



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS:

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

- Please make use of the hand sanitizers provided at the entrance.
- Please maintain physical distancing and refrain from socializing in the church.
- Washrooms should only be used for emergency purposes.
- 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.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

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.

A reminder that all Catholics in the Hamilton Diocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.
+ David Amaral Piques

Wednesday, March 3 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Margaret Prunty

Thursday, March 4 at 8 a.m.
+ Joseph O'Neill

Friday, March 5 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Janey, Tony & Dominic Redcliffe

Saturday, March 6 at 5 p.m.
+ James Patrick Haney



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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place in the church **every Tuesday** from **9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.** As we continue our Lenten Journey let us consider spending some time with Jesus in silent adoration.

"We know that God and our Redeemer is really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and that He speaks to our hearts, and awakens good thoughts and good resolutions within us... We should consider these moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives." St. Jean-Marie Vianney
For information call: Sheila Mauser 519 658 9414.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the church every Friday, throughout Lent, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Please pray for our young students celebrating First Reconciliation this weekend and next.

CONFESSION: Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or by appointment. Location: The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy).

PARISH OFFERINGS – February 20/21

Sunday & Initial Envelopes:	\$4,760.75
New Year's Offerings	\$100.00
Building Fund:	\$155.00
Seminary Education	\$65.00

Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of February

Monthly Offerings (76):	\$4,771.00
Building Fund (46):	\$ 955.00

Thank you for your continued support.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish. Forms are available on our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

SEMINARY OFFERING: This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians within the Hamilton Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated. The last day to donate to this special collection is March 7, 2021.

PARISH BULLETIN: We are not permitted to distribute a printed bulletin at this time. We will continue to publish an online bulletin each week. If you would like to receive the parish bulletin via email, please visit our parish website and scroll down the home page to **'subscribe to bulletin'**!



CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thank you for your generous pledges to date!
As of Friday, February 19th, St. Mary of the Visitation Parish has received 88 gifts totaling \$144,713!

We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make! Please mail in your gift or make an online pledge at www.oneheartonesoul.ca/give. For more information about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca



SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: SOLIDARITY WITH COMMUNITIES IN CRISES. Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. **For inspiration, information and to donate, visit www.dev.org/lent**

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected? The solution is **Retrouvaille**, a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Its purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. **The next weekend begins March 12, 2021.** For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR FAMILY MINISTRY is offering sessions on "Diving Deeper into Fratelli Tutti" (Pope Francis' most recent Encyclical). The sessions are offered twice on the Mondays of March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. AND 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The sessions will look into the writings of the Pope and his statements conveying how we are created to be relational, to be in communion with God and one another. For more information visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/fratelli-tutti>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021: Please join us in watching the 2021 video prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada for our World Day of Prayer to be celebrated on March 5th, 2021. You can access this video by going to www.wicc.org and checking the One Hour Service Video Box. You can also check out your local cable network. There will be the one-hour WDP Service aired sometime on Friday, March 5th. WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada) empowers Christians to pursue justice, peace and reconciliation by standing together in prayer and action. If you would like to donate to WICC you can do so on line at www.wicc.org or by mailing a check to: Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, 47 Queen's Park Cres. E. Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3. Thank you for participating in this year's World Day of Prayer.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

March 1 – March 6

Monday	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Tuesday	Rev. John Van Hees
Wednesday	Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thursday	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Friday	Rev. James Petrie
Saturday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, March 4, 2021, 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
 **Note: We will all observe 2 meters distancing.

Pornography - The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy: Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) **March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link. The session is free of charge. Consider registering to learn more on this issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>