St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection:



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)

Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. 住宿:

(rma@hamiltondiocese.com)

Miss Ruthann Fisher **Pastoral Minister:**

(rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)

Mrs. Terrianne Moulton **Music Ministry:** Admin. Assistant: Miss Amanda Sage Mr. Gary Howell **Building Manager:**

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."

August 20th, 2023 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness"

- Matthew 4:23



MASS INTENTIONS August 22 nd – August 27 th , 2023		
Tuesday, 22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	+Eileen Cox – Helen Shantz
Wednesday, 23 rd	Ferial	+John Branco & Alberto Alves
Thursday, 24 th	Feast of: St. Bartholomew	+Maria Da Costa – Ilda Claro
Friday, 25 th	Ferial	+Ron Pritchard – Ann Pritchard
Saturday, 26 th 5:00 p.m.	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni – Maurizio Ianni +Peter O'Grady – Eileen & Mary Longo +Antoneth Vaz – Carmen Vaz & Family
Sunday, 27 th 9:00 a.m.	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+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. Aug 21: Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I
Tues. Aug 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Wed. Aug 23: Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)
Thu. Aug 24: Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Fri Aug 25: Rev. Rafal Golina, C.R.
Sat. Aug 26: Rev. Joseph Durkacz

Tiny Home Takeout

Tiny Home takeout's 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

 August 12/13
 \$4,727.00

 2023 Total Collection
 \$171,067.38

 2023 Total Budget
 \$280,000.00



"Yours is the first of Christ's faces to greet God's people as they assemble for prayer. Your greeting of welcome is the first wish that "The Lord be with YOU!" Yours is the word that welcomes the stranger to be at home, or the silence that makes of our assembly a foreign land."

- Taken from "Why be an Usher?"

Position Description

The Hospitality ministers at St. Francis create a hospitable environment, welcome parishioners as they arrive for liturgy and to assist in times of emergency. This dynamic group of men and women help to seat people when the church becomes full, guide people to receive Communion, collect weekly donations, organize the offertory procession and distribute the bulletin.

Why I enjoy being a Hospitality Minister:

I became a Catholic about 20 years ago because I enjoyed the sense of community I experienced. I look forward each Sunday to welcoming old and new members to the church to worship. We should reach out to all we encounter to make them feel welcome and a part of the St Francis of Assisi community. My role includes answering their questions and directing them to important areas (choir loft, washrooms etc.). In times of need (illness, etc) we are the individuals who will assist where needed, call for medical assistance or assist individuals to needed supports. When we sit at the back of the church, it allows us to see what is happening with the parishioners and assist as needed. Community is we all look after each other and wish a happy farewell at the completion of the service. I have never regretted becoming a hospitality minister. I hope you will join us.

-Gary Howell

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St. Francis Ministry Spotlight

Children's Liturgy



Position Description

Children, ages 3 to 9, are all invited to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word during the 9 AM Sunday Mass at St. Francis! Each Sunday, children listen to their own version of the Gospel, and do activities based on the Scripture's theme. Volunteers of this ministry assist the leaders to supervise the children as well with the activities for that week.

Quote from Children's Liturgy Volunteer:

"Working with children in the parish is a rewarding way to help shape and influence them as they are young in their faith journey. The children are insightful and willing to participate. Now with a baby of my own, I'm happy to continue this ministry at St. Francis!"

-Kyla Bushell

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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 by **August 31st.**

URGENT NEED FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES.

There is an urgent need for hosts to provide housing for Ukrainian Refugees in the area. There are some singles and some families of various sizes. Lorraine Green, who is one of our Parishioners, works with Waterloo Grassroots response. She would be glad to answer questions from those who would consider hosting for a short time or long term. You can contact her at: greenhouse343@rogers.com. For more information about the program, click here.