

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish



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*St Mary of the Visitation Parish exists to be a light on the hill and offer every person in our community
a life-changing encounter with Jesus*



SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Ministry: Programs are suspended
until further notice.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is closed until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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

Current restrictions do not allow our Ministers of Communion to enter nursing homes or hospitals at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

"Come to Me all who are weary"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church **every Tuesday** from **9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** Please consider spending some time in silent adoration. For more information call: Sheila Mauser at 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



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m.

Intentions of Krista Lecky

Wednesday, December 2 at 8 a.m.

+ Bronislawa Hirny

Thursday, December 3 at 8 a.m.

Intentions of Bruno & Antoinette Landry
Intentions of Angie Hunter

Friday, December 4 at 8 a.m.

+ Maria Freitas

Saturday, December 5 at 5 p.m.

+ Bill Donahue



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.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Face masks are mandatory inside the church. We ask that you arrive at church with your own face mask.

- Parishioners are reminded that **singing during Mass is not currently permitted.** We are only allowed one single cantor.
- Following the dismissal, parishioners are to leave the church, row by row, following the directions of the ushers.
- Please **maintain physical distancing** and **refrain from socializing** in the church.
- Please make use of the hand sanitizers provided at the entrance.
- Washrooms should only be used for emergency purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to follow our health and safety protocols.

OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 1st** and will re-open on Wednesday, December 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24th
5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – December 25th
9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Registration for all Christmas Masses is required. Please register online or call the parish office at 519-658-4443 during office hours only.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – December 31st
5:00 p.m.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2021
10:00 a.m.



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 contact the parish office at 519-658-4443 if you would like to dedicate a floral tribute. You may also pick up a floral tribute form in the parish office or print a copy from our website.*



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE: Join our parish in supporting the *Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region* during the pandemic. Gift cards for Walmart, Loblaws, Zehrs or Amazon would be greatly appreciated and will be

provided directly to families to help support them during the holiday season. Gift cards (marked with card value) can be dropped off at weekend Mass, in the Christmas box at the back of the church. They can also be dropped off to the parish office. **Please bring in your gift card donations now through Sunday, December 13.** Thank you for your support to the families of our community!

SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals for the new Liturgical Year are available for purchase *only* in the entrance to the Parish Office (\$5). **Advent Missalettes, Advent candles, Devotion booklets, and 2021 Catholic calendars are also available.** Please visit during office hours.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021 for **last names from M – Z** are available in the hallway along the parking lot. *We are using a staggered distribution in order to avoid traffic in the hallway.*



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for your positive response and generous pledges to date! **As of Friday, Nov 20th,**

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has received 40 gifts totaling \$73,383!

Volunteers are continuing to make 2nd calls to confirm parishioners have received and reviewed their package and to answer any questions and/or assist in completing pledge forms.

If you have not yet been contacted and would like to speak about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, or if have been speaking with a volunteer and still have questions, please contact: Chris O'Neill @ 519-400-3657, Jim Coppen @ 519-716-5536, Kevin Sanders @ 519-658-4795 or you can call the parish office and speak with Father Love.

We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make! For more information about the campaign, visit www.onehearttonesoul.ca

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION FOR 2020-2021 STUDENTS: Parents are asked to register online by **Friday, December 4, 2020.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers and additional volunteers to sanitize the pews after each

Mass are greatly needed. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you for your continued support of food and financial donations which enables us to help those in need. As we head into the

Christmas season, we will provide extra Food Basic gift cards to families, and other households, so they can purchase for themselves the necessary food and supplies for this special time. Your help, no matter how big or small, will in turn leave extra funds in their wallet to buy that special gift for their child. Thank you for your part in this!

If you would like to help in any way this Christmas please contact our SVdeP phone line at 519-658-6511 and a volunteer will be glad to speak with you.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...when someone you love is gone. Join us for an online webinar (by computer or phone) for reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas. The online session is being held on **Monday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Please call to register 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at hamiltondiocese.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - November 29, 2020

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 x 2246, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Novena Masses will be held at 7:00pm from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. If you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. *Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.*

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

November 30 – December 5

Monday	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Tuesday	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Wednesday	Disalced Carmelite Fathers
Thursday	Rev. John Redmond
Friday	Rev. Phillip Cook
Saturday	Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C

NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS: The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, **December 16th to 25th,** 2020. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, December 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

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