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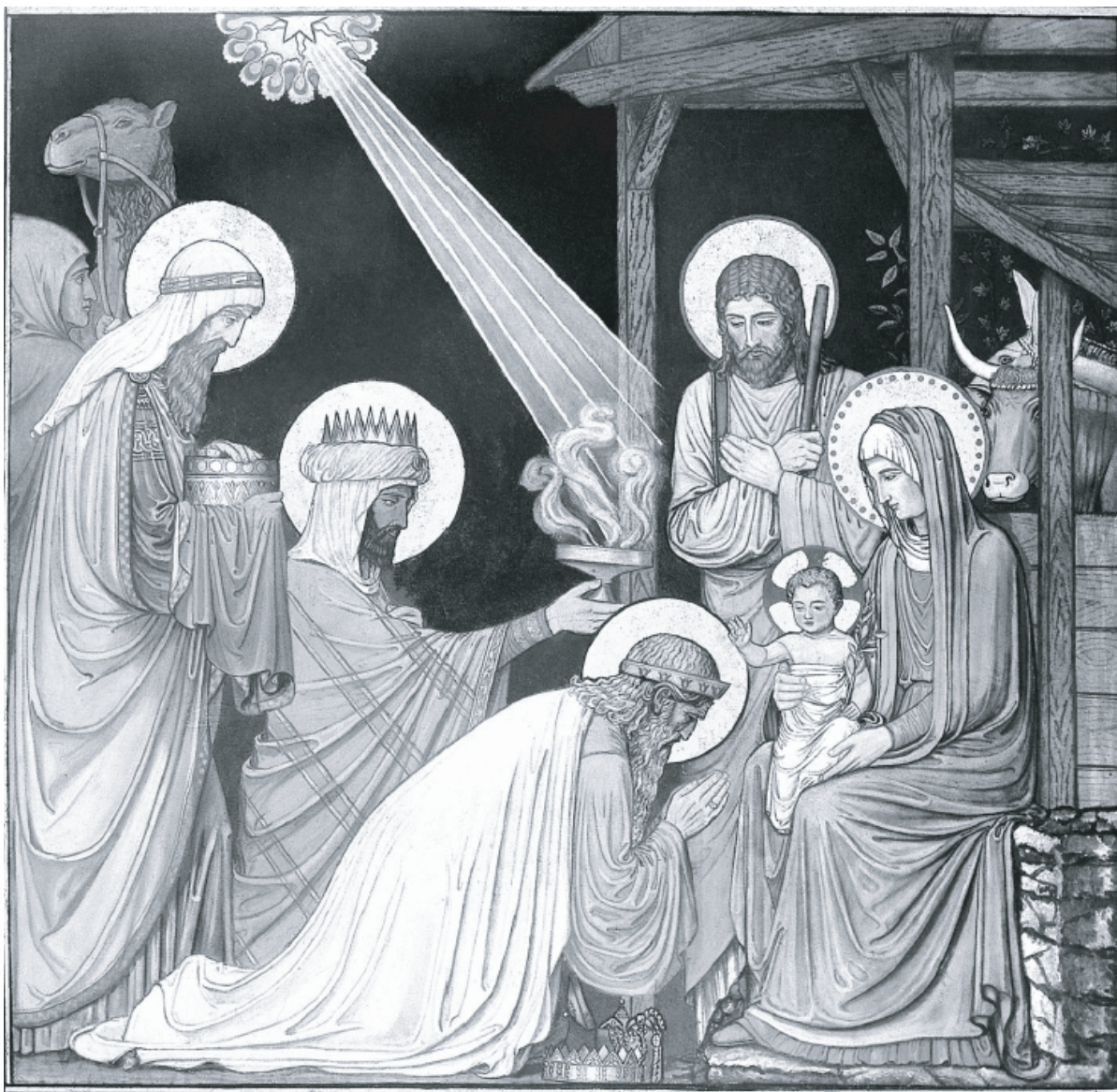
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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, December 31 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	5:00 PM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	
Wednesday, January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	
Thursday, January 2	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	The Labuda Family
Friday, January 3	No Mass		
Saturday, January 4	5:00 PM	+ Tom O'Brien + George Bastos + Manuel Deandrade + Bruce Haney Deceased Members of Slup Family	Carol & Richard O'Brien Carlos and Anna Afonso Carlos and Anna Afonso Ron and Monica Haney The Labuda Family
Sunday, January 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	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



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID:

As another year draws to a close, we pause to give thanks to God for blessing us and our parish abundantly this year. I also want to thank each and every member of our parish community for their invaluable contributions. Your dedication, time, and talents have been instrumental in making our church a vibrant and welcoming place of fellowship. From the altar servers to the choir members, from the ushers to the Eucharistic ministers, from the CWL to the members of our various ministries – your tireless efforts have enriched our worship and strengthened our community. We are especially grateful for the generosity of our parishioners, whose financial support enables us to carry out our mission. May God bless each of you abundantly during this Christmas season, and may the new year be one filled with joy.

Fr. David Reitzel

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

- Monday, Dec. 30th: Open 9 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Dec 31st: Open 9 a.m.– 12 noon
 - Wednesday, Jan. 1 thru Friday, Jan. 3: **Closed**
- Regular office hours resume on January 6, 2025.*



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.

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 at (519) 658-9414.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program has paused for the holidays and will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

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.



MONTHLY COLLECTION: Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend.

Please note that any donations made *after* this weekend will be receipted for 2025.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 4916 for their generous donation to our parish.



C.W.L. NEWS: The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7th** at 7:00 p.m. (please note there will be no Rosary or Mass that evening). Our elections will be postponed until Tuesday, February 4th. For those who have been nominated, please expect an email from Carol O'Brien and please respond to her immediately. The **CWL membership fee of \$40.00 is due by December 31st**. It can be placed in the collection basket addressed to CWL.

We invite all ladies of the parish, 16 years and older, to consider joining us in 2025! Come share your unique and valuable gifts and join us where you will share a sisterhood of faith, fulfillment and friendship! We look forward to welcoming you as a new member! For any questions regarding membership please call or text Chris at 519-400-3657.

PARISH OFFERINGS

December 14/15, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (132):	\$4,594.25
Loose Offerings:	\$546.10
Christmas Offerings:	\$100.00

December 21/22, 2024

To be reported in the next bulletin

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

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

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.



MEETING NOTICE: Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Knights of Columbus Council 4916 welcomes all our Brothers to our first meeting of 2025 on **Thursday, January 9**

at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, in the parish centre. *(Please note the new location)*

VOCATIONS: By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 58th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

*"Forgive us our trespasses:
grant us your peace"*

1 January
2025



Peace should concern all of us!

WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The 58th World Day of Peace, will be celebrated on January 1, 2025, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who is likewise the Queen of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is *"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace"*.

This theme aligns with the spirit of the Jubilee Year, focusing on hope, forgiveness, and bringing people together. Inspired by *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, the message highlights the need for change to build lasting peace in our lives individually, in communities, and worldwide.

In his message, the Holy Father states: *"May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises."*

To read the full message from Pope Francis go to: <https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/news-2>

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 4th** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd West, Hamilton). For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



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/>

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