

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.

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.

 *Mass Intentions*

Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.
Intentions of Agnes Doyle

Wednesday, March 24 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Michelle O'Neill

Thursday, March 25 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Goldie Thompson

Friday, March 26 at 8 a.m.
+ Domenico Pellegrini

Saturday, March 27 at 5 p.m.
+ John Dominas



EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. During the Easter season, the names of your loved ones will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses. *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.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Church. All are invited to attend.

PASSIONTIDE: The last two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide - a special time when we increase our efforts to pray, fast and give alms to the poor. As Jesus sacrificed Himself for us, so we are invited to make sacrifices for Him and one another. During this two-week period in preparation for the glory of Easter, we cover the crucifix and statues in the church. By this, we make a visible expression of self-denial, for we deny ourselves the beauty that they offer.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM 2021

Registration is required for all Masses.

Please register online or call the parish office at 519-658-4443 (during office hours only).

PALM SUNDAY – March 28
(no distribution of palms)

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - April 1
(no washing of the feet, no Adoration)
7:00 p.m. Mass

GOOD FRIDAY - April 2
3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday ***FULL**
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - April 3
7:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Cleaning Volunteers are needed.

Please contact the office if you are able to help.
New volunteers are welcome!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021: Please continue to pray for our young students preparing for First Holy Communion in April. Parents are reminded to **register online** for a Mass time.

PARISH OFFERINGS – March 13/14

Sunday Envelopes & Loose Offerings:	\$1,937.00
Building Fund:	\$60.00
Share Lent	\$65.00

Pre-Authorized Giving for Month of March

Monthly Offerings (76):	\$4,817.00
Building Fund (45):	\$ 945.00

Thank you for your continued support.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Have you considered donating to the parish through our pre-authorized giving program? Pre-authorized giving replaces weekly cash or cheque offerings with monthly transfers from your bank account directly to the parish. Not only is this method of giving helpful to the parish, it is also more convenient for you – and, most importantly, it encourages us to give in a way that is intentional, faithful, and sacrificial. You are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on whether this method of giving is right for you. You can find the brochure and authorization form on our website: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate>. Please contact the parish office for more information.

CONFESSION TIMES: **Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.**, or by appointment. Location: The children's liturgy room (across from the sacristy).



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!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE: Bishop Crosby would love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, and so we encourage couples to register for their wedding anniversary certificate on the Hamilton Diocese website:

www.hamiltondiocese.com. Please also inform Fr. Love if you are celebrating a special anniversary this year!

MASS OF CHRISM: His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on **Monday, March 29th, 2021** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

Lent Retreat in Spanish: Do you speak Spanish and would like to experience a Lenten Retreat? The "Comunidad Mensajeros de la Paz" invites you to their Spanish Zoom Lenten Retreat that will take place **March 25** (afternoon), **26 & 27** (morning & afternoon) & **28th** (morning) Speakers: Fr. Gustavo Jamut, Fr. Diego González & Diac. Gastón Kitegroski. For more information, please contact Carmen at 905-483-9481 or Erika at 519-222-6333.



SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: Keeping Canadians committed.

Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic. Learn more at www.dev.org/lent

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: In celebration of Solidarity Sunday, parishes across Canada are holding the yearly special collection for Development and Peace. If you cannot attend mass in person, we invite you to tune into our online Mass: <https://www.dev.org/en/sharelent2021/mass> brought to you by Salt + Light Media!



NEW 50-50 K. OF C. CHARITY DRAW!

Purchase your tickets on the Ontario Knights of Columbus draw site: www.kofcontario5050.com. Tickets sell 100 for \$40.00, 40 for \$20.00 and 15 for \$10.00. Confirmation of sale and ticket numbers will follow in an email. **In the billing info section (Step 2) select "Cambridge 4916" from the drop-down menu, this credits our Council for the sale.** The grand prize draw will be on April 1, 2021. Contact Dan Schmalz for more information at 519-650-5523.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

March 22 – March 27

Monday	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Tuesday	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
Thursday	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Friday	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Saturday	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

SPRING FUNDRAISER: Dawn Centre has partnered with Royal City Nursery to help bring beauty to your home and hope to someone's heart. Between March 15 to March 25, gift cards (usable for anything at the nursery) can be purchased through the centre and will be available for pickup starting April 1. 20% of every gift card will go to the centre, and you can bring the beauty of spring to your home or gift that beauty to someone else. It's a gift that can keep on giving. For more information go to www.dawncentre.ca and click on the spring fundraisers page.

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