

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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Rev. Ed Henhoeffler, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael Foulger, Permanent Deacon  
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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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 23	7:00 p.m.	+ Rod and Mary Hilker + Jordan Deemert + Carmen Trandafir Intentions of Linda Heffernan	Catharine Carter & Jack Hilker Paul and Marilyn O'Neill Rosanne Nusca The Heffernan Family
Wednesday, April 24	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Ghislaine Caron	Lisette Caron
Thursday, April 25	8:00 a.m.	+ Ria Janssen	Chris O'Neill
Friday, April 26	8:00 a.m.	+ Martha Lai Tran + Maria Trang Nguyen	The Nguyen Family
Saturday, April 27	5:00 p.m.	+ Prezilda Chabot + Dennis Dunstan + Deceased Parents of Stanislav and Sidonia Kubala  + Peter Ho Nguyen	Jocelyn Dominas Catholic Principals Sidonia Kubala  The Nguyen Family



### 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>

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS:** A reminder that low-gluten hosts are available. If needed, please speak to Father Ed before Mass.



**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](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

**MISSION MATS:** Join us on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. 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. All are welcome! Milk bags are not needed at this time.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** We invite you to join the Spanish prayer group on Tuesday evenings starting on **April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**, after Mass, in the Hearth Room. All are welcome. For questions please contact Carmen at 905-483-9481 or Erika at 519-222-6333.



**SPRING FUNDRAISER:** Our CWL will be having a Spring Fundraiser on **May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** following each of the weekend masses. We would appreciate your help with donations for the bake sale.

Volunteers will be at the church on Friday evening, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30pm until 9pm and Saturday morning from 9am-11am to receive your baked goods. Come and try your luck at a 50/50 draw or you can purchase something from our jewelry table. How about winning a raffle prize just in time for Mother's Day? We look forward to seeing you there!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**APRIL 21:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way.

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**VOCATIONS:** The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Visit [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**April 13 - 14, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (135):	\$3,912.00
Loose Offerings	\$512.15
Indigenous Reconciliation (21)	\$285.00

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING for APRIL 2024**

Sunday Offerings (79):	\$ 5,228.00
Building Fund (44):	\$ 910.00

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*

**TOP PICKS ON FORMED:** St. Bernadette of Lourdes. "St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique film features a cast of over 160 mostly home-schooled, Catholic children ranging from 3 to 17 years of age, the film is perfect viewing for the entire family.

**New to FORMED?** Registration is FREE for parishioners. Go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and type *St. Mary of the Visitation Cambridge* to find and select our Parish. Provide your name and your email address and click "Sign Up". Enjoy!

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join us from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. for the screening of *Bigger Than Us*. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijzen 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 on 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.*

**350<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

**THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED:** In his poem, *The Art of Marriage*, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us **on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50/couple and includes lunch. To register, go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)



**EARTH DAY 2024: APRIL 22**

Go online and search for activities in your area! For ideas on how to participate, visit [www.earthday.ca](http://www.earthday.ca)

**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](http://catholicmen.ca). Tickets: \$30.

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