

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:

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



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

August 27th, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church; the
gates of Hades will not prevail against it"*

- Matthew 16:18



MASS INTENTIONS August 29th – September 3rd, 2023

Tuesday, 29th	<i>Feast of: The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	Int. of Pat & William Jeffrey – Gene Furtado
Wednesday, 30th	<i>Ferial</i>	+Larry Watchorn – Mary Joan Bertrand
Thursday, 31st	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Maria Cabral
Friday, 1st	<i>Ferial</i>	+Oliverio Rodrigues – Maria Rodrigues
Saturday, 2nd 5:00 p.m.	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Int. of Maria Ferreira & Family
Sunday, 3rd 9:00 a.m.	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Theresa Vissani – Anna Eberl
11:00 a.m.	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</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. Aug 28: **Rev. Jeffery Oehring**

Tues. Aug 29: **Rev. Patras Samuel Masih**

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Wed. Aug 30: **Our Parish Community**

Thu. Aug 31: **Rev. Andrwe Quarshie**

Fri Aug 1: **St. Giles – World Day of Prayer for
Creation**

Sat. Aug 2: **Rev. Charles Jordan**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 19/20	TBC
2023 Total Collection	TBC
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

Homily will be posted on
Monday August 28th

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

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be re-starting on Sunday September 10th at the 9AM Mass. All children, ages 3-9, are invited to attend!

St. Francis Ministry Spotlight

Altar Server



Position Description

The altar serving ministry at St. Francis is open to youth, age 7-18 (who have received First Communion), as well as adults. These volunteers assist Father in the Sanctuary with liturgical celebrations, carry the cross in processions, hold the book for prayers, carry candles, set the altar, assist with Communion preparation, and clear the altar. They may also assist with special duties for special liturgical celebrations throughout the year, for example during the Easter Triduum.

Why I enjoy being a Youth Altar Server:

Being an altar server is not just bringing chalices and dishes back and forth from the altar; it is a privilege to do it for the Lord. God gives us many opportunities to serve others, helping us grow into better people. I feel that becoming an altar server was the best thing that I've said "yes" to.

I was really nervous when I became a server 3 years ago, but have come to realize that it was the right choice, not only for prayer, but to serve the Lord Almighty. No matter how hard it gets, facing the singing voices of the choir and the community, I always keep Jesus in my mind, as it brings a feeling of closeness in love and friendship with Him. I started to realize that this was a calling for me; to make me one with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, and that I'm always with Him when I am performing this unique duty. I will stay true to the Word with all my heart. I invite you to join me in this great ministry, and share this sense of joy and happiness.

- Kane

Being an altar server is a way of dedicating myself to God. Although it doesn't seem like much to do, for me it is more than enough to know that I was at Mass for an hour, dressed in a white gown, ready to serve beside the priest at the altar. Bringing the cross or the candle down the aisle, in front of the priest, makes me feel important; like I am guiding or lighting the path to and from the altar. I have also gained recognition in the parish community, as they see me almost every week.

When I started 3 years ago, I was very nervous being in front of everyone, especially while holding the candle before the gospel reading, during the offertory and at the end of communion, bringing the chalice and dishes back and forth. I came to realize that it's not about how you look to the congregation, but being focussed on your role in the Mass, and respectfully completing your duties. This focus keeps your mind busy and your heart ready; away from the nervousness or anxiety. I definitely encourage you, especially if you are a younger person from this parish, to come along on this altar serving path. To have a fun and learn a disciplined experience as you serve God at the altar.

- Kaveen

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

1st EUCHARIST



If your child is entering Grade 2 this fall and would like to receive the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist (Communion) and learn about the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, please register them for our preparation program. You can find the forms on our [website by clicking here](#), or contact the parish office (see below).

1st Eucharist Meeting for Students & Parents

will be Wednesday September 27 at 7pm in Parish Hall. If you cannot attend please contact Ruthann.



CONFIRMATION

If your child is entering Grade 7 this fall and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register them for our preparation program. You can find the forms on our [website by clicking here](#), or contact the parish office (see below).

Confirmation Meeting for Students & Parents

will be Tuesday September 19 at 7pm in Parish Hall. If you cannot attend please contact Ruthann.

Both 1st Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in the Spring of 2024, more details of dates will be available at the Student/Parent Meetings. **Any questions: Ruthann (Parish Minister), rfisher@hamiltodiocese.com or 519-745-7301**

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

If your child wants to receive the sacraments of 1st Eucharist or Confirmation, and they **DO NOT attend a Catholic School**, they need to complete one of the Diocese' Correspondence Courses. You can [register online on the Diocese' website by clicking here](#).

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@hamiltodiocese.com by August 31st.

Feast of St. Francis Dinner – Volunteers Needed

This year's spaghetti dinner, in honour of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast day is coming up fast! It is currently scheduled for Saturday September 30th at 6:30 p.m. (more details to come). We're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! To sign-up or for more information, please contact the parish office: 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltodiocese.com



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 time. You can contact her at: greenhouse343@rogers.com. For more information about the program, click [here](#).