

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Lord's Day Masses – with distancing

Saturday at 5:00 pm  
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Weekday Masses – with distancing

Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am

## Kerala Roman Catholic Mass

*Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gilbert*  
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
or by appointment.

## Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Mass

## Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

## Funerals

Please call the parish office.

## Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office.

Pastor:	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltodiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltodiocese.com</a> )
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltodiocese.com">rma@hamiltodiocese.com</a> )
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltodiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltodiocese.com</a> )
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Miss Amanda Sage
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

## Parish Office

Open Monday – Friday  
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Vocations Information:

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*"We are a Christ-centered faith  
community seeking to be  
instruments of God's peace."*

## July 23rd, 2023

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."*

- Matthew 11:25



## MASS INTENTIONS July 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<b>Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feast of: St. James, Apostle</i>	+Eileen Cox – Helen Shantz
<b>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feast of: St. Anne &amp; St. Joachim</i>	+Sr. Agnetta & John Furtado – Gene Furtado
<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	+Fr. Jim Valk, C.R. – Ruthann Fisher
<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	+Mario & Alzira Euginis – Ilda Claro
<b>Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Peter O’Grady – Eileen & Mary Longo +Carlos Codeco – Laurentina Codeco Int. of Blaine MacMillan – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem
<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Esther & Philip Akondeng – Phyllis Akondeng

### WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### Monday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm  
Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. July 24: **Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.**

Tues. July 25: **Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.**

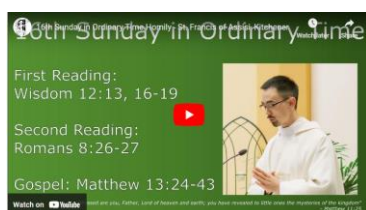
Wed. July 26: **St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thu. July 27: **Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.**

Fri. July 28: **Rev. Adam Voisin**


Sat. July 29: **St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples  
of the Lord**

### FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL’S HOMILIES ONLINE



[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)

### Supporting St. Francis Parish For the Next 100 Years

Please remember St. Francis Parish,  Kitchener, when creating or updating your will. Thank you for your consideration.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 15/16	\$ 4,063.20
<b>2023 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$150,954.88</b>
<b>2023 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, starting in the fall, is now open! This opportunity for faith formation for children takes place weekly from Fall until Spring in the Assisi Atrium at St. Francis Church. Small groups of children meet with trained catechists to pray, work, and sing. The cost is \$25 per child, and there will be 3 different sessions available: Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 pm, ages 6-9 (grades 1-3); Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm, ages 3-6; Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm, ages 3-6. For more information visit [www.cgsac.ca](http://www.cgsac.ca) and the [Catechesis page on our website](#) under Ministries & Groups. To register please fill out the [registration form on our website](#) or contact the office at 519-745-7301 by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

# St. Francis Ministry Spotlight



## Position Description

One of the best ways we can look after and support one another is through prayer. Here at St. Francis we have a team of parishioner's who are a part of the Prayer Network Ministry. When a prayer request is received by the church, these individuals are contacted, and the request is added into their personal prayer time. As a member of this ministry, your responsibility would be to simply pray for those who ask for prayers. You can receive the request information via phone or email, depending on your preference

## Why I joined the Prayer Network Team:

*"I have been a member of the St. Francis Prayer Network for many years! I like this ministry for a variety of reason, but one in particular is a feeling of being a part of the church community. The person who calls you with the prayer intentions and the person you pass them on to, in my experience, very often become good friends and you might never have met them face to face.*

*I've experienced prayers being answered. The Prayer Network is very powerful. If you are looking for something very rewarding, THIS IS IT!"*

*- Carol Fraser*

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish office:  
519-745-7301 or [stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

## **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the official world day of grandparents and the elderly. This special day is to show care gratitude and affection for grandparents and the elderly and to help them feel part of our Christian family and our history. They too can share their faith and hope with younger people which can help society to recognize the value of the elderly. This year's theme is: **"His mercy is from age to age (Luke1:50) – God's mercy is seen throughout history and remembered by the testimonies of those who pass it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly fill this role, but they are also called to receive God's mercy, remembering that God is always with them. For more information, including the Vatican news press release about the offered plenary indulgence and the official prayer, check out our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2023/07/14/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2/>**

### **VISITING MISSIONARY Thank you!**

Fr. Joseph Srambickal V.C., and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering last weekend. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection in a specially marked envelope. Thank you very much for your generous support. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and your parish in their prayers and Masses.

### **Thank you for your donations!**

The residents of A Better Tent City (ABTC), as well as a number of people in small tent encampments who come to ABTC for help, have been appreciative of the choices of summer clothing that everyone has provided. All the donations have now been sorted and there have been two "market days" (one for women and one for men) when all could come and select items for summer wear. A special thank you to Marion and Gary who helped to bring the items from the church.

## **Catechetical Correspondence Courses**

For parents of children who attend public school, the Diocese of Hamilton offers the Catechetical Correspondence courses from kindergarten to secondary school. St. Francis of Assisi has a mandatory rule that children be enrolled and take the correspondence courses for grade 2—first Eucharist and grade 7 Confirmation if your child is planning on receiving these sacraments. We encourage families to take part in all the courses if they can. Due to increased costs, each course is now \$60.00 for each child, \$80.00 to register 2 children and \$150.00 to register 3 or more. Please contact our parish office if these costs create problems.

### **AROUND TOWN**

**Community Peacebuilding Mini Camp** - If you know someone between the ages of 14 and 17, please pass on this exciting opportunity of experiential learning and to have their voice heard on social issues that matter. In the morning youth will be invited to walk through a simulated learning experience that explores the journey, struggle and process for families seeking refuge in Canada. In the afternoon we will go through a series of activities that will use their voice to think about how to address the harm-doing happening in our community. This is a chance to give their opinions and creative ideas on how to engage youth on these important issues. Participants are eligible to receive five community involvement hours and lunch, snacks and MCC swag are included! **July 24<sup>th</sup>** at 50 Kent Ave. in Kitchener from 9:30 – 3:00pm Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6f5nm6>

**World Youth Day in the Diocese of Hamilton** – Did you know that 39 delegates from the Diocese will be traveling to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal from August 2-6? Led by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, these pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray alongside thousands of young people from around the world in celebration and thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Church. We need your help! Please pray for our young people on their journey and keep up to date on our pilgrimage by following us on social media: @officeofyouthministry (Instagram) or "Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry" (Facebook).