

# 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

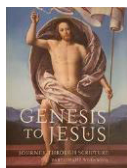
Please call 519-658-6511 for assistance.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, January 21	7:00 p.m.	+ John Reijnen	Catholic Women's League
Wednesday, January 22	8:00 a.m.	+ Tom O'Brien	Chris O'Neill
Thursday, January 23	8:00 a.m.	+ Hazel Joyce	Chris O'Neill
Friday, January 24	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fego Akpomi-Eferakeya	Fego Akpomi-Eferakeya
Saturday, January 25	5:00 PM	+ Sean Gilroy and Family + Bruce Haney + Mary Cryan <i>In Thanksgiving</i> Intentions of Fego & Erhi Eferakeya Intentions of Debra Busek	The Morton Family Vincent & Christine Reimer Ann McKelvey & Family Tony and Carmen Chaves Fego and Erhi Eferakeya
Sunday, January 26	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	

**WINTER VACATION:** Father David will be away until January 20<sup>th</sup>. Weekday Masses are scheduled to resume on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. This weekend we welcome *Father Michael King* to celebrate our Sunday Masses.

**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.



**'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 register online by Monday, January 20:** <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.*



**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: "I HOPE IN YOUR WORD"** (Psalm 119:74)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2025. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

**COME AND EXPERIENCE THE BLESSINGS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Have you ever visited our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration? Do you know it is open 24 hours a day? We invite you to come and experience the peaceful presence of Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity to start the New Year with a commitment to deepen your relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him in silent prayer and adoration. Jesus is waiting for you to return to this Sacrament of Love. Please consider becoming part of this devotion. Several hours are available. For more information, please call Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414

**SCENT-FREE:** We kindly ask that you refrain from wearing perfume and cologne in church as there are a number of parishioners that are sensitive to the scents. Thank you.

**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". Enjoy!

### PARISH OFFERINGS

**January 11/12, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes (120):	\$3,073.75
Loose Offerings	\$249.55

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING FOR JANUARY 2025

Sunday Offerings (75):	\$ 4,997.00
Building Fund (46):	\$ 905.00

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



**JANUARY MEETING:** Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. *New members are welcome.*

**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 invited to come earn volunteer hours.

**MEN'S GROUP:** 'Be A Man' men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings in the St. Ambrose Church Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come join us for good conversation, fellowship, and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe -519-241-6070

**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 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm** at St. Agnes Parish.

**LOST AND FOUND:** There are many items to be claimed! Hats, mitts, gloves, glasses, etc. Please see the table in the hallway to the parking lot.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT:** 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 on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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, February 1st at the St. Michael's Church (80 University Ave. W., Waterloo). 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)

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL:** Join us on **Thursday, 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.



### 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/>



### ALPHA 2025 AT ST. MARK'S PARISH:

Join us **Thursday evenings, February 20 to May 1** at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Ron Denomme at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com)

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