

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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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 LENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Joey Woods + Maria Regina Da Silva Intentions of Cathy Hilker	The Afonso Family The Woods Family The Choir Cathy Hilker
Wednesday, March 13	8:00 a.m.	+ Kim Lafrance	Pat Slattery
Thursday, March 14	8:00 a.m.	+ Stan and Mary Burns	Larry and Joanne Burns
Friday, March 15	8:00 a.m.	+ Rosemary Hanley	The Henderson Family
Saturday, March 16	8:30 a.m.	+ Mary and Jim Haney  Intentions of Sandra Prasad	The Haney Family  Ruth Ann Milne
	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Mildred Scapinello + Agnes, Frank, Roy & Michelle Weston + Jose Armas Gomes	Chris O'Neill Gerard Schmidt Maria Gomes

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7:00 p.m. every Friday, followed by a ½ hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

**“THE CHOSEN” VIDEO SERIES:** Join us **Saturday mornings during Lent** (*concluding March 23*) for Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the video and discussion in the Parish Centre.

**CONFESSION DURING LENT:**

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 23: 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon.,  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 26: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.,  
Wednesday, March 27: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.,  
March 29 (*Good Friday*): 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



**EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES:** Remember your loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. During the Easter season, the names of your loved ones will be placed by the Altar and remembered at all Masses. *Forms are available at the parish entrances and on our parish website.*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** As you journey through this holy season of Lent, please consider dedicating a precious hour of your time to draw closer to Our Lord through Eucharistic Adoration. Come and sacrifice one hour a week to Our Lord in this season of repentance and renewal. There are several time slots still available. Please call Frank or Sheila for more information (519) 658-9414.



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

**MASS OF CHRISM**

Monday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King.  
*All are welcome.*

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28**

**Mass at 7 p.m.**

*(no 8 a.m. Mass)*

*The church will remain open until 10 p.m. for private prayer*

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29**

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

*(no 8 a.m. Mass)*

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30**

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter foods

8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

*(There is no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions on this day)*

**EASTER SUNDAY – March 31**

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:** Altar Servers, Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Lectors are invited to sign up to serve at Mass on Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please sign up online or contact the parish office.



**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Following ALL Masses next **Saturday, March 16** and **Sunday, March 17**. Please join us!



**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY:  
SHARE LENT 2024  
MARCH 17, 2024**  
The Canadian Catholic  
Organization for

Development and Peace / Caritas Canada provides a variety of ways to offer "alms" to brothers and sisters in need through the Share Lent campaign. **Create Hope** is the central theme of this campaign for the coming five years. The specific theme this year is **Reaping our Rights**, echoing Pope Francis' recent reflections in Laudate Deum, "Everything is connected" and "no one is saved alone"! We are invited to uphold the rights of peasants, human rights, and environmental rights, ensuring respect for all. Please give generously to Share Lent, in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who feed the planet while taking care of our Common home. Envelopes can be found in your offertory box and donations can be made online: <https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/>

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**March 2/3, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (128): \$3,968.15  
Loose Offerings \$625.10

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:** The 2023 financial report will be provided in next week's bulletin.



**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS IN MARCH:**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph**, foster father of Jesus, patron of the Universal Church and patron of Canada. Join us for Mass on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to honour St. Joseph. **March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord** – this year it has been transferred to Monday, April 8. Join us for Mass at 8:00 am on this day.



**MEETING:** The Msgr. Paul J Meyer Council 4916 monthly meeting is **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Clement Parish Hall. Enter via the Westminster Drive entrance.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking for additional volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy program at the 11:00 Mass. There will be a **training session on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Those who are presently volunteering are also asked to join us so that we can overview the procedure in order to better serve the children of our parish as they grow in the love of the Lord.

**MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE**

The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 will be having a Special screening of the Movie "*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*" on **Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm at St Mary of the Visitation Parish**, in the parish centre. Produced by the Knights of Columbus, the documentary is an account of the life and legacy of this beloved Saint for our times. We will be accepting Donations of Food Items for SVDP. We hope you are able to join us.



**RESOLUTIONS:** Over the history of the Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission has banned professional athletes from sponsoring and promoting gambling ads in Ontario as of February 24, 2024. Thanks to St. Mark's CWL in Kitchener who worked very hard to help promote this ban.

**ReSTART - MOVING FORWARD:** Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run on **Mondays from April 7<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) or register on line: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.



**THE POPE'S MARCH PRAYER**

**INTENTION: For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ**

*Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.*  
Pope Francis – MARCH 2024

Watch - <https://thepopevideo.org>

**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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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