

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](#)



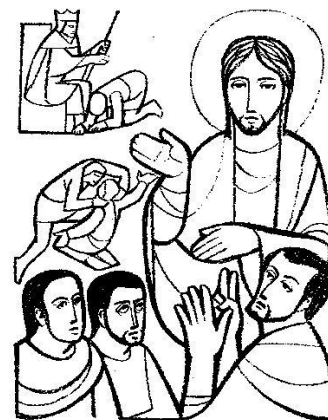
"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

September 17th, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you".

- John 13.34



MASS INTENTIONS September 19th – 24th, 2023

Tuesday, 19th	<i>Ferial</i>	+Fr. Jim Valk, C.R. – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 20th	<i>Feast of: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</i>	+John Harder – Elizabeth Harder
Thursday, 21st	<i>Feast of: St. Matthew</i>	For Thanksgiving – Maritza
Friday, 22nd	<i>Ferial</i>	+Ernie Donaldson – The CWL of St. Francis
Saturday, 23rd 5:00 p.m.	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni – Maurizio Ianni +Peter O’Grady – Eileen & Mary Longo +John Shoniker – Alvina Bergamin
Sunday, 24th 9:00 a.m.	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Dave Hanley – Patrick & Marianna Hanley
11:00 a.m.	<i>25th 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

Tuesday

Confirmation Parent Mtg. (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Bazaar Planning Mtg. (H) 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children’s Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept 18: **Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.**
 Tues. Sept 19: **Rev. Sunil D’Souza, O.C.D**
 Wed. Sept 20: **Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B)**
 Thu. Sept 21: **Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.**
 Fri Sept 22: **Rev. Vivek Trindade**
 Sat. Sept 23: **Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 9/10	\$4,806.00
2023 Total Collection	\$189,381.38
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

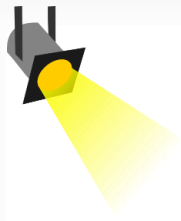


[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)



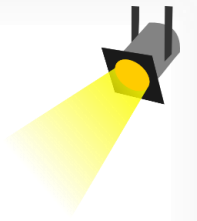
CONGRATULATIONS TO TERRIANE MOULTON

On Sept. 14, 2023, our Choir Director, Terriane Moulton, marked her 20th Anniversary, playing for our Parish. We offer Terriane our sincere congratulations and gratitude for her many years of service.



St. Francis Ministry Spotlight

Laudato Si Committee



Committee Description:

If you are a creative person, with a passion for the environment and living as stewards of God's creation, then we invite you to join the Laudato Si committee here at St. Francis. This team works towards implementing a 7 year Laudato Si Action Plan for St. Francis of Assisi Parish based on the Action Platform produced by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, an office of the Vatican (for more details, visit: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>). As a member, you will meet with team members to brainstorm project ideas, evaluate ideas put forward by the parish, decide on which ideas to pursue and recruit groups of people to spearhead the projects.

Why I joined the Ministry:

I've been part of the Laudato Si team for a couple of years now. I really appreciate working with folks who care both about the earth and about the people who live on it. We've participated in some interesting projects like hanging the Faith Climate Justice banner, hosting a place-making event for the neighbourhood to show off our gardens, visiting the Anishnabeg Outreach people to learn about Indigenous land use, and leading The Way of Beauty Stations of Creation during Lent, to name just a few. What really inspires me is how Laudato Si ties together my interest in Care for Creation, in Truth and Reconciliation, and in Development and Peace. I don't have to choose.

Laudato Si also helps me find common ground with friends and family members who are not connected to the Catholic Church. Because, it's all interconnected. We're all interconnected. And God is in the midst of it all. For me, being part of the Laudato Si team is a way to live out my belief in the Incarnation and in the Communion of Saints.

-Sandy Milne

SYOND ON SYNODALITY – Rome: Oct. 4 - 29, 2023

(Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Consecrated People and Laity will attend the Synod and all will be voting Delegates).

SYNODALITY can truly be understood as a journeying together. The common journey makes an encounter possible; an encounter that in turn can give rise to a true communion and a synodal mentality that includes entering with courage into a conversion process. Journeying together allows us to listen to the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of all Christians but also to men and women of our time, including "the least" of these brothers and sisters. Journeying together implies bridging the distance that divides us. The presence and action of the Spirit of God is what underpins the journey together of the People of God. The Spirit prepares the Church "to listen" to the voice of God guiding and shaping it.

The Synodal process is a time to rejoice together in the Lord, giving him thanks for his continuous presence in our life journey. A key insight is that it is the Holy Spirit who is leading the way and God can open unexpected paths. Deep listening and active listening are encouraged within the community.

We must discover how to build a Synodal Church capable of promoting the belonging and participation of the least within the Church and Society.

-Prepared by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB)

Laudato Si – First Meeting of the Year

The first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday September 20th, via Zoom. If you're interested in joining this committee, and would like to attend, please contact Ruthann Fisher at the church office: 519-745-7301.

Ministry Volunteer Sign-ups – Next Weekend!

Throughout the summer, we have been spotlighting a different active ministry at St. Francis Church. Each of these ministries works to serve the parish community in different capacities, and maintain a presence in our community. Next weekend, we will be providing the opportunity for you volunteer with one you may feel called to be a part of! Please take some time this week to consider if there is something you'd be interested in checking out. To look back at all the summer spotlights, visit: <https://stfranciskw.ca/bulletin-inserts/>

Annual Bazaar – Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 20** at **7:00 pm** in the church hall, for the Annual Bazaar, where there will be brainstorming and the sharing of ideas. If you'd like more information and/or are interested in volunteering to assist at this event, please attend. Contact marykdiemert@yahoo.ca for more information.

Lee Valley Box Initiative – 2nd Collection

This weekend, September 16/17th, is our second 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). They will then be taken 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!



From **September 27th to November 5th, 2023** we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the

hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred* and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is **VERY IMPORTANT**, that you **sign up BEFORE** coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Thank you and God bless!



Feast of St. Francis Dinner – Tickets on Sale



Tickets are on sale again this weekend for this year's spaghetti dinner, in honour of The Feast of St. Francis! 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!

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 17, 2023

Although we think of ourselves as the ones who are being "patient" with God – the reality is, it's God who has been patient with us. God has been lovingly calling us before we even learned how or desired to listen. And when we realize this loving way God is with us, we experience a conversion, a desire to be "patient" like God is with ourselves, our vocation situation, and the people God has placed in our life.

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.