuesday from 12 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Please consider spending some time in silent adoration. For more information call: Sheila Mauer 519 658 9414.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration." Pope St. John Paul II



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with openness and love. Celebrations of First Holy Communion continue for the next 3 weekends. Parents of grade 3 students are asked to go to the parish website to sign-up for a Mass date if they have not already done so.



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.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

Please help the St. Vincent de Paul Society fill the food pantry! Bring in your non-perishable food items to the parish this weekend and next. You may also drop off items at the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your donations!



THANK YOU: The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous donations. The total collection in September was \$806.07. Thank you for your continued support!



FALL 2020 CAMPAIGN: 40 Days for Life is holding a Campaign of prayer, fasting and witness continuing until **November 5**. Daily hours are from 7a.m. until 7p.m. The location is across from Freeport Hospital. We are asking that you prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.

PARISH OFFERINGS for September 27, 2020:

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| Sunday Offerings: | \$ 2,350.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$ 15.00 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | \$ 310.00 |

Online donations for September 2020

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

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| Sunday Offerings: | \$ 980.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$ 180.00 |

Thank you for your continued support!



ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN comes to **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish**
The Diocese of Hamilton's One Heart, One Soul

Campaign has raised more than \$16 million so far, with most of it benefiting parishes and the projects of their choosing.

Our parish will kick off its participation in the campaign on October 17-18.

Thank you to our campaign volunteers. Fr. Love is so grateful for parishioners who are working on preparations for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign. With their help and yours, we believe the campaign will strengthen our parish in important ways and help build a culture of stewardship.

For the next few weeks, we'll feature **Frequently Asked Questions** about the campaign. For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca

Q. Why are we doing the campaign? With the virus, shouldn't we be focused on other priorities?

A. From the beginning, this campaign has been primarily about strengthening our parishes. Because of the pandemic, our parishes have even greater needs than when we started. The campaign offers parishes the opportunity to better fulfill their missions.

Q. How can we ask for money from people who lost their job or are otherwise hurting financially because of the virus?

A. We certainly are very sensitive to the struggles parishioners are facing, whether related to the virus or not. Meanwhile, some parishioners are in a position to give now, and they want to help. The campaign gives them the opportunity to help and the confidence of knowing how the money will be used. Be assured that only those who are able to give are expected to do so, and ultimately the decision is between the donor and the Lord.

Q. What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?

A. The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Also, safety is paramount, therefore, phone calls rather than face to face visits, will be utilized so that every parishioner's situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

October 5 – October 10

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| Monday | Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I. |
| Tuesday | Rev. David Reitzel |
| Wednesday | Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.) |
| Thursday | Rev. Patras Samuel Masih |
| Friday | Rev. David Reilander |
| Saturday | Rev. Tom Moisan |

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

From **October 4 to 10**, we celebrate National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada. The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable.

This year the COVID-19 pandemic transformed our health care landscape and society. In Canada, the pandemic has shone a public light on many important social and ethical issues calling us all to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of wellbeing—body, mind and spirit. The pandemic has also highlighted the timeless relevance of Catholic social teaching and our collective role in building a Canadian society that reaches out to every person who is suffering from illness, stigma, poverty, or loneliness.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes. The pandemic calls us all to live the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Holding all those impacted by COVID-19 in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health care and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who care for all in need with compassion and courage.

For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at www.chac.ca

Loving God, we pray for those who are receiving care in our Catholic health care organizations, especially those who are most vulnerable. May they find empathy, compassion, and the love of God in the midst of health difficulties. May they see the face of God in those who accompany them on their journey. Amen