

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
<b>No Weekday Mass</b>			
Saturday, January 11	5:00 PM	+ Maria Pimentel + Jacinto De Chaves Figueiredo + Rita, Frank & Edward Furey + Bruce Haney Intentions of Debra Bucek	The Martins Family Angelo & Rhonda Sanfilippo Gerard Schmidt Nick & Jessica Mills & Family
Sunday, January 12	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](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/new-parishioners)

### 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 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.

**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.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Annual Tax Receipts for the 2024 year will be available for pick-up in early February. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed by February 14, 2025. If you moved in 2024, please provide your new mailing address to the office.



**C.W.L. NEWS:** The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. (please note there will be no Rosary or Mass that evening). Our elections will be postponed until Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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.



**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.*)



**MONTHLY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your continued support and generosity of food and financial donations which enables us to help those in need. Our total for the December collection was \$1,197.10

**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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**December 14/15, 2024**

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

**December 21/22, 2024**

Sunday Offerings:	\$5,195.30
Christmas Offerings:	\$1,472.25

**Christmas and December 28/29, 2024**

*To be reported in the next bulletin*

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

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.

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



**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).

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive! *(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)*

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL:** Join us **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. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events 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.

**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)

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