

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection:

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## 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. ( <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."*

## August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

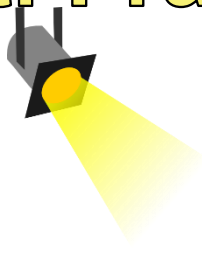
*"Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness"*

- Matthew 4:23





# St. Francis Ministry Spotlight



## Hospitality Minister



*"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.

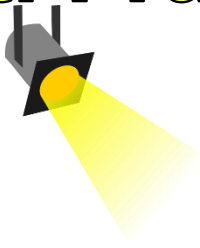
### Why I enjoy being a Hospitality Minister:

*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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## 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](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 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](mailto:greenhouse343@rogers.com). For more information about the program, click [here](#).