

# 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 David and  
Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 3	7:00 PM	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Judi Voll In Thanksgiving	The Afonso Family Ross and Leone Schuett Maria Mendonca
Wednesday, December 4	8:00 AM	Intentions of Agnes Doyle	Judy Doyle
Thursday, December 5	8:00 AM	Intentions of Michelle	Her Mother
Friday, December 6	8:00 AM	+ Jan Reborik	Eng Siew Tan
Saturday, December 7	5:00 PM	+ Ron Milne + Clarence and Cody Smith & Family + Huguette Corriveau + John Ward	Ruth Ann Milne Gerard Schmidt Jocelyn Dominas Anne Pierotti & Family
Sunday, December 8 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish ( <i>pro populo</i> ) For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish ( <i>pro populo</i> )	



**WELCOME:** A special welcome to all new members and visitors! We encourage all new members to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration form at the church entrance or complete an online form:

[www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners)

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADORATION CHAPEL:

We will be celebrating the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Adoration Chapel on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** with Vespers (evening prayers, bring your rosary) at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. A reception for all those involved in adoration will follow in the parish centre. You are invited to bring a dessert to share with your fellow adorers. A sign-up sheet is in the chapel and also at the back of the church. For more information, please call Sheila or Frank (519) 658-9414.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We will have Mass on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You may be thinking, "But isn't the Immaculate Conception on Dec 8th?" You are right. However, this year December 8th falls on a Sunday. Ordinarily when a feast falls on a Sunday, we skip it since Sunday is of primary importance. But some feasts are too big to skip. The Immaculate Conception is one of them. So rather than skip it, we move it. This year, the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9th for the entire Church. The celebration begins Sunday night with evening prayer and continues with Mass on Monday. All are welcome to join.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Available for purchase at the entrances of the church. Cost: \$5.00

## CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ 12 Midnight

### Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.

*Please see the bulletin insert next weekend for all Mass and Confession times.*



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ministers of Communion are needed. Please sign up online or contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you!



**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to the newly Confirmed! This Saturday we celebrated Confirmation for the young people of 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.

### CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes in memory of deceased relatives and friends. Christmas flowers for the church will be placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. *Please pick up a floral tribute form at the church entrances or in the office. You may also print a form from our parish website.*



**MISSION MATS:** Come out to the next gathering on **Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. 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!



**CWL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner celebration on **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Come and enjoy a catered hot chicken meal with potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice, salad and some lovely desserts! Bring a friend and enjoy spending the evening with a group of amazing ladies! The cost is \$15.00 which can be placed in an envelope addressed as 'CWL Dinner', include your name and drop it in the collection box by Dec. 7/8th. The deadline to sign up is December 4th, please call Chris at 519-400-3657. Rosary at 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. We hope to see you there!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Knights of Columbus Council 4916 invites all Brother Knights and Guests to their Christmas Party on

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at St Mary of the Visitation Parish Centre after the 5:00 pm Mass. It is a catered hot meal including chicken, salad and dessert. Cost: \$20/person. Please indicate your intent to attend and payment by December 7<sup>th</sup> to either: George Harris 519-621-3665, Bernie Legault 519-650-1048, Scott Power 519-755-4293 or Paul O'Neill 519-277-5138. If paying by cheque please make it payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 4916". Limited number of tickets available.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

**November 23-24, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (118):	\$2,623.25
Loose Offerings:	\$528.90

***Your financial support is greatly appreciated.***

**2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available in the parish hallway **in alphabetical order**. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Rosanne in the parish office: 519-658-4443, [stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com)

**CWL MEMBERS:** Please submit your annual dues (\$40) using the blue envelope found in your offertory box.

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Our last "Coffee Sunday" for 2024 will be on December 15, following the 9am and 11am Masses (*Sunday only*). A special thank you to our volunteers who make this monthly social possible!

**BLESSED IS SHE! ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** Experience how God calls you personally during this Advent season, to become his sacred presence to others; and how your Advent this year can re-create the Song of the Magnificat in your own heart. **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30p.m.** at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. *Retreat Leader:* Simone Robinson. Simone is a consecrated Daughter of St. Francis de Sales and an experienced retreat leader. *Suggested donation: \$15.* RSVP via email to [s.k.robinson@icloud.com](mailto:s.k.robinson@icloud.com)



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:** We are ecstatic to report our collection this past weekend was \$3,174.50! Thank you so very much for your generosity! These funds will go towards the Christmas Food Basic gift cards that will be distributed to our Neighbors in Need this Christmas. Thank You!



**"HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** Again this year, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking the parish to help provide gifts to the families that they serve. Please take a tag from one of the two Christmas trees by December 1<sup>st</sup>, record your name in the book provided and return the unwrapped gift(s) no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas:** Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at **St. Michael Parish** (Parish Centre-basement) 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo.

**PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, December 5** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy: [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com)

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