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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Liturgy runs during the 11:00 a.m.
Mass for children in Kindergarten to Grade 2*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and

7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All are welcome.

PARISH ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Chapel is available seven days a week starting Sunday at 12 noon through Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call Sheila at 519-658-9414.

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 OFFICE HOURS

(Located in the lower level of the church)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register through our parish website or by completing a form located at the parish entrances.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or
by appointment.

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

Please contact the office and Father Ed and Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	+ Joey Woods and Helen Campbell + Ria Janssen + Jeanne Ann Robinson Intentions of Ghislaine Caron	The Woods Family St. Mary's C.W.L. Ron and Catherine Robinson Lisette Caron
Wednesday, April 17	8:00 a.m.	+ Norma Mascola	Anna Altomare
Thursday, April 18	8:00 a.m.	+ Patricia O'Neill	The Teixeira Family
Friday, April 19	8:00 a.m.	+ Hilda Springall	Marion North
Saturday, April 20	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Agnes Doyle Intentions of all CWL Members	Chris O'Neill St. Mary's C.W.L.
	5:00 p.m.	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Joseph Stortz + Noreen Bourgeois	The Afonso Family The Stortz Family Donna Baglole



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this month:

- *St. Elizabeth*: Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima*: Sat., April 27 at 11:00 a.m.
- *St. Gabriel*: Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m.

See our parish website for details:

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/first-communion>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration...May our Adoration never cease." - *Saint John Paul II*.

If you would like to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel please call: Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414.

PARISH PYXES: Have you borrowed a pyx (the small container to take communion to the sick and homebound) and not returned it? If you are in possession of one of the parish pyxes and are not using it please return it to the sacristy as soon as possible. We do not have many available to be loaned out at the moment.



CONFIRMATION 2024

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

Last Saturday we celebrated three Confirmation liturgies for 83 young people

from our parish! Let us pray that the grace of this sacrament and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will help them grow in their knowledge and love of God as they continue their journey of faith.



COFFEE SUNDAY: This weekend, **April 13/14**, we will continue our Easter celebration with coffee and treats after ALL Masses. See you there!

CWL LADIES RETREAT: All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend a retreat on **Saturday, April 20th**. The retreat is given by Teresa Harnett, the Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese. Topic: *"Bloom Where You Are Planted."* The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., a presentation of CWL recognition pins, followed by a catered hot breakfast. The cost to attend is \$25. Please put your name and money in an envelope marked 'CWL Retreat' and place it in the collection baskets at one of the weekend masses. The registration deadline is April 14th. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHALICE: Chalice is coming to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish! At the **April 27-28** Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

MISSION MATS: Join us on **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. Did you know it takes about 400 milk bags to make one mat? Come out and see the process. Drop in anytime...you don't need to stay for the whole two hours. A great way for high schoolers to earn volunteer hours. Milk bags are not needed at this time. All are welcome!



INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This weekend each parish in our diocese is having a collection in support of local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This collection also forms part of the national commitment made by dioceses across Canada. Envelopes are available in the offertory boxes and at the parish entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE: Our next Mass at St. Luke's long-term care is **Wed, April 17th at 2 p.m.** The Mass takes place in the chapel. All are welcome.

BIBLE CAMP 2024: Mark your calendars! Plans are in the works for a Summer Bible Camp scheduled for July 15-19, 2024. If you are interested in assisting with our Summer Bible Camp please contact the office by phone or email. High school students are invited to participate and will receive community involvement hours. More details to follow soon.

350th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC: To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Québec, Bishop Crosby invites you to a pilgrimage to visit Québec City, Trois-Rivières, and Montréal from **July 13 – 17, 2024**, under the leadership of Msgr. Murray Kroetsch. Registration deadline is April 30th. For details please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2024/04/quebec-pilgrimage-july-2024/>

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024
The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024** at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets: \$90/person. Contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: "Surrender: Knowing God's Will." **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford, Ontario. The retreat leader is *Fr. Larry Richards*, a renowned speaker and author. Buy tickets online at catholicmen.ca. Tickets: \$30.

DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH OFFERINGS

April 6 - 7, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (126):	\$2,762.00
Loose Offerings	\$1,007.75

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: APRIL 25th
Join us from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. for the screening of *Bigger Than Us*. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>
A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



ABORTION AN ACT OF DESPAIR: It is not something women do with vindictive hearts. It is something they do when they feel trapped and helpless. Over 70% of women undergoing abortion believe it is morally wrong. They are acting against their consciences because they feel they have no other choice. Let us pray for women contemplating abortion that they choose "Life", and let us pray for the many children already lost through abortion. *Cambridge Right to Life*

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