

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: www.resurrectionists.ca

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. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
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:

[Hamilton Diocese](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)



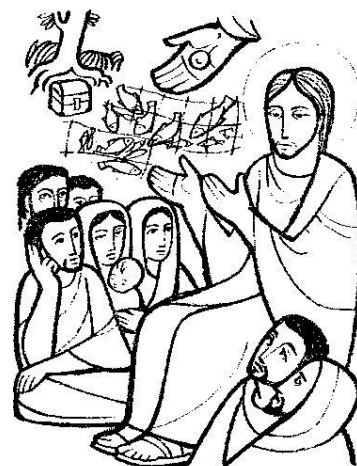
*"We are a Christ-centered faith
community seeking to be
instruments of God's peace."*

July 30th, 2023

17th 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 August 1st – August 6th, 2023

Tuesday, 1st	<i>Feast of: St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	+Sabina & Mario Tarquino – Anna Eberl
Wednesday, 2nd	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. of Randy Hepditch – Helen Shantz
Thursday, 3rd	<i>Ferial</i>	+Larry Watchorn – Eleanor Buchanan
Friday, 4th	<i>Feast of: St. Jean-Marie Vianney</i>	+Ole Rannaoja – Rannaoja Family
Saturday, 5th 5:00 p.m.	<i>Feast of: The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	Int. of Maria Ferreira & Family +Deceased members of Degilio & Bergamin Families – Alvina Bergamin +Carl Kunz – Marj Simon
Sunday, 6th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	+Jim Holdenmeger – Bernard & Rose Hanley
11:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis

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

Friday

Adoration (C) 9:30 am

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. July 31: **Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.**

Tues. Aug 1: **Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos**

Wed. Aug 2: **School Sisters of Notre Dame
(S.S.N.D.)**

Thu. Aug 3: **Rev. Mark Gatto**

Fri Aug 4: **Rev. Kiwook Kim**

Sat. Aug 5: **Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 22/23	\$ 5,329.75
2023 Total Collection	\$156,284.63
2023 Total Budget	\$280,000.00

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.

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

St. Francis Ministry Spotlight



Volunteer Screening Committee

Position Description

In order to ensure the safety of all vulnerable people to whom we minister and to safeguard the integrity of our volunteers and the parish, members of the volunteer screening committee assist the pastor and Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator in implementing the Diocesan Volunteer Screening Manual and Volunteer Guidelines at St. Francis. Some of the responsibilities of this role include: initiating the screening process when a new joins a ministry, ensure that each low or high level applicant completes a “Volunteer Information Form” and that that low risk volunteers are registered in the parish or complete the “Volunteer Information Form”, schedule, conduct and document interviews for high risk volunteers, and contact references when required.

A Message from our Screening Committee Coordinator:

“In the Diocese of Hamilton, many volunteers serve in positions of trust and assist with essential services to Parishioners and the community at large. These volunteers are a valued and indispensable aspect of many ministries within the parish.

The screening of potential volunteers helps to create and maintain a safe environment for all those involved, including the volunteers themselves. This screening process is mandated by the Diocese and is essential to the operation of the many ministries that enrich the lives of our parishioners.

Join the team as I did, and expand your knowledge of the many ministries offered here! You’ll also meet fellow volunteers, and know that you have contributed to the safety of all of our parishioners here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.”

-Bryan Mahn

Coordinator of the St. Francis of Assisi Screening Committee

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

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. To register, visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-correspondence-courses/>

Please contact our parish office if these costs create problems. Also the Diocese is in need of facilitators for this program. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

AROUND TOWN

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 THIS WEEK - 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).

Job Opportunity at Mount Mary - Mount Mary is currently hiring for two retreat programmers for our upcoming school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in working with young people on retreat at Mount Mary, check out the job posting here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.bamboohr.com/careers/179>. We are hoping that these positions will begin at the beginning of September.

Job Opportunity at the Marian Residence Retirement Home- Do you want to make a difference? Do you find joy in serving and helping others? If so, we'd love to meet you! Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, ON is looking for a **Nurse!** Email us at careers@marianresidence.ca for more information on joining our team!

Hamilton Diocese Marian Days- These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be: **Bishop Gerard Bergie: Saturday, August 5;** Bishop Wayne Lobsinger: Saturday, September 2; Thomas Cardinal Collins: Saturday, October 7

Young Adults Night - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 5th at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

CREATION CARE TIP

July 30, 2023 • 17th Week in Ordinary Time

What policies does your local government have in place to reduce plastic use? Consider writing a letter or email, or speaking at a city council meeting to encourage passing policies limiting plastic waste such as plastic straws. See

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/local-government/> for more ideas.