

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 29th, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The one who loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him".

- John 14:23



MASS INTENTIONS October 31st – November 5th

Tuesday, 31st 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Marj Simon
Wednesday, 1st 9:00 a.m.	<i>All Saints Day</i>	Int. Martin Serschen – Michaela Serschen
Thursday, 2nd 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	<i>All Souls' Day</i>	+For all of the deceased, especially parishioners, family and friends, and all those names in our Book of Life.
Friday, 3rd 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+John Branco & Alberto Alves +Carl Kuntz – The Kuntz Family
Saturday, 4th 5:00 p.m.	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Int. of Maria Ferreira and Family +Deceased members of the Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen and Mary Longo +Pierre Lemieux – Michelle Krulicki
October 5th 9:00 a.m.	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>30th 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

All Saints Day

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Thursday

All Souls Day

Memorial Mass 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct 30: **Rev. Vinko Nenadic**

Tues. Oct 31: **Catholic Teachers**

Wed. Nov 1: **Feast of All Saints**

Thu. Nov 2: **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

Fri. Nov 3: **Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.**

Sat. Nov 4: **Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.**

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Oct 21/22	\$4,114.00
2023 Total Collection	\$218,986.28
2023 Total Budget	\$280,000.00

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.)
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Daylight Savings Time



Just a reminder that NEXT weekend (Sunday November 5th) is daylight savings! Time to “fall back” and change your clocks back one hour!

Happy 1 Year at St. Francis!

We offer our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Amanda Sage, our Administrative Assistant and Secretary, for her first Anniversary here on Tuesday October 31st at St. Francis!

Congratulations and Welcome!

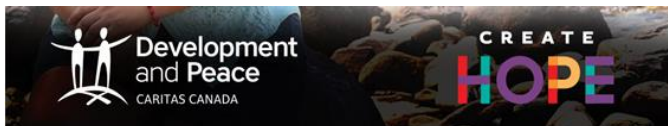


We would like to extend a warm welcome and big congratulations to **Mzila Moyana and Molly Mahachi**. This weekend, they were fully received into the Catholic Church and will now join us at the Table of the Lord!

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS



On Thursday November 2nd at 7pm we will celebrate our annual All Souls Memorial Mass, in memory of our loved ones who have passed away in the last year, as well as all our faithful departed. All are welcome. Please join us in the Parish Hall following Mass for a time of fellowship and refreshments.



Stand for our Land Campaign

Since January 2023, 3 land defenders from the Guapinol region in Honduras have been murdered for defending their land from mining companies, adding to the 135 land defenders murdered since 2014. Others who defend their land are often threatened, criminalized or imprisoned. By February 25th, 2024, the Development and Peace organization hopes to have 32,000 signatures on a letter to the Honduran Ambassador of Canada, asking them to take action against this injustice. The petition will be available to sign after all Masses on the November 18th/19th weekend at St. Francis! Leading up to this, you can find out more information about this initiative on their website here:

<https://devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/#>

Indigo Fundraiser in support of St. Paul's School – Last Day - Tuesday October 31st

Just a reminder that this Tuesday is the last day to support St. Paul's school through the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's Adopt a School Fundraiser. Every dollar raised in-store at Indigo Kitchener and online from October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to St. Paul School to help fill our shelves with new books! There are five ways to support this fundraiser. In store purchases, cashiers will ask if you would like to round up your total purchase, purchase a book that is on display from our student's wish list of book titles or purchase a bookmark made by students of St. Paul's. Online donations through a donation link through Chapters Indigo (active October 10th – October 31st) <https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.ca/fundraisers/st-paul-catholic-elementary-school> and through donation on School Cash Online. Thank you so much for supporting our Parish school's library .

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 22, 2023

You belong to the one whose image you bear. Sometimes we can fall into thinking that my vocation, what God is perhaps calling me to, is something other than who I am. But nothing could be further from the truth. We belong to God, and it is only by giving to God the things that are God's, that we truly become who we are.

Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

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



Just 2 Weeks until the St. Francis Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is only 2 weeks away, taking place on **November 11, 2023** from **9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Our committee is working hard to bring back all of the amazing events such as: raffles, homemade pies, Hungarian crepes, crafts, silent auction and more! They are still 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2023-2024 Sunday Missals

Next year's Sunday Missals will be on sale starting on the weekend of November 11th/12th after all Masses! The cost this year will be \$4.00 each.

COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND

Calling all of our baking parishioners! If you are making Christmas cookies and are able to make an extra dozen to share with our homebound parishioners, please drop them off at the parish between November 22nd and 27th. Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael will be visiting our homebound during Advent to share the Christmas spirit. Thank you for helping keeping our parish family connected at Christmas.



Annual Christmas Dinner

It's never too early to start thinking about the Christmas Season! The parish Christmas dinner is coming up on Wednesday December 6th, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for this event will start to be available after all Masses, the weekend of November 18th/19th. More details to come!

Gift Cards for St. Paul's School

This Christmas, we are once again looking to donate gift cards to some of our St. Paul School's families who are in need. The gift card can be from anywhere. Please ensure they are marked with the amount. We will start collecting them on December 1st at the Parish Office.

Around Town

Concert by Heart Cry Ensemble: Heart Cry Ensemble is a local seventeen voice ensemble that seeks to preserve sacred choral music and encourage other believers. They will be sharing their program, "And Send Thee Help: Themes from Psalm 20", at **St. Agatha Parish** (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha, ON) at **3 pm on November 5, 2023**. Free Admission. Everyone welcome!

The Struggle to Find Meaning in Suffering -The experience of suffering may have us wrestling with common questions: Why would God allow suffering? Does He hear my plea for help? Once again, these

"storms" in life invite us into that place of "trust" where sometimes God allows a suffering to bring about a good that we cannot see. **Attend the next St. Agnes Education Cafe event: "The Struggle to Find Meaning in Suffering"** with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, & Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton. **Sunday November 12th, 2:00pm at St. Agnes, Waterloo.**

The Holly Berry Bazaar - is back at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown! Please join us on Saturday, Nov 4 from 10am – 7pm & Sunday, Nov 5th from 10 – 3pm. We have plenty of parking for everyone & are completely accessible for all. All the favourites have returned: the Forgotten Treasures, The Book Nook, The Christmas & Craft Rooms, and the Penny Sale, Bake Sale & Jammers tables. Our Capital Prize tickets are ½ way sold – only 800 tickets printed! Grand Prize is \$500 cash! And, we have many Special Draws for items with significantly higher value: sports jerseys, a BBQ, name-brand purses, etc! Please join us to support our thriving Parish Community! All proceeds support St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

St. Joseph's Listowel – Christmas Bazaar - St. Joseph's Listowel CWL is hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 18, 2023 from 11 – 2 pm at the Parish Centre. Free Admission. Bake Sale, Lunch, Evergreen Arrangements, & Grocery Hamper Draw. Everyone Welcome.

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.

Christmas Market – at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church (321 Fischer Hallman, Kitchener) on Saturday November 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Check out their many attractions such as baking, crafts, books, Christmas treasures, cafes and more! Hope to see you there! 😊