

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@hamiltodiocese.com)
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltodiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltodiocese.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 9th, 2023

14th 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 11th – 16th, 2023

Tuesday, 11th	<i>Memorial: St. Benedict</i>	+Soledad Navaleza – Navaleza Family
Wednesday, 12th	<i>Ferial</i>	+William Stankiewicz – Sandy Milne
Thursday, 13th	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Maria Cabral
Friday, 14th	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Randy Hepditch – Helen Shantz
Saturday, 15th 5:00 p.m.	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Deceased members of Longo & O’Grady Families – Mary & Eileen Longo +Larry Watchorn – Joan Bertrard & Family +Alan Fischer – Sandy Milne +Thomas Logan – Joan & Jim O’Doherty +Brother Ed Benson C.R. – Ruthann Fisher
Sunday, 16th 9:00 a.m.	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Int. Ginette Ndonkeu – Phyllis Akondeng

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

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

Wednesday

OCDS (E) 9:30am
Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. July 10: **Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan**
Tues. July 11: **Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos**
Wed. July 12: **Society of Christ (S.Chr.)**
Thu. July 13: **Very Rev. David Wynen**
Fri. July 14: **Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch**
Sat. July 15: **Very Rev. Adrian Lee**

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 1/2	\$ 5,614.75
2023 Total Collection	\$142,264.93
2023 Total Budget	\$280,000.00

Novena to St. Mary Magdalene

The Apostles of the Resurrection are lay associates of the Congregation of the Resurrection, with St. Mary Magdalene as their patron saint. As we approach the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Apostles to the Apostles, on July 22 the Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to pray a Novena with them. Beginning on July 14 for nine days, a special reflection, prayer and litany will be posted on the Resurrectionist website, www.resurrectionists.ca. Please take a moment to pray this daily prayer for your intentions and for the intentions of the Apostles.



St. Francis Ministry Spotlight



Position Description

Lectors at St. Francis Church proclaim Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word. By doing so, they enable the Church to hear the Word of God more clearly and receive it more readily. Those part of this ministry also read the Prayers of the Faithful and Announcements as required.

Why I am a Lector:

“Volunteering as a lector provides me the opportunity to actively participate in the mass, rather than being an observer. I chose the lector ministry because I find it to be a meaningful experience and feel that I am more connected to my faith. Lastly, I participate in the liturgy, because I believe I am contributing to the growth of the entire community, and in doing so helping to create a meaningful setting for service in the hopes of inspiring others to participate.”

- Abby White

Should I become a Lector?

“Yes! I have been a Lector for several years and the reward is great, as I have become more familiar with understanding Sacred Scriptures.

Following orientation, practicing at home with our provided Workbooks, and the continuous support of our dedicated Lector team, I have found great joy and peace in the participation of this Ministry. Always proclaim The Word with clarity, conviction, dignity and respect for your fellow parishioners.

You too can become a Lector.”

- Marj Simon

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish office:
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Visiting Missionary at St. Francis

Fr. Joseph Srambickal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be at all the Masses next weekend (July 15 and 16) to share his missionary experience and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. **Please visit their web site, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.** The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They especially need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special mission collection next weekend (July 15 and 16) to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. Please keep **Fr. Joseph** and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers. Thank you.

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 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 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com by August 31st.

Medical Scholarship for Catholics

Are you a student? Are you interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested

or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. More details, and the application form can be found on our website: www.stfranciskw.ca, under forms. If you have any questions please contact Mary Claire Morgan at mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com.

Catechist Formation Program

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to be offering once again the Catechist Formation Program beginning in August of 2023. This is a year-long program of formation, suitable for those serving in catechetical ministries. This program will comprise of a combination of six online courses, group Zoom gathering and an end of session retreat at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. For more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the Parish office.

AROUND TOWN

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!

French Boys' Choir – Mark your calendars and join us for the French Boys Choir concert, (Young Singers of Lambersart). The famous choir is making another Canada/USA tour and one of their stops will be on July 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Kitchener, 305 Laurentian Drive. Free admission, no reservation required, first come first served. For more information about this choir, visit their website: <https://mhdf.fr/>

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 2.00 pm. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.