



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Tuesday** in the church from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The period of adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us.

We are planning to reopen the adoration chapel on **Wednesday, December 8 – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, immediately after the morning Mass. At the moment, due to a lack of volunteers, the chapel will close before the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and re-open after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Other than those times it will be open 24/7. The outside chapel door will be locked from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. and only those with the code will be able to enter. Covid protocols will be in place. Masks will be obligatory and the chapel will be restricted to 4 occupants.

If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for an hour of prayer. We are still in need of permanent adorers for the following hours: Monday & Tuesday: 5 A.M., Wednesday: 5 A.M., 12 P.M., 11 P.M., Thursday: 12 A.M., 3 A.M., Saturday: 1 A.M., 2 A.M., 3 A.M., 4 P.M. Please contact Sheila or Frank Mauser at (519) 658-9414.



**Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m.**  
+ Paul Scapinello

**Wednesday, December 1 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Robert Jong

**Thursday, December 2 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Joey Woods and Alavine Tourout

**Friday, December 3 at 8 a.m.**  
+ Antonio Tavares

**Saturday, December 4**  
**8:30 a.m.** + Barbara Moore  
**5 p.m.** + Huguette Corriveau  
+ Real Chabot

**JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY** every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. before Mass, and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

**WEDDING BANNES:** There is a promise of marriage between *Emily Barker and Steven Kelly*. The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.  
(no morning Mass)

**Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00 a.m.  
(no 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Registration for Christmas Masses is required. Please plan to come as a family so we can accommodate more people as households are permitted to be seated in close proximity.

**Registration begins on Monday, November 29**

Please register online: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca)  
You may also register by calling the parish office at 519-658-4443 during office hours only.



**ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT:** Join us on Saturday, November 27, December 4 and December 11 for a time of prayer and reflection. There will be a **Mass at 8:30 a.m.** followed by a talk in the parish hall at 9:00 a.m. Father Ed will lead a discussion on the Gospel accounts of the Christmas story. **Please bring a bible.** Following the discussion, we will return to the Church for Eucharistic adoration concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:

Tuesday, December 14: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 18: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 21: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. - 10 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 pick up a floral tribute form at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website or contact the parish office at 519-658-4443.*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Ushers, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. A reminder that all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Thank you!

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on *Gaudete Sunday*, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 12th** at all Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

*November 20-21*

Sunday Envelopes (91):	\$1,988.00
Loose Offerings:	\$329.90
Floral Tributes:	\$635.00

**Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.**

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)

**Please note:** donation cheques must be payable to 'St. Mary of the Visitation Parish'. Thank you.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:**

This year the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is asking the parish to help provide gifts to the families that they serve. In the foyer and church

hall there are two Christmas trees with tags attached. **Take a tag, record your name in the book provided and return the unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>.** There will be requests for children's toys, for single moms, care packages for seniors, as well as gift cards which can be used as stocking stuffers. We thank you for your generous support of this year's project.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available for those who would like a tax receipt.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Parents with children in grade 2 and grade 7 are asked to **register online by Dec. 12, 2021.**

**UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION:** The retaining wall between the church and the lower parking lot has become a safety hazard. The top couple layers of stone, as well as the guardrail, will need to be replaced. Hopefully the work will begin in the next couple of weeks. The estimated cost of this work is approximately \$40 000. Donations to the building fund would help in paying for this necessary work.

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the hallway along the parking lot. **Envelope boxes are in numerical order.** A list of names is posted for those who need to look up their number. Please contact the office if you cannot locate your box or if you would like a set of envelopes for 2022.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR**

*November 29 – December 4*

Monday	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wednesday	Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
Thursday	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Friday	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.

**VOCATIONS:** "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS** brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

**PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, December 2, 2021,** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Note – new time!) 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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)