

# 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.

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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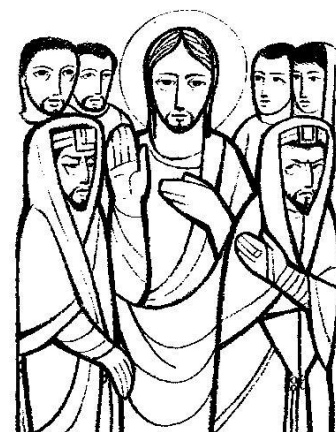


*"We are a Christ-centered faith  
community seeking to be  
instruments of God's peace."*

## November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one  
teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ"*  
- Matthew 23:9-10



## MASS INTENTIONS November 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Martin Serschen – Michaela Serschen
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Ernie Donaldson – The Donaldson Family
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	+Manuel Ilda Melo – Ilda Claro & Family
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor</i>	+Mila Navaleza – Lito Navaleza & Family
<b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Lorne MacDonald – The MacDonald Family +Pat Gray – Marj Simon +Michael Hirschberger – St. Francis Choir Int. of Paul & Niko Fisher & Charlotte Johnson – Ruthann & Gail Fisher
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Anne Prudnikowicz – Stan Prudnikowicz
11:00 a.m.	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

Baptism Prep (C) 6:30 pm

#### Thursday

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm

#### Friday

Bazaar Item Drop-off (H) 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

#### Saturday

Christmas Bazaar (H) 9:00 am

#### Sunday

Children's Liturgy (E) at 9 am mass

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov 6: **Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.**

Tues. Nov 7: **Consecrated Virgin Candidates**

Wed. Nov 8: **Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton**

Thu. Nov 9: **Dedication of Lateran Basilica**

Fri. Nov 10: **Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I**

Sat. Nov 11: **St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Oct 28/29	\$4,590.00
<b>2023 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$223,576.28</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.](#)

### 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.)

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



## Daylight Savings Ends

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

## November – Book of Life

We invite you to write the names of your loved ones who have passed to eternal life into our Book of Life; we will pray especially for them during all Masses in the month of November. You can write names in the book yourself (it is just in front of the sanctuary on the Sacred Heart side of the church), submit them online through our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/book-of-life-2023/>, or contact the parish office and we will write them in for you.

## 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.

## It’s FINALLY HERE!

### St. Francis Christmas Bazaar

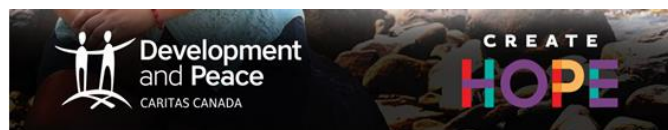
The Christmas Bazaar is next weekend!!!! (November 11, 2023 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm). Our committee and volunteers have been working so hard to bring this amazing event back to St. Francis! At this year’s bazaar, you will find tons of events such as: raffles, homemade pies, Hungarian crepes, crafts, silent auction and more! Donations can be dropped off Friday, November 10 from 9am-8pm in the parish hall.

## Little Book Devotionals Are In!

Those who ordered the little Book devotionals can now pick them up from the parish office during the week (Mon-Fri – 8:30-12; 1-4:30). Please bring your \$9.00 for the complete set.

## Games Afternoon Drop-In

Everyone is invited to join our games group on Thursday November 9th, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall! Bring your favourite card games or board games, or join in on one already there! There is no cost and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 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/#>

## Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

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

And what does that mean for priests? It means that the measure of a priest is not his outward appearance, knowledge, eloquence, efficiency, or even personal piety. The measure of a priest is simply the degree to which the strong, loving, nurturing Fatherhood of God that Jesus came to reveal becomes tangible to us through His priests. That’s why we call priests “Father.”

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

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



## The Synod in Rome – Update

THE SYNOD PARTICIPANTS at the 16TH Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops have published a letter to the People of God as the event concludes. Gathered together in Rome since September 30th, the Synod ends this weekend. The letter summarizes the experience of the Synod and gives an insider’s view of what occurred over the past month. “The Church ... needs to listen to the laity, women and men, all called to holiness by

virtue of their baptismal vocation: to the testimony of catechists, who in many situations are the first proclaimers of the Gospel; to the simplicity and vivacity of children, the enthusiasm of youth, to their questions, and their pleas; to the dreams, the wisdom and the memory of elderly people. The Church needs to listen to families, to their educational concerns, to the Christian witness they offer in today's world. She needs to welcome the voice of those who want to be involved in lay ministries and to participate in discernment and decision-making structures." Read the entire letter <https://www.synod.va/en/news/letter-of-the-xvi-ordinary-general-assembly-of-the-synod-of-bishops-to-the-people-of-god.html>. For more resources and videos from the Diocese of Hamilton, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod-21-24/diocesan-resources/>

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Office.

## **Around Town**

**The Annulment Process** - ...the facts and myths - Presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Diocese of Hamilton. Join us on Thursday November 23 at 7pm at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo - Parish Centre (basement) to hear Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese, present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. To reserve your spot, please register by emailing - [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca), or phone 519-884-9311.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** - The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, November 17, 2023** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**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.**

**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.

**Christmas Market** – at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church (321 Fischer Hallman, Kitchener) on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> 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! 😊