

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: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m.
+ Tom Miller

Wednesday, December 8 at 8 a.m.
+ Michelle O'Neill

Thursday, December 9 at 8 a.m.
+ Jim O'Brien

Friday, December 10 at 8 a.m.
Intentions of Fr. Robert Love

Saturday, December 11
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Melinda Millar
5 p.m. + Sylvia Foulger
+ Marlene Fritz



The Adoration Chapel re-opens this **Wednesday, December 8 – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, immediately after the morning Mass. The chapel will be open 24/7 during the week and will close before the 5 p.m.

Mass on Saturdays and re-open after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. For security purposes, 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: 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.

Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on **Tuesday, December 7** from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The period of adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In November, we warmly welcomed into our family of faith through Baptism: *Alexander P., Jordan S., Theo A., Austin S., Ashton C., Taylor C., and Emma D.*

May the Lord bless them as they begin their journey of faith as disciples of Jesus.



ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT: Join us on Saturday, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

***Please see the special bulletin insert for complete schedule ***

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

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

Registration for Christmas Masses is required.

You may register online: www.stmaryhespeler.ca
or call the parish office at 519-658-4443
during office hours only.



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.

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

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. -10:00 a.m.



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!



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

Thank you for the many gifts that have been brought in to date!

Please return your unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 12th.

PARISH OFFERINGS

November 27-28

Sunday Envelopes (93):	\$3,012.00
Loose Offerings:	\$425.30
Floral Tributes:	\$365.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

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

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES - The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:

Thank you for your continued support of food and financial donations which enables us to help those in need. Our

total for November's collection and other donations was \$805.65. Please note: donations made by cheque should be payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul." Thank you!

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4916 MEETING:

Please note the change for this month's meeting. Location: St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 16 Cooper St. Date: **Thursday, December 9/21** at 7:00 p.m. Covid protocols will be in place -mask wearing, hand sanitizing and physical distancing. Members will have to produce proof of vaccination to attend.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

December 6 – December 11

Monday	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wednesday	Order of Preachers (Dominican)(O.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Friday	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
Saturday	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

VOCATIONS: Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

RESTART: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by zoom on **Tuesday, Dec. 14th**: *Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated*. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program information online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER COMMUNITY: The Holy Spirit Prayer Community invites you to join us in prayer, as we reconnect with the sustaining presence, love, and mercy of our compassionate God, revealed to us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our prayer group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge, at 7:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. For further information, contact Mary Ann Costa 519-740-1668.

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