

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."

September 10th, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us".

- 2 Corinthians 5:19



MASS INTENTIONS September 12th – 17th, 2023

Tuesday, 12th	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Anne Darby-Watchorn
Wednesday, 13th	<i>Feast of: St. John Chrysostom</i>	Int. of Barb Schier – Marj Simon
Thursday, 14th	<i>Feast of: The Exaltation of the Cross</i>	Int. of Maria Cabral
Friday, 15th	<i>Feast of: Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	+Joao Pereira – Rosalina Pereira
Saturday, 16th 5:00 p.m.	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Esther & Philip Akondeng – Phyllis Akondeng +Rita Buhlman – Don & Linda MacDonald & Family +Robert Vincent Passguetti – Jeff & Brenda Marshall & Family +Eileen Cox – Glen & Marie Piller +Thomas Hughes – Margaret & Brian Hughes +Sue Martin – Cathy Vanzielegem
Sunday, 17th 9:00 a.m.	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Doris, Brian & Patricia McMahon – Bernard & Rose Hanley
11:00 a.m.	<i>24th 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

Sunday

Children's Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept 11: **Rev. Ronald Voisin**

Tues. Sept 12: **Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.**

Wed. Sept 13: **Missionary Sisters of Christ the King**

Thu. Sept 14: **Rev. Roque Concepcion**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fri Sept 15: **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Sat. Sept 16: **Rev. George Nowak, C.R.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 1/2	\$5,221.00
2023 Total Collection	\$184,575.38
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

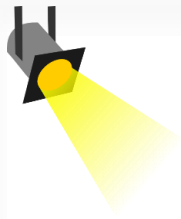


[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)

WEDDING DAY FOR ALICE SOEDER

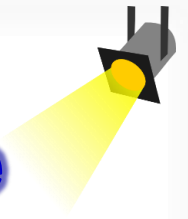
We Congratulate, our former Administrative Assistant and Secretary, Alice Soeder, on the occasion of her wedding this Saturday September 9th, 2023.





St. Francis Ministry Spotlight

Funeral Luncheon Committee



My Journey as a Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

"In a world that often hurries by, I've found solace and purpose in the quiet moments of compassion—moments spent as a Funeral Luncheon Volunteer. My choice to be a part of this invaluable service has been deeply meaningful and fulfilling.

When grief envelops a family's heart after the loss of a loved one, it's not just emotional support that's needed, but also practical assistance. This is where our Funeral Luncheon Committee steps in. Being a Funeral Luncheon Volunteer means offering a helping hand. Every task we undertake is a small gesture that contributes to the healing process.

Arranging a luncheon involves coordination with the family, setting up the venue, and ensuring everything runs smoothly. While the tasks may seem routine, the impact they have is immeasurable. It's about creating a space where grieving hearts find solace and connection.

Volunteering in this capacity isn't about sadness; it's about being a ray of hope during times of mourning. The gratitude in the eyes of the families we've helped is a reward beyond measure. The opportunity to turn grief into an opportunity for community and fellowship is what makes being a Funeral Luncheon Volunteer meaningful and fulfilling.

It's in these moments of shared compassion that I've found comfort and purpose, and I look forward to continuing this journey of compassion and connection."

-Marilyn Henhoeffter

1st EUCHARIST

If your child is in Grade 2 this year 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 in Grade 7 this year 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@hamiltondiocese.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.](#)

Feast of St. Francis Dinner – Tickets on Sale



Tickets are now on sale for this year's spaghetti dinner, in honour of The Feast of St. Frances! Tickets are \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child and includes spaghetti, sauce, salad, rolls, cookies and sherbet! Gluten-Free options will be available. This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 30th at 6:30 p.m. You can pick up your tickets at the back of the church after all masses, or at the office during the week. Hope to see you there!

Annual Bazaar – Volunteers Required!

This year, we will see the return of the annual bazaar! In order to ensure this event can take place, we need volunteers! Are you interested in helping coordinate a portion of this year's Bazaar? There will be a planning meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm** in the church hall, where there will be brainstorming and the sharing of any ideas and inspirations you may have! Contact marykdiemert@yahoo.ca for more information or come on out to our planning meeting!

Lee Valley Box Initiative – 2nd Collection

Next weekend, September 16/17th, is our second for a box collection! Parishioners can drop off flattened Lee Valley or Amazon boxes into the blue IKEA bags at any of the three masses (NOT THE OFFICE). We will then take them to Lee Valley, where the manager will give us \$0.50 per box in store credit. Please note:

- Only **Lee Valley or Amazon boxes** will be accepted.
- Size range is 9" by 6" by 3" to 27" by 12" by 6".
- Please **flatten** them. Tape may be left on the box.
- Parishioners are asked to drop off no more than **5** boxes!

Hike for Hospice – presented by Henry Walser Funeral Home

The Determinators will once again be participating in the Hike for Hospice event. Ruthann will be walking in memory of her nephew who passed away 8 years ago. Hospice Waterloo Region helped him pass away at his home, as well as helped his wife and young son cope with the reality of his impending loss. This walk raises money to help those who are experiencing end of life situations with free services and events for those dealing with illness and their families. The Determinators are here this weekend collecting donations for their walk. If you are interested in supporting them, please see Ruthann, or visit their team's donation page: <https://oal.lu/vMdmS>. For more information, visit:

<https://www.hospicewaterloo.ca/hike-for-hospice/>

Thank you for your continuing support.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is many things to many people:

- A sisterhood of support and understanding that is more than 63,000 members strong
- A way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many
- An opportunity to be of service to your community, to the country and to God
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it

The membership fees for this year will be \$35.00, meaning there is no increase from last year.

You'll find an envelope for CWL Annual Membership in the September section of your box of church envelopes. Or use a regular envelope and mark it with CWL and your name, address and phone number. You can pay cash or by a cheque made out to St. Francis of Assisi CWL. If you have questions about this, please contact Sandy Milne at StFrancisCWL@gmail.com. Or leave a message through the parish office at 519-745-7301.

Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pray for us.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 10, 2023

Every genuine vocation, no matter what it is – is built on a healthy relationship with God. And a healthy relationship with God, like any healthy relationship is built on listening. No matter what happens, as long as we are willing to listen to God, there's still hope for our vocations and our relationship with God. How do you listen to God?

Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



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

Around Town

Development and Peace - "Create Hope – Stand for the Land" - Get ready for an exciting new phase of our Lenten campaign! This Fall, we'll have the incredible opportunity to connect with a vibrant community in Honduras. The Guapinol community is facing a pressing challenge – the threat to their water and land due to an open-pit iron mine nestled in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park. The impact of this mine extends to villages along the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers, as well as the entire regional ecosystem.

To learn more about the campaign, attend one of our workshops hosted by our animation team across Canada and join us for the national launch [webinar at 1:30 pm ET on September 16, 2023.](#)