

# 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.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, November 12	7:00 PM	+ Joey Woods & Ethel Woods + Eva Natalizio + Rita Frizzell	The Woods Family The Natalizio Family Carol & Richard O'Brien
Wednesday, November 13	8:00 AM	Intentions of Matthew Quimby	Gus & Suzanne Maurice
Thursday, November 14	8:00 AM	+ Victor Manuel Lopez	Rosa Lopez Castillo
Friday, November 15	8:00 AM	Y.Y. Soo & the Deceased Members of the Soo & Tan Families	Eng Siew Tan
Saturday, November 16	5:00 PM	+ Mary Jane Roser + Rev. Aloysius George Stortz & Deceased Members of Stortz Family + Cal O'Keefe	The Proud Family Austin Stortz and Family Brendan Baragwanath and Hannah Nash
Sunday, November 17	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> )	



**BOOK OF LIFE:** During the month of November, we pray in a special way for the faithful departed. The names of your deceased loved ones can be inscribed in the Book of Life located near the altar.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** There will be a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's Leagues of St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Clement's Parishes on **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.** A social will follow in the parish centre. All are invited.



**NOTICE:** Due to the Memorial Mass on November 12, the November meeting of Council 4916 has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 21 at St. Clement Church at 7:00 pm.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals for the new Liturgical Year (*beginning Dec. 1*) are available for purchase at the entrances of the church and in the parish office. Cost: \$5.00.



**ADVENT 2024:** Advent begins on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. A limited number of **Advent candles** (*tapered candles for Advent wreath*) are available in the church entrance near the Holy Family statue and in the parish office. Cost: \$10.00

**Halloween Candy:** Collection buckets are located at the doors of the church this weekend for anyone who would like to donate excess Halloween candy. The donations will be delivered by volunteers to Canadian Food for Children.  
<https://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/>



**CONFIRMATION:** The following Confirmation Liturgies will take place on **Saturday, November 30:**

- *St. Elizabeth students:* 10:00 a.m.
- *St. Gabriel students:* 12:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima students:* 2:00 p.m.

Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation.



**CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** following all Masses. Donations of **new items** are greatly needed and appreciated for the following: Raffle Table, Craft Table and

Christmas Table. Donations of baked items will also be appreciated for our Bake Table. Please place your Bazaar items in the boxes at the entrances of the church. Extra drop off times for donations will be accepted Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Centre from 1pm until 3pm and 6 pm until 9pm and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am until Noon. You can also call Chris at 519-400-3657 to arrange pick up. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



**BLESSED IS SHE!  
ADVENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

Experience how God calls you personally during this Advent season, to become his sacred presence to others; and how your Advent this year can re-create the Song of the Magnificat in your own heart.  
**When: Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.**  
**Where:** St. Mary of the Visitation Church  
Retreat Leader: Simone Robinson. Simone is a consecrated Daughter of St. Francis de Sales and an experienced retreat leader. *Suggested donation:* \$15. RSVP via email to [s.k.robinson@icloud.com](mailto:s.k.robinson@icloud.com)

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**November 2-3, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes (132):	\$3,809.20
Loose Offerings:	\$693.95
World Mission Sunday (3)	\$45.00

**Your financial support is greatly appreciated.**

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit [www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate)

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Thank you for your support of missions on World Mission Sunday. To date, \$590.00 has been collected. *The last day to contribute is November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*



**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** The World Day of the Poor (WPD) was initiated in 2017 by Pope Francis and is celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. This year the WPD occurs on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** when many of our SSVDP conferences across

Canada will participate in different activities to bring focus and support to our friends in need. We are so grateful for the ongoing support you provide to our SVDP at St. Mary's, by way of monthly collections, food drives and other initiatives. We have decided our campaign for this most important day will be one of Love & Action. With this year's theme "*The prayer of the poor rises up to God*" and inspired by Pope Francis's encouragement to follow the Vincentian mission of "Pilgrims of Hope". We ask you to join us in bringing to life his words of hope on that day and always: [Let us not forget to keep "the little details of love": stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort. These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent, but strengthened by prayer].

*Thank you,  
Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society*

**ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ:** As Catholic Christians our faith assures us that death is not the end...life has changed, not ended. Something beautiful is just beginning! We have hope & the promise of eternal life! As faithful Catholics, there are important spiritual matters we should include in our final wishes, for time of illness & when death occurs - particularly the importance of a Catholic Funeral. But what makes it a "Catholic Funeral"? Attend the St. Agnes Education Cafe: The Catholic View of Death & The Beauty of the Catholic Funeral: **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-3:30pm.** Details: [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org)

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 at St. Ambrose Parish.** Deepen your relationship with God. Learn to yield to the action and grace of the Holy Spirit. Begin to experience God working in you and through you! Facilitated by Fr. Bill Trusz. Please register by contacting the parish office 519.621.2013 or email [stambrose@golden.net](mailto:stambrose@golden.net) Dec. 7th – Mass at 8am. Program from 9:00am to 4:30 pm in the Church hall. Dec. 8th – Mass at 9am. Program from 10am to 3 pm. Cost is \$25/pp. Cash only upon arrival. Lunch, tea, coffee will be provided or you can bring your own lunch.



**THE POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For those who have lost a child.**

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. *Pope Francis – November 2024* Visit <https://thepopevideo.org>

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** There is much written these days about the positive effects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (*Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250*)

**MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE:** All are welcome to the annual *Come Home for Christmas* Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on **Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information: [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca).

**ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL:** To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish, 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7 p.m. Registration is not required, and there is no charge, however, a goodwill offering will go to St. Joseph's Parish Neighbours in Need Program.

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