

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](#)



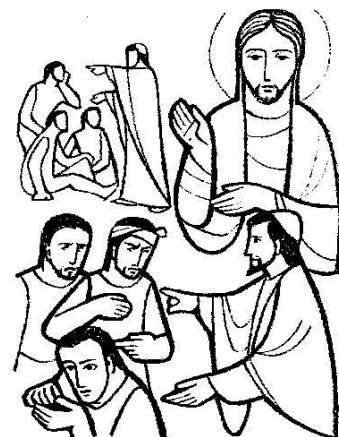
"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

September 24th, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son".

- Acts 16:14



MASS INTENTIONS September 26th – October 1st, 2023

Tuesday, 26th	<i>Ferial</i>	+David Gray – Pat Gray
Wednesday, 27th	<i>Feast of: St. Vincent De Paul</i>	+Antonio Claro – Ilda Claro & Family
Thursday, 28th	<i>Ferial</i>	+Cleo O'Malley – St. Francis CWL
Friday, 29th	<i>Feast of: St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael</i>	Int. of Deolinda Rocha – Maria Cabral
Saturday, 30th 5:00 p.m.	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Deceased members of the Fisher Family – The Fisher Family +Larry Watchorn – Margaret Boshart +Johnny & Marie Gillis – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem +Dr. John Kominar – Mary Liz Hearn
October 1st 9:00 a.m.	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Esther & Philip Akondeng – Phyllis Akondeng

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Prayer Shawl Mtg. (E) 1:30 pm
Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
First Eucharist Parent Mtg. (H) 7:00 pm

Saturday

Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Feast of St. Francis Dinner (H) 6:30 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept 25: **Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.**

Tues. Sept 26: **Rev. Francisco Cruz**

Wed. Sept 27: **Parish Staff**

Thu. Sept 28: **Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.**

Fri Sept 29: **Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.**

Sat. Sept 30: **Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 16/17	\$3,669.00
2023 Total Collection	\$193,050.38
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.](#)

PENITENTIAL RITE in CREE

Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan (Lord	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke have mercy.)
Chris – tos (Christ	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke have mercy.)
Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan (Lord	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke have mercy.)
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Ministry Volunteer Sign-ups this 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. This weekend, we will be providing the opportunity for you to volunteer with one you may feel called to be a part of! In your pews, you will find a sign-up sheet for our various ministries. There will be time this weekend for you to fill it in. To look back at all the summer spotlights, visit:

<https://stfranciskw.ca/bulletin-inserts/>

Feast of St. Francis Dinner – Get your tickets!



This is the final weekend to purchase tickets' to this year's spaghetti dinner, in honour of The Feast of St. Francis! There are only a limited number left! 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.**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Saturday September 30. The annual "Every Child Matters Walk" will begin at 10 am at



The Healing of the Seven Generations (H 7G), 300 Frederick Street, and proceed to a rally in Victoria Park. A bus will be available from H7G to the rally for those with mobility needs. Ahead of the walk, Mass for Reconciliation will be offered at 9 am at St Anne Parish. Following Mass, all are invited to walk up East Ave. to join the walk. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St Anne and St Joseph parishes. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the TRC.

St. Francis Novena – Starts September 25th

In the nine days leading up to the Feast of St. Francis (Sept. 25 – Oct. 4) let us join our voices together and ask St. Francis to intercede for us. See the bulletin insert for the 9 day novena prayers and daily

actions. For the full daily reflection, visit our website [here](#).

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 Sept. 30. \$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.

Blessing of the Animals

In honour of the Feast of St. Francis, we will be offering a blessing of animals on Wednesday October 4th and 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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!

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 24, 2023

Often in our lives, the simplest things can be the most life changing. In today's Gospel, the reply of the people standing around in marketplace is – nobody ever asked us. Too many of us think a "call from God" is some kind of dramatic experience you only see stained glass or a renaissance painting. But God not only speaks to all of us, but also through us in ordinary ways. The Canadian Province of the Resurrectionists will soon be launching an exciting initiative to help equip and empower people to discern and invite young people to consider labouring in the vineyard as a consecrated religious. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

Adult Faith Formation through VLCFF - The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and

enrichment for adult faith formation. The Diocese of Hamilton is also pleased to offer a special certification program in Youth Ministry and Catechesis. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON -Did you know that 39 delegates from the Diocese traveled to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal this past summer? You can review the photo and video journals of the pilgrimage on social media: [@officeofyouthministry](#) (Instagram) or "[Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry](#)" (Facebook). Testimonies written by participants can also be found here: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

CATECHESIS RESOURCE FAIR -The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to be hosting a resource fair this fall for all catechetical leaders serving adults, teens and children. Come learn about new tools to support your ministry, browse hot off the press titles, and ask questions of our Diocesan staff who are here to help! More details and registration info can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2023/09/catechetical-resource-fair/>

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday October 7th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph), and on **Saturday, November 4th** at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SYOND ON SYNODALITY – Rome: Oct. 4 - 28, 2023

(Participants will be laity, consecrated persons, deacons, priests, bishops and our Holy Father. All will have voting rights).

As we walk together, journey together, pray together, listen deeply together, minister together; we seek to rethink what priesthood is all about and how the Holy Spirit manifests His Presence, His wisdom, His direction in the voice of all the People of God. In Baptism we have all been anointed as Priest, Prophet and King. We need to name, own and claim our co-responsibility for the mission of ministerial church. We are all a community of Disciples. The Church belongs to all the faithful people of God and not only a chosen few. We are all working to bring back the Kingdom of God. We all have the capacity to discern the truth of the Gospel. We must be a church that listens. We must listen with humility and open hearts.