

# 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 17	7:00 PM	+ Luigi Chiarot + Percy Miranda + Darren Schuett + Ismael Dela Cruz	The Natalizio Family The Miranda Family Ross and Leone Schuett Nina Aguba
Wednesday, December 18	8:00 AM	+ Luis Barcelos	Rosa Barcelos
Thursday, December 19	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Maurice Family	Gus and Suzanne Maurice
Friday, December 20	8:00 AM	+ Luis Barcelos	Rosa Barcelos
Saturday, December 21	5:00 PM	+ Rod and Mary Hilker + Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Luis Barcelos + Mary Janice Kavanagh	Catharine Carter & Jack Hilker The Afonso Family Rosa Barcelos Kim, Rachel, and Heather
Sunday, December 22 <b>Fourth 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 TO ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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)

**COFFEE SUNDAY:** Join your fellow parishioners for coffee, tea, and treats this **Sunday, December 15** following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.



**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on **Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent**, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to be blessed at Mass **this weekend, December 14 and 15** at all Masses. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>
5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight	11:00 a.m.

### EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 22:	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 23:	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24:	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



### CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

Thank you for your dedications of flowers for the Christmas season. 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.

**MONTHLY MASS AT ST. LUKE'S PLACE:** All are invited to join the residents of St. Luke's Place for Mass on **Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m.** Mass takes place in the chapel.



### O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Jesus, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem, is waiting for you in our Chapel of Adoration. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your relationship with Him. Please visit our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration located off the lower parking lot. For more information please call: Sheila or Frank (519) 658-9414

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

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available in the parish hallway. 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)

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**December 7/8, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (116): \$2,698.20  
Loose Offerings: \$562.50

**Your financial support is greatly appreciated.**

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)

**2024 OFFERINGS:** Please submit any 2024 donations to the parish **by Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**. Donations made after this date will be included in your 2025 donation receipt. Thank you.

**VOCATIONS:** Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



**JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025:**

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope"! We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/>

**HOLY DOOR:** Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In Cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." Pope Francis, Spes non confundit.



**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:**

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season *time with each other* because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**- SAVE THE DATE!** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS:**

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to **Come Home for Christmas**. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome/>

**CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT:**

During the Christmas Season, 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, January 4<sup>th</sup>** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd West, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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