

ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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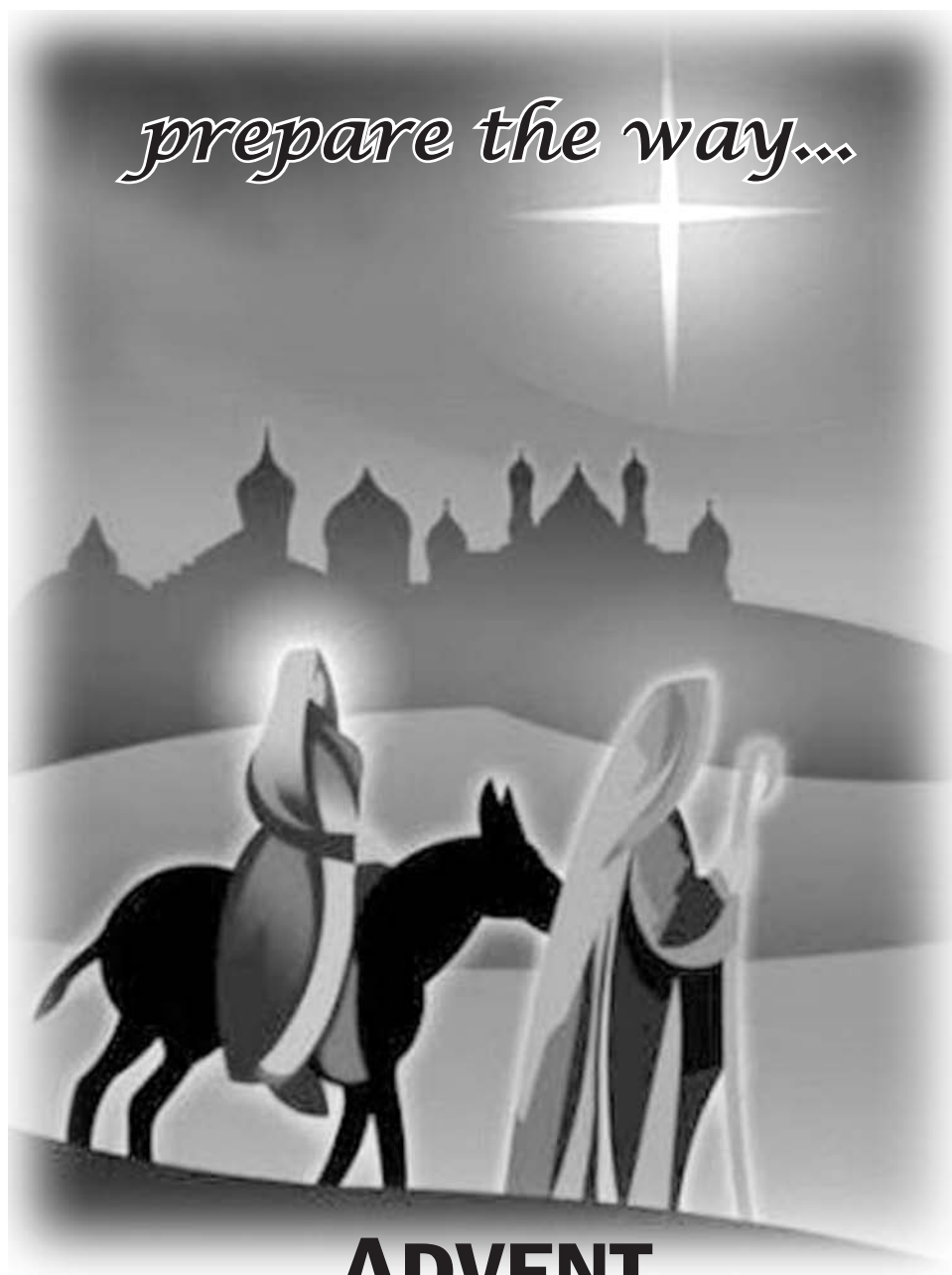
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 PM 7:00 PM 12 Midnight	Intentions of the Holy Father + Roman Cove For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	
Wednesday, December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	
Thursday, December 26	9:00 AM <i>*note time change</i>	Intentions of the Labuda Family	The Labuda Family
Friday, December 27	8:00 AM	+ Ed Teixeira	The Teixeira Family
Saturday, December 28	5:00 PM	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso + Lynn Brown + Jaclyn Lohin Deceased Members of Labuda Family	The Afonso Family The Pedro Family The Pedro Family The Labuda Family
Sunday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	



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

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.



JANUARY 1ST, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD:

On the eighth day of Christmas, the Church honours Mary as the Mother of God. In Canada, **January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.** This year

the vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and New Year's Day at 11:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

- Wed., Dec. 25th to Friday, Dec. 27th: **Closed**
- Monday, Dec. 30th: Open 9 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 31st: Open 9 a.m.– 12 noon
- Wednesday, Jan. 1 & Thursday, Jan. 2: **Closed**
- Friday, January 3rd: Open 9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

WINTER VACATION: Father David will be away from **January 3rd – 20th**. In his absence there will be no weekday masses. On the weekends we will welcome *Father Michael King* to celebrate our Sunday Masses.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will pause for the holidays (following this Sunday) and resume on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

To everyone involved in our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration, we wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a grace filled New Year. Thank you for your faithful commitment. Without you this Chapel would not exist. If you would like to become an adorer, please call Frank or Sheila Mauser at (519) 658-9414. Jesus is waiting for you in this Sacrament of Love.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

The Catholic Women's League of St. Mary's would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope that 2025 is filled with every good blessing for you and your families.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM COUNCIL

4916: Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 extends to all our fellow parishioners and their families a most Blessed and Holy Christmas. May this Holy season bring Peace, Joy and Happiness to you and your family.
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill"

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.

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

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 15/16, 2024

To be reported in the next bulletin.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING FOR DECEMBER 2024

Sunday Offerings (75): \$ 4,997.00

Building Fund (46): \$ 905.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate

Please note that cheques must be made payable to "St. Mary of the Visitation Parish"

2024 OFFERINGS: We kindly ask that you submit any 2024 donations to the parish by **Sunday, December 29th**. Donations made after this date will be included in your 2025 donation receipt. Thank you.

VOCATIONS: Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – *Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton*
His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass on December 25th at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be livestreamed and can be accessed by visiting the Cathedral's website – www.ctkbasilica.ca.

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 - for more information, visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/comehome>



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to offer their heartfelt appreciation for another successful year of the SVDP/Parish Christmas Project. The response was amazing once again! Every tag for a child/teen was taken and a thoughtful gift returned. Your generosity and kindness will be felt by the many parents, children and seniors who will be recipients of your caring hearts! We will distribute 99 gifts to children and teens, 75 blankets and chocolates to every "family & adult" household that we serve and approximately 65 care packages to Seniors belonging to our parish community. Households will also be provided with a generous Food Basics gift card, all as a result of your generous donations throughout the year! We would also like to thank Father David for his support of this amazing project! Furthermore, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the new coats which were distributed to 39 children this past month! The feedback from parents has already been overwhelming and they wish to also pass along their appreciation to each one of you for your kindness! Thank you again for all you do to help our neighbours! *Merry Christmas! SVDP.*



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.

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