

# 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.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
<b>No Weekday Mass</b>			
Saturday, January 18	5:00 PM	+ Anne and Urban Schmidt + Bruce Haney + Reynaldo Santos Calaguas + Jose Figueiredo Sousa & Antonio Figueiredo Sousa Intentions of Debra Bucek	Patricia and Gerard Bryan and Jamie Haney Grace Santos Gould Carmen and Tony Chaves
Sunday, January 19	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	For the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Parish	

**WINTER VACATION:** Father David will be away from **January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **resume this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

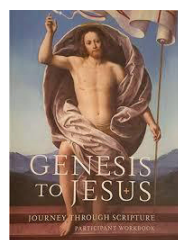
**ST. LUKE'S PLACE:** There will be a Communion Service at St. Luke's Place on **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** The service takes place in the chapel. All are welcome.

**ENCOUNTERING JESUS:** A wonderful opportunity awaits you in our Adoration Chapel. An opportunity to encounter Jesus - to spend quality time with Him in silent adoration. Please consider becoming part of this devotion. For more information, please call Frank or Sheila Mauser (519) 658-9414.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** We will resume on **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** at 8 pm at St. Mary's Visitation Parish. All are welcome. For more information contact Carmen: (905) 483-9481 or Erika: (519)-222-6333

**MISSION MATS:** Come out to the next gathering on **Monday, January 27** (*please note the change in day*) **from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the parish centre. Volunteers are needed to help with the many steps of turning milk bags into sleeping mats. Teens are welcome to come earn volunteer hours.

**VOCATIONS:** As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



### 'GENESIS TO JESUS' BIBLE

**STUDY:** Fr. David will be leading a 12-week Bible study using the Scott Hahn program "Genesis to Jesus". The study will go through the entire Bible and provide a sense of the overarching story of what God is doing in the scriptures. Visit the St.

Paul's Institute for more info on the Bible study. ([stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com))

We will divide the study into two parts consisting of 6 weeks each. The first part will run on Wednesdays **beginning on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. (*All dates: Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26 and March 12*). The second part of the study will take place later in the spring with dates to be determined. If you would like to join the bible study, please sign up on our parish website:

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/bible-study>

The cost is \$50 which covers the cost of your workbook and online streaming of the Bible study content. Payment can be made by credit card on our website on the 'donate' page. You may also bring a cash payment or cheque to the parish office.

All are invited to participate. *Pray about whether God is calling you to go deeper into his Word.*

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** You and your family are invited to join us for a Family Rosary Night on **Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Come join us for an evening of faith, love and prayer. Coffee and refreshments to follow. Please bring a shareable snack.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FORMED?** You can access beautiful and faithful Catholic content: movies, e-books, studies, audio content, and kids' programming. Registration is FREE for St. Mary's parishioners. Go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and type St. Mary of the Visitation Cambridge to find and select our Parish. Provide your name and your email address and click "Sign Up".

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**December 24/25, 2024**

Christmas Offerings (138)	\$6,590.00
Loose Offerings	\$2,588.90
Sunday Envelopes (24):	\$1,720.00

**January 1, 2025**

New Year's Day Offerings	\$3,128.25
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**January 4/5, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes (120):	\$2,966.00
Loose Offerings	\$604.00

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



**THE POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For the right to an education.**

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

Pope Francis-January 2025. [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL:** Join us on **January 23, 2025**, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for ***She Rises Up***, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer, James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT:** Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable hope despite the struggles? Join us for the next St. Agnes Education Café: **"Our Families: Signs of Hope Amid the Challenges"** with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. **Sunday, January 26th from 2:00-3:30pm** at St. Agnes Parish.

**SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** – Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, help couples reconnect and for struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org)



**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/>

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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).

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY – Prayer from On High. Saturday, March 29, 2025**, 9 AM - 5:30 PM at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. For details visit <https://www.ljhr.ca/>



**HAMILTON DIOCESE WEBSITE:** Be sure to visit the Diocesan website for important updates, events, and resources: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>

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