

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."

October 1st, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My sheep here my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me".

- John 10:27



MASS INTENTIONS October 3rd – October 7th, 2023

Tuesday, 3rd 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. George Papeleo- Anne Pritchard +Fr. Terry Sehl – The family of Fr. Terry
Wednesday, 4th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: St. Francis of Assisi</i>	+Anthony Baldasaro – Sandy Milne
Thursday, 5th 9:30 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Maria Cabral
Friday, 6th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Jordan Schereer – Anita Stalzer
Saturday, 7th 5:00 p.m.	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Int. Marai Ferreira & Family +Diana Renaud – Michelle Krulicki +Deceased members of O’Grady & Longo Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
October 8th 9:00 a.m.	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Eileen Cox – Gary & Katherine Cox & Family
11:00 a.m.	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Baptism Prep (C) 6:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:00 pm

Tuesday

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Blessing of Animals 7:00 pm

Thursday

School Mass 9:30 am
Choir (C) 7:30 pm

Friday

Adoration 9:30 am

Sunday

Children’s Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 23/24	\$5,970.25
2023 Total Collection	\$199,020.63
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



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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct 2: **Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.**
Tues. Oct 3: **Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.**
Wed. Oct 4: **Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)**
Thu. Oct 5: **Rev. Robert Love**
Fri Oct 6: **Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.**
Sat. Oct 7: **Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski**
Our Lady of the Rosary

PENITENTIAL RITE in CREE

Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
(Lord	have mercy.)
Chris – tos	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
(Christ	have mercy.)
Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke



LORD, MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE:

The Native Vests in front of our statue of the Sacred Heart and the statue of our Lady were both gifted to Fr. Murray C.R. , when he lived and worked with the Oblates for four months, in the Native Village of Attawapiskat in 1973.

The beautiful bead work flowers were meticulously done by Cree women.

We place these Native Artifacts in our Sanctuary as a gesture of wanting to hold before the hearts and souls of our St. Francis Community, the pain, the grief and the sorrow of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We entrust these deep wounds of our history to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary.

As we commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, we invite you to visit some of the resources below to see how you can get involved, as well as events taking place on this date:

- [Anishnabeg Outreach](#)
- [Edible Forest Planting at the Spirit Garden](#)
- [Every Child Matters Walk – Organized by parishioners of St. Anne’s and St. Joseph](#)



We acknowledge that the church is situated on the traditional territory of the An ish na bay; Ho di na show nee, and Chonnonton Peoples. Our community is enriched by the enduring knowledge, and deep-rooted traditions of the diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit in Kitchener today. As settlers, we seek to build bridges of friendship and to be instruments of reconciliation.

School Mass – Thursday October 5th

This Thursday, we will be welcoming back our students at St. Paul’s school with their opening Mass! This means, that weekday Mass on this date will begin at **9:30 a.m.**

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Our Feast Day, October 4th, is fast approaching! We are looking forward to being able to celebrate our patron saint at all the Masses this the weekend of September 30th/October 1st, with special readings, hymns and prayers.

Blessing of the Animals



In honour of the Feast of St. Francis, we will be offering a blessing of animals on Wednesday October 4th at 7 PM, joined by our friends from the Forest Hill Community of churches. Please bring your pet to the parking lot near the peace garden, in front of the rectory house for the blessing.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – ROME

Oct. 4 to 28, 2023

Rebuild My Church

After St. Francis’ conversion he visited a number of dilapidated churches throughout Assisi. In one of the Churches, he had a vision of God telling him, through the cross of Damien (the good thief on the cross beside Jesus), “REBUILD MY CHURCH”. A fundamental message of Pope Francis in the upcoming SYNOD ON SYNODALITY, is “REBUILD MY CHURCH”. Pope Francis believes that the Holy Spirit speaks through all baptized women, men and children and not just the clerical and hierarchical church. May we listen deeply to the voice of the Holy Spirit as He leads us and guides us to rebuild the church.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

October 7/8, 2023

On the weekend of October 7/8 we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items (i.e. Pasta, sauce, soups, canned vegetables and fruit etc.) for the House of Friendship. Carts will be available at the entrance of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. Please consider bringing your donation in a box or reusable bag.

Little Books Devotionals

We are very happy to again offer you the Little Books, a set of daily devotional booklets for Advent, Lent and Easter. Cost is \$9 per set of three seasons. Please call or email the parish office by October 2nd. \$9 cost will be collected when the Advent Little Books arrive.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being baptized or being received into the Catholic church, please contact the parish office, 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com for information about the RCIA program.

St. Francis Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is back, and will be taking place on **November 11, 2023** from **9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Please keep them in mind for donations! We will be looking for craft items, Christmas decorations (can be gently used), Baking, Pies, NEW items for raffle prizes of any kind, gently used home decor items, books, games and toys. Donations can be dropped off Friday, November 10 from 9am-8pm in the parish hall. Stay tuned for more information about this favourite St. Francis event!

Tiny Home Takeout

St. Francis Satellite Location Update

The Tiny Home Takeout location at St. Francis is picking up and doing well! In order to better serve our community, the take-out times have been changed to 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 1, 2023

Sometimes we can feel pressured to make decisions, and if the decisions involve God, the pressure can seem completely overwhelming. But the truth is – God really does give us a choice. And God even gives us the freedom to say No. The real question is – what is it that we are really choosing by our Yes or No?

Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

For more about vocation discernment, contact resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Around Town

SPIRIT GARDEN TORONTO - is almost here! September 2024 is now set for the completion of the long-awaited gathering place at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto. The Fifth Annual Indigenous Legacy Gathering will be held at the site on the weekend of September 29 - 30, this year. Teepees, featuring many Indigenous communities, will cover the Square. The multi-faith group that has supported the Spirit Garden will also have a tent. All are welcome to visit the venue to experience the rich heritage of Indigenous communities around us.

SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2023. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of St. Michael Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.