

CLOSURE UPDATE: Following the Ontario government's extension to the emergency closure, the Parish and Parish office will remain closed until June 9th. **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU:** Although the church and office are closed, please know that you can still call the parish at 519-658-4443 or email: stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com.

DAILY MASS READINGS: Copies of *The Word Among Us* and *Living with Christ* are available for parishioners to pick up in the entrance to the parish office. (Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

MASS INTENTIONS: All Mass intentions that were scheduled during our period of closure, will be re-scheduled to a new date when public Masses resume.



FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Feast Day is celebrated on **May 31**. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration to May 31, between the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, "so that it would harmonize better with the Gospel story."

The Visitation is the encounter of the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56. Mary, having heard of the Annunciation through the angel, Gabriel, that Elizabeth was six months pregnant, left her home to visit her. Elizabeth and John the Baptist were inspired by the Holy Spirit at her arrival; and Elizabeth, seeing Mary's faithfulness, cared for her giving her the opportunity to nourish the gift of life, Jesus, within her. Mary, surrounded by Elizabeth's love, pronounced the "Magnificat." It is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, with the Spiritual Fruit of a Love of Neighbour. Thus, as a parish community dedicated to Mary, under the title of St. Mary of the Visitation, this Feast reminds us of our call to love our neighbour, to be welcoming and to provide a place for others to grow nourishing the Lord within them.

ON **SATURDAY, MAY 30**, POPE FRANCIS is presiding at the recitation of the rosary from a variety of Marian Shrines worldwide. "The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic." The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5:30 p.m. Rome time. (12:30 p.m. EDT). A blessed initiative!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 4916 had to cancel our distribution of Roses on Mothers Day weekend due to Covid-19, however the Council will be making our usual donations to Cambridge Right to Life and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Other donations during these difficult times have been to our three parish Churches as well as Waterloo/Wellington Food 4 Children, Cambridge Self Help Food Bank and the Trinity Community Table.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We would like to "heartfully" thank all of our parishioners for their continued generosity in providing food and financial assistance during this time of pandemic. Even with our Church doors closed you have still thought of the less fortunate and reached out to help them, "Thank You"! Your food donations have continued to stock our shelves and your financial donations (\$2515.00 in April and \$1862.00 thus far in May) allows us to purchase extra food and provide gift cards to those seeking help. As for our parishioners, if you are in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. Lastly, for those who have not been able to support us during this time, we understand, and ask for your prayers for families who are struggling through this pandemic.

PARISH OFFERINGS:

May 2020

Donations made online, mailed, dropped off:

Totals to be reported in next bulletin

Pre-Authorized Giving for May:

Monthly Offerings: \$4,776.00

Building Fund: \$1,045.00

Thank you for your continued support!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your contributions to *Share Lent* (\$1,529.75) and *Needs of the Church in the Holy Land/Good Friday* collection (\$345.00). Please note that these special collections have now ended.

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEBSITE: Be sure to visit the Diocesan website for important updates and resources: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>

VATICAN NEWS: Keep up to date on news from the Vatican, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

THE KIDS BULLETIN: Visit <https://thekidsbulletin.com> - a fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.