

# 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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Monday, April 8	8:00 a.m.	+ Jean Chute	Velma Gibson
Tuesday, April 9	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Spiros Colis + Rod Hilker	The Afonso Family The Cylwik and Colis Family Sunday Race Day Friends
Wednesday, April 10	8:00 a.m.	+ John Yust	The Yust Family
Thursday, April 11	8:00 a.m.	+ Michelle O'Neill	The Teixeira Family
Friday, April 12	8:00 a.m.	+ Grace Poulin	Marion North
Saturday, April 13	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Marlene Evanchuk + Mary and Art Wurr + Ralph Bendus	Barbara Maier Gerard Schmidt Nancy Bendus

**2024 Clergy Pastoral Appointments:** On March 26<sup>th</sup> Bishop Crosby announced the new clergy appointments for 2024. He has asked Father Ed to take on the pastoral leadership of St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Father David Reitzel, who is presently the pastor of St. Mary's and the Missions in Owen Sound, will be replacing Father Ed as pastor. These moves are effective on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. For the full list of Pastoral retirements and appointments see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2024/03/2024-clergy-pastoral-appointments/>

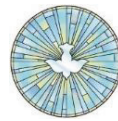
**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD:** On March 25<sup>th</sup> (9 months before Christmas) we celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation of our Lord. This feast marks the moment when Mary said yes to the Angel Gabriel and became the mother of our Saviour. In the years when March 25<sup>th</sup> falls during Holy Week the feast is moved to the Monday *after* Easter week. This year the feast will be celebrated on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m. on this day.



**EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES:** Thank you for your contributions towards the Easter flowers. Flowers have been placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

### 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.



### CONFIRMATION 2024

*Congratulations* to the newly Confirmed! This 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:** Next weekend, **April 13/14**, we will continue our Easter celebration with coffee and treats after ALL Masses. See you there!



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 20 and April 27. See our parish website for details: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/first-communion>



**CWL LADIES RETREAT:** All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend a retreat on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!



**MEETING NOTICE:** The next meeting of Council 4916 is **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at St Clement Church Hall. Our Ontario State Deputy, Bruce Poulin, will be in attendance at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there as we welcome him to Cambridge.

**INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION COLLECTION:**

Next Sunday (the Third Sunday of Easter, April 14) each parish in our diocese will hold 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.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**March 29 - 31, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (118):	\$3,267.00
Easter Offerings (134):	\$5,516.00
Loose Offerings	\$2,567.55
Good Friday (74)	\$1,620.00
Share Lent (7):	\$170.50

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*



**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.

**SHARE LENT COLLECTION:** Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024! **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$2,965.50 to date.** *The last day to contribute to Share Lent in the offertory basket is April 14.*

**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](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for tickets and more information.

**MARIAN RESIDENCE:** Are you looking to retire in a Catholic environment this Spring? Then come and visit the Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. For more information: [info@marianresidence.ca](mailto:info@marianresidence.ca) and also watch our new video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KORCnSkIEIq>

**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.

**CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE:** "If we had a minute of silence for each of the 4.5 million children killed by abortion in Canada between 1969 and 2020 we would be standing in silence for 8.5 years".

Let us pray for an end to abortion.



**THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER**

**INTENTION: For the role of women**

*Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.* Pope Francis – APRIL 2024

Watch the video: <https://thepopevideo.org>

**DIVINE MERCY HOUR: SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

Join us for music and praying of the chaplet of Divine Mercy from **3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m** at **St. Ambrose Church.**

**THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED**

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, May 4th** from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register: visit [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



**UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS:**

Are you ready to make new friends to share your faith with? Why not recharge your spiritual batteries and think about taking 3 days to learn more about your faith through a program of renewal and friendship called

**CURSILLO.** Cursillo was started back in the 1940's in Spain and has spread to millions of people around the world. The rewards of the weekend are very worthwhile to your spiritual life. The Men's weekend takes place April 25-28, 2024, at Kkottongnae Retreat Centre, 6069 Second Line, Orton, ON. The application deadline for this weekend is April 14, 2024. The Women's weekend takes place May 30 – June 1 at a retreat centre in Deemerton, near Mildmay, ON. Information regarding the deadline for the Women's weekend to be provided closer to event date. Contact Bonnie Frizzell at 519-212-3562 for details.

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