

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## **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. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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:**

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

## October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last".*

- John 15:16



## MASS INTENTIONS    October 10<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<b>Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Francis Almeida – Gene Furtado
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Alaine MacDougall (Nadasdi) – Jerry & Joanna White
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Robert Hintz – Rebecca Frank & Brian Herr
<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Helen Sweeney – Marj Simon
<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Antonia & Francesco Procopio – Maurizio Ianni Int. Marianne Heffner – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep +Eileen Cox – Michelle Krulicki +Gracinda Branco – The Branco Family
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Judy VanOoteghem – Jerry VanOoteghem & Family
11:00 a.m.	<i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### **Monday**

#### **Office Closed**

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

#### **Thursday**

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm

Choir (C) 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

Children's Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sept 30/Oct 1	\$5,760.00
<b>2023 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$204,780.63</b>
<b>2023 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>

### FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct 9: **Rev. Timothy Higgins**  
 Tues. Oct 10: **Rev. Christopher Tracey**  
 Wed. Oct 11: **Chaplains**  
 Thu. Oct 12: **Rev. Brendan McGrath**  
 Fri Oct 13: **Rev. Jason Kuntz**  
 Sat. Oct 14: **Rev. Grayson Hope**

### 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.



### PENITENTIAL RITE in CREE

Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
( Lord	have mercy. )
Chris – tos	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
(Christ	have mercy. )
Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
( Lord	have mercy. )

### Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the staff here at St. Francis, we wish parishioners, and their families, a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!



## Welcome and Farewell

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. back to St. Francis Parish! Fr. Paul has been officially appointed as the next pastor of St. Francis Parish by Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. effective January 1, 2024. Also Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. has been appointed to residence at St. Mary's Church downtown Kitchener, to continue vocation ministry from there, effective January 1, 2024. We wish them all the best. Please keep them in your prayers.

## It's BACK! - Games Afternoon!



The first Games Afternoon event of the fall is this coming Thursday! All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm, to play some

board games, card games, whatever you feel like playing! Bring some friends and your favourite game, or try out some of ours. There is no cost, snacks are provided. For more info contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – ROME

**Oct. 4 to 28, 2023**

*(Participants will be laity, consecrated persons, deacons, priests, bishops and our Holy Father. All will have voting rights).* "...Jesus invites us to be a Church that contemplates God's action and discerns the present; "a Church that... turns its eyes to God who is communion and, with awe and humility, blesses and adores him, recognizing him as its only Lord." Quoting Benedict XVI, Pope Francis said the "fundamental question" facing the Synod is "How can we communicate the reality" that God has spoken "to the people of today, so that it becomes salvation." "In synodal dialogue, ...we can grow in unity and friendship with the Lord in order to look at today's challenges with his gaze." ...the Synod is "not a political gathering, but a convocation in the Spirit; not a polarized parliament, but a place of grace and communion. The Holy Spirit, often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativity. ...Let us open ourselves to Him, the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. And let us walk with Him, in trust and with joy."

For more information, visit:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-at-opening-mass-for-synod-let-us-walk-with-the-holy-spirit.html>

## St. Francis Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is back, and will be taking place on **November 11, 2023** from **9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Please keep them in mind for donations! We will be 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. Stay tuned for more information about this favourite St. Francis event!



This weekend, October 7/8, we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items to Mass (i.e. Pasta, sauce, soups, canned vegetables and fruit etc.) for the House of Friendship. Carts will be available at the entrance of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. Please consider bringing your donation in a box or reusable bag.

## St. Paul's School – Indigo Fundraiser

Every year, schools across Canada have the opportunity to apply for the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's Adopt a School Fundraiser, in which Indigo Chapters stores fundraises on behalf of a single elementary school. We are thrilled to announce that St. Paul Catholic Elementary School was selected to participate in this year's fundraiser and will be supported by Chapters Indigo, 225 Fairway Rd, Kitchener from Tuesday October 10th to Tuesday October 31st. Every dollar raised in-store at Indigo Kitchener and online between October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to St. Paul School to help fill our shelves with new books! During these 3 weeks, there will be five ways to be able 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 10<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>)

<https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/st-paul-catholic-elementary-school>

and through donation on School Cash Online.

Thank you so much for supporting our school library and for helping to inspire a love of reading in our students!

### **Tiny Home Takeout**

#### **St. Francis Satellite Location Update**

The Tiny Home Takeout location at St. Francis is picking up and doing well! In order to better serve our community, the take-out times have been changed to 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm.

#### **Resurrectionist Vocation Minute**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 8, 2023**

... But just like a real vineyard, these things do not just happen on their own. A whole team of people has to work to get the right balance through training, pruning, and thinning the vines, to get the maximum yield. What is your place on this team? What do you think is most needed in the Church, in the vineyard of the Lord?

Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

For more about vocation discernment, contact [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

#### **Parenting Tip 153**

October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year, but remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. And remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given!

### **Around Town**

**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.

**Men's Discernment Group** - If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join me, Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/priesthood-and-consecrated-life/mens-discernment-group/>

**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.

#### **SEPARATED / DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP WATERLOO**

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm - October 17, November 21, and December 19, 2023. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of St. Michael Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT** - Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).