

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>住宿:</b>	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Miss Amanda Sage
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Gary Howell

## Parish Office

Open Monday – Friday  
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Vocations Information:

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

## September 3rd, 2023

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the hope to which we are called".*

- Ephesians 1:17-18



## MASS INTENTIONS September 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	+Margaret Zettel – Ruthann Fisher
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	No Weekday Mass
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	No Weekday Mass
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Helen Shantz
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Deceased members of the Tucker Family – The Fisher Family +Ronald Gray – Pat Gray +Antonio Varao – Eduarda Varao & Family
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Peter O’Grady – Joan & Robert Frank

### WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### Monday

##### Office Closed

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 4: **Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.**

Tues. Sept 5: **Rev. Romelito Guillen**

Wed. Sept 6: **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)**

Thu. Sept 7: **Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.**

Fri Sept 8: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sat. Sept 9: **Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.**

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 19/20	\$4,527.00
August 26/27	\$3,715.00
<b>2023 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$179,354.38</b>
<b>2023 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>

### 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.](#)

### NO WEEKDAY MASS WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY

Please note, both Fr. Murray and Fr. Raph will be away at a priest’s seminar this week so there will be no weekday masses on September 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. There **will** be mass on Tuesday and Friday. The office will be open all week during regular hours.

# St. Francis Ministry Spotlight

## Sacramental Preparation



Volunteers of our Sacramental Preparation programs, assist the Parish Minister in preparing children and youth for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, through in-person classes. This position can have many different roles including: helping to collect registrations and supervise classes, assisting children with activities during the classes, following the materials prepared by the Parish Minister and practicing to receive the sacraments with the children. Volunteers can choose to assist with classes for one or multiple sacraments; training is provided.

These sessions are a great way for you to share your faith with children who are preparing to receive these important sacraments. This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy working with children (ages 7+).

### **Commitment Expectations:**

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist requires a limited commitment, however, since you will be working with children, you'll need to be fully screened (through the Parish) and provide a police check.

Apart from the **mandatory** orientation session, scheduled for **Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.**, the dates for the preparation sessions currently selected for 2024 are:

### **First Reconciliation:**

Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM  
Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM  
Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM

### **First Eucharist**

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM  
Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM  
Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> – 1:00-2:30 PM

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

### **Bringing Forth the Gifts of Bread and Wine**

Starting Sept. 9, 2023.

Next weekend we will begin inviting parishioners to bring forth the gifts of Bread and Wine, at the Offertory, from the back of the Church.

### **Children's Liturgy**

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

## Feast of St. Francis Dinner – Tickets on Sale

### Starting NEXT Weekend

Next weekend, September 9th/10th, tickets for this year's spaghetti dinner, in honour of The Feast of St. Francis, will be on sale! Prices are still TBD and will be announced next weekend. This event is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 30th at 6:30 p.m. We are still looking for additional volunteers to help make this event a success! To sign-up or for more information, please contact the parish office: 519-745-7301 or



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### Additional Support Opportunities for Ukrainian Refugees

Last week, we issued a plea to any individuals who were able to host a Ukrainian refugee family. For those who are not able to host Ukrainians, but would still like to help, here are other ways to provide assistance such as: supporting someone already hosting by filling in when they need help, offering employment opportunities, providing transportation to appointments or job interviews or suggesting low cost rentals you may hear about. Waterloo Region Grassroots Response is a completely volunteer-driven group with many suggestions for ways to help. See the website at: <https://www.wrgrassrootsresponse.ca/volunteer> to get ideas or get involved. Lorraine Green of our parish would also be glad to answer any questions and can be contacted at: [greenhouse343@rogers.com](mailto:greenhouse343@rogers.com).



Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign on behalf of Marillac Place this year. St. Francis of Assisi raised a total of **\$665**! This will make a profound impact on the lives of mothers and mothers-to-be facing homelessness in Waterloo Region. Your support allows us to continue to create a nurturing environment where new mothers can find guidance, empowerment, and the tools needed to overcome the challenges they face, and find hope as they strive to build a brighter future for themselves and their children. With the help of our generous community members the Baby Bottle Campaign raised over \$50,000 for Marillac Place! Once again, thank you for your outstanding support. We look forward to next year's Baby Bottle Campaign the continued impact we can achieve together.

## Communion from the Chalice

This past summer, Bishop Crosby lifted all remaining COVID-19 liturgical protocols, including the restriction on receiving Communion from the Chalice. At all the Masses next weekend, the option of receiving Communion from the Chalice will again resume for those who wish to do so. As Catholics, we believe that "Christ is present whole and entire in each" (CCC 1377) – whether we receive the Body of Christ or the Blood of Christ – because Jesus has risen from the dead, and his body is inseparable from his blood. But the Church also observes that "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (GIRM 281), reminding us more clearly of the Last Supper, and of the new and eternal Covenant established in his blood, poured out for us. We ask that everyone continue to respect everyone's privacy of health information, and decisions based on their level of comfort.

### Around Town

**Catholic Voices Confronting Violence with the Power of Active Nonviolence** - is a global series of roundtable webinars sponsored by the Pax Christi International's Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. It will consist of a series of roundtable discussions, featuring testimonies, reflections and insights from around the world. Join us as to hear as The Church reflects on the experience of non-violence and explore ways in which it can nurture a more nonviolent future. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/3myeha8s>.

**Maryhill Heritage Day** – Join us on Sunday, September 17, 2023 for this year's Heritage Day! The event will start with Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a visit to the Mary Grotto on the Rectory Lawn and a car cavalcade to the area shrines. Lunch will be served at 1:30 at the Community Centre (hosted by the CWL). There will be presentations, a 50-50 draw & a silent auction. Tickets are required for lunch and are \$15.00 each. Email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) or Diane (519) 648-2432, Tom (519) 824-4074 / (519) 837-6967 or Linda (519) 242-9595.



**Diocesan Marian Days** – The Diocesan Marian Days continue on the first Saturday of the month (September 2 and October 7, 2023), at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951.