

# St. Mary of the Visitation Parish



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Rev. Mr. Michael Foulger, Permanent Deacon

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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.

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM**

Have you ever considered giving the gift of prayer to someone this Christmas? What a lovely gift it is to offer a Holy Hour for a friend or a loved one in need! Come visit Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and prepare your heart for Christmas. Adoration takes place in the church **every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** For more information call: Sheila Mauser at 519 658 9414. *"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist" -Pope John Paul II*



*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m.**

+ Germano Rego  
+ Eric Walter

**Wednesday, December 16 at 8 a.m.**

Intentions of Agnes Doyle  
+ Percy Miranda

**Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m.**

\*\*\**Please note time change*\*\*\*  
Intentions of Carlene Fetterly

**Friday, December 18 at 8 a.m.**

+ Joseph O'Neill

**Saturday, December 19 at 5 p.m.**

+ Randall Wilson, Artemio & Marilou Parada



**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.*

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for 2021 are available in the hallway along the parking lot. *Please maintain social distancing in this hallway.*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:** All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish. Information and forms are available on our website: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate).

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. (**FULL**) ~ 7:00 p.m. (**FULL**) ~ 10:00p.m.

**Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 p.m.

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God –January 1, 2021**

10:00 a.m.



*Volunteers Needed!*

**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!

**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE:** Thank you for your generous support to the *Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region*. **The last day for gift card donations is Sunday, December 13.** Donations can be placed in the Christmas box at the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES:** Fr. Love will be available for confession **following the morning Mass** on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and **following the evening Mass** on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT:**

The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. Visit the parish website to view these videos: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/advent2020>

**WEEKLY BULLETIN:** If you would like to receive the parish bulletin via email each week, please visit our parish website and scroll down the home page to 'subscribe to bulletin'!

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals for the new Liturgical Year are available for purchase *only* in the entrance to the Parish Office (\$5). Please visit during office hours.



**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.
- 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 continued cooperation!*

**PARISH OFFERINGS for December 6, 2020:**

Sunday Offerings: \$4,434.35  
 Building Fund: \$ 579.00

***Thank you for your continued support!***



**CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Thank you for your positive response and generous pledges to date! **As of Friday, Dec.**

**4<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has received 59 gifts totaling \$99,523!**

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.oneheartonesoul.ca](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca)

If you would like to speak to someone 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.

**THANK YOU:** We wish to thank the **Knights of Columbus Council 4916** for their generous donation to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES -**

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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship!

**THE POPE'S MESSAGE TO CLOSE 2020:** Prayer can change reality and our hearts. In "The Pope Video" for December, the Holy Father speaks about the power of prayer to change reality and our hearts, and prays that, through a life of prayer, we may nourish our relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit <https://thepopevideo.org/>

**WOW SOCIAL/WOW VIRTUAL:** To prevent isolation from happening and to stay connected to others in these unprecedented times, please join us on the phone or the computer for our WOW programs. WOW Social connects small groups of people on the phone and WOW Virtual connects groups through Zoom programs on the computer. We play games, bingo and trivia, we listen to live music and guest speakers about a large variety of topics. Feel free to join once or many times, have a laugh, chat or just listen. For more information, call Lisette at 519 740 4681 Ext 4242, email [machanl@cambridge.ca](mailto:machanl@cambridge.ca) or register for programs at [www.cambridge.ca/registration](http://www.cambridge.ca/registration)

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

*December 14 – December 19*

Monday	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tuesday	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Friday	Rev. John Schnurr
Saturday	Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 x2246, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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