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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Monday, December 9	8:00 AM	+ Gary Foran	Ross and Leone Schuett
Tuesday, December 10	6:00 PM <i>*note time change</i>	+ Rosemary Hanley + George Prior + Elizabeth Veber Intentions of Teresa DiFalco	Susie Koenderink The Henderson Family The Veber Family Catholic Women's League
Wednesday, December 11	8:00 AM	+ Maria Rosa and Joe Afonso	The Afonso Family
Thursday, December 12	8:00 AM	Intentions of Chris O'Neill	Sharon Hanley Douglas
Friday, December 13	8:00 AM	+ Joan O'Neill	The Henderson Family
Saturday, December 14	5:00 PM	+ Ann Louise Cormier + Percy Miranda + Eric Walter + Maria Pimentel	Randy Cormier The Miranda Family The Walter Family The Martins Family
Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	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>)	

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to **Monday, December 9th** for the entire Church. The celebration will begin on Sunday night with evening prayer and continue with **Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Monday**. All are welcome to join.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADORATION CHAPEL:

We will be celebrating the 22nd anniversary of the Adoration Chapel this **Sunday, December 8th** 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. For more information, please call Sheila or Frank (519) 658-9414.

CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

11:00 a.m.

Please see the bulletin insert 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!



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES:

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.*

"HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS" CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

Thank you for the many gifts that have been brought in to date! **Please return your unwrapped gift(s) no later than this Sunday, December 8th.**

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



CWL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner celebration on **Tuesday, December 10th**. Bring a friend and enjoy spending the evening with a group of amazing ladies! Rosary at 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00. Please call Chris at 519-400-3657 if you would like to attend but have not yet registered.

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

November 30/December 1, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (129): \$4,008.00
Loose Offerings: \$908.95

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

2024 OFFERINGS: Please 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.



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 from your homes to Mass on **December 14 and 15** at all Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. 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.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition,

means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

VOCATIONS: Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: Thursday, December 12 (7:00-8:00pm) The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a live **virtual viewing party** of "The Shepherd", a special Christmas episode of "The Chosen," reflecting on the birth of Christ through the eyes of a young shepherd. This one hour gathering will include prayer, **free streaming of the 20-minute episode**, and well wishes for the Advent Season. Gather your friends and family, make the popcorn, and join us for this wonderful opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Savior! Registration is free: <https://bit.ly/ChristmaswiththeChosen2024>



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.



THE POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Pope Francis – December 2024. Visit www.thepopevideo.org.

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