

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Lord's Day Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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:

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

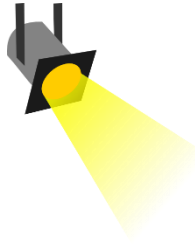
August 13th, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"I wait for the Lord; I hope in his word.
- Psalm 130:5*



St. Francis Ministry Spotlight



Prayer Shawl Ministry



"Shawls...made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

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Position Description

The talented members of this ministry knit and crochet shawls in a variety of sizes and patterns. As they create these caring gifts, they pray for all those who receive their shawls. The shawls are then blessed, and are available for free to anyone who is experiencing illness, grief, stress, or is celebrating a milestone. You do not have to be a member of St. Francis Parish, or even Catholic, to receive a shawl.

A Message from the Prayer Shawl Team Coordinator:

The prayer shawl ministry is made up of individuals who enjoy knitting or crocheting. Each shawl is beautifully crafted in a unique and original design by the person making it. They are made with joy, love and prayer in every stitch and are donated to people for many different situations. Some of these include those in nursing or retirement homes, hospitals, someone who has lost a loved one or those who feel alone and need something to bring them comfort. The yarn used is either donated or supplied by the church, therefore there is no charge to committee members. We meet the last Wednesday of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. from September to June at the church. We also knit/crochet baby blankets and each child who is baptized receives one. You do not have to know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! It is a wonderful group of people who socialize while working on their shawl. You would be surprised at how much fun we have and how rewarding it is to give comfort and warmth to so many people. Come and join us!

-Lorraine Poplonski

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

Tiny Home Takeout

Tiny Home takeout is starting a pilot project at two locations this summer. The satellite locations are here at St. Francis of Assisi Church from 7:15- 8:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Holy Trinity Church on Wilson Ave in Kitchener on Wednesday and Fridays also from 7:15- 8:00 pm. Grab a Bite and Give if you can is the motto for this exciting project. For those interested in helping either volunteering or with monetary donations, please contact St. Mary's Catholic Church at (519) 576-3860.

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. To register, visit: <https://shorturl.at/uyCPQ>. 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.

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.

AROUND TOWN

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.

Our Beautiful Gardens here at St. Francis



This year, our beautiful gardens are once again in full bloom! The vegetable gardens in particular are thriving, producing of fresh produce such as lettuce, green onion, cucumbers, radishes, tomatoes and more! Throughout the season, many mini harvests are done, with most of the fresh veggies donated to Tiny Home Takeout!!! A special thank you to our very own “Mr. McGregor”, Gary Howell, and the other volunteers who plant, nourish and sustain these plots all summer long! To see more photos, visit the gallery on our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2023/07/13/st-francis-vegetable-garden-2023/>

CREATION CARE TIP

August 13, 2023 - 19th Week in Ordinary Time

As summer fruit comes into its abundance, do you or anyone you know have extra produce to share? If you can't eat all the apples on your tree or notice a fruit tree in your neighborhood laden with good fruit, inquire about picking it and donating it to a local food bank. If you can't harvest it yourself, inquire about local volunteer fruit gleaning groups who will come and harvest the fruit and give the excess to those in need. Inspired? Start a gleaning program in your own community (<https://bit.ly/gleaning-guide>)!