

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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Rev. Ed Henhoeffler, Pastor

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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.



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	+ Rod Hilker Intentions of Erin Henderson Intentions of Lisette Caron	Sunday Race Day Friends Anna Altomare A Friend
Wednesday, May 15	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+ Ron Milne Intentions of Anne Lecours	Anna Altomare Rosanne Nusca
Thursday, May 16	8:00 a.m.	+ Keith Simpson	Maura Simpson
Friday, May 17	8:00 a.m.	+ Ria Janssen	The Henderson Family
Saturday, May 18	5:00 p.m.	+ John Dominas + Bertha Sandino + Rossana Pelobello + Stacy Ramos	Jocelyn Dominas Ana Prior Evelyn Trabado Evelyn Trabado



**MAY CROWNING:** St. Mary's will be hosting the Catholic Home School group for Mass with a May Crowning on **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May.

**MONTHLY MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE:** Our next Mass at St. Luke's long-term care is **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** All are welcome.

**PRIEST RETREAT:** Father Ed will be away on retreat from **May 20-24**. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses next week.



### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING:**

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the *Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which is the patronal feast of our parish. The parish Mass will be

celebrated on **Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.** and will be followed by a volunteer appreciation reception in the parish centre. All volunteers of the parish are invited to attend. Please sign up online: [www.stmaryhospeler.ca/volunteer-appreciation](http://www.stmaryhospeler.ca/volunteer-appreciation) or call the office. **Please RSVP by May 21.**

### **COFFEE SUNDAY THIS MONTH: MAY 25/26**

Our next 'Coffee Sunday' will be held on the last weekend of May, following all Masses. Join us for birthday cake in celebration of Father Ed's birthday on May 25<sup>th</sup>!

**MISSION MATS:** Come out to the next gathering on **Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 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. Milk bags are not needed at this time. All are welcome!



### **ST. MARY'S BIBLE CAMP 2024:**

Children from 4 to 11 years of age are invited to St. Mary's Bible Camp from **July 15-19, 8:45 a.m. – 12 noon**. Please pick up a

registration form at the parish entrance or print from our parish website. Space is limited. Parishioners are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for teen and adult volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at our Summer Bible Camp please contact the office by phone or email. High school students will receive community involvement hours. There will be a meeting for all volunteers on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the church.



**THANK YOU:** Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Henhoeffler and St. Mary of the Visitation parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on April 27-

28. As a result, **10 children were sponsored**, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future!

Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission and to sponsor a child today.

**ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN:** The Knights of Columbus Council 4916 will be offering *Roses for Life* (Iapel Rose) after each Mass this weekend, **May 11 & 12**. All offerings will be donated to local Pro-Life groups. Thank you for your support.



**THANK YOU:** The CWL would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the wonderful support towards our Spring Fundraiser. The fundraiser was a great success and because of your participation in this event we will be able to continue supporting our community financially. To date, our funds have enabled us to support Lisaard House, Cambridge Bridges, Catholic Missions of Canada, and our Seminarians, as well as offer Honorariums for guest speakers, cards and gifts to our First Communion and Confirmation classes and our Seniors and Homebound friends. We will also be able to offer a \$250 award to a grade 12 graduating student this year. Thank you for helping us accomplish all of this great service to God's people. We would like to say Congratulations to Tom Cunningham for winning the 50/50 draw and to all who won the 23 Raffle prizes!

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD:** Once again, our CWL is offering an award of \$250 to a graduating student from St. Benedict's Secondary School. This student must be an active member of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership, and who is pursuing a post-secondary education. You will find applications at the entrance of the church. *Deadline for submission is June 2nd.* If you qualify, you will be notified by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

**May 4 - 5, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (129):	\$2,964.55
Loose Offerings	\$589.35
Pope's Pastoral Works (13)	\$180.00

*Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*



#### CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

The historic overturning of Roe v. Wade in the United States has emboldened the pro-life movement the world over. Life seems to be winning. But could it ever "win" in a country like Canada? Please join us for a screening of the **must-see** feature length documentary **ROE Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World** on **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Ambrose Parish Hall**, 210 South Street 7:00-9:00 pm. Followed by a Q&A with Josie Luetke & Ruth Robert, the two principal investigators of the film. Admission: Free-will offering. Call CRTL at 519-623-1850 or email [cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgerighttolife@gmail.com) **to reserve your seat.** Please encourage your friends to attend.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** The statement '*Families that pray together stay together*' is not just a cliché, but also a fact that has research data to prove its impact. To those of us with faith it makes sense, but we sometimes neglect to undertake what we know will be helpful to us. So, take the time to pray as a couple: first thing in the morning, before meals, before going to bed, at Mass and/or any other time you can. It is an easy way to connect and strengthen your relationship. Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 (ext. 2250)



#### THE POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians

*Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Pope Francis – May 2024.*

<https://thepopevideo.org>

**MINI EMMAUS 2024:** Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Groups, and Young People from grade 2 to 12! Join us on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for our second annual "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. See the poster in parish hallway to scan the QR code to **register by May 26<sup>th</sup>**, and we hope to see you at this great event!

#### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, **Stoney Creek**). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com). <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



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