

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:	Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R. (frpvoisincr@gmail.com)
Priest in Res.	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@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:

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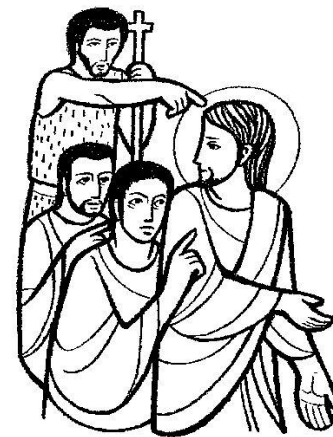


"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

January 14th, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who bring us
grace and truth."
- John 1:41, 17*



MASS INTENTIONS January 16th – January 21st

Tuesday, 16th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Madeline Haller
Wednesday, 17th 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Int. Maria Cabral
Thursday, 18th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Alan Grundy – Grace, Kevin & Family
Friday, 19th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Oz & Bonnie Cole Arnal – Sandy Milne
Saturday, 20th 5:00 p.m.	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Int. Doreen Hehn – Brenda & Family +Gose Gouveia & Other deceased members of the Gouveia Family – Maria Gouveia & Family +Diane Borutski – Michelle Krulicki +Joe Stegne – Maria Stegne
Sunday, 21st 9:00 a.m.	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Bible Sunday</i>	+ Johanna Vanlooyen – Gail Moir
11:00 a.m.	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Bible Sunday</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

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

Wednesday

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Sunday

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
Ecumenical Event @ Calvin Presbyterian 3:00 pm

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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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 15: **Rev. Phillip Cook**
Tues. Jan 16: **Rev. Luc Payette**
Wed. Jan 17: **Youth Ministers**
Thu. Jan 18: **Rev. David Weise**
Fri. Jan 19: **Rev. Tom Molsan**
Sat. Jan 20: **Rev. Louis Lensen, C.R.S.P**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan. 6/7	\$4,391.00
2024 Total Collection	\$6,999.00
2024 Total Budget	TBC

FR. PAUL VOISIN'S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th - 25th

“The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for ‘unity in diversity’. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.”

- www.weekofprayer.ca

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18th until 25th. For daily reflections visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration!

The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches will once again be hosting a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration! This event will include participation from St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill United Church, Highland Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church, and St. Steven's Lutheran Church as well as our hosts Calvin Presbyterian Church. This year's event will be a faith celebration prepared by the West African Churches of Burkina Faso. The theme of the program is based on Luke 10:27 “You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself”. All are invited to join us on **Sunday January 21st at 3:00 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Rd. E)**. Contact 519-745-7301 if you have questions.



2023 Tax Receipts

Your 2023 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in January. **When they are ready** we will invite you to pick them up after Mass or in the parish office, or mail them to those who cannot pick them up. Thank you for your generous support this year.

Sunday of the Word of God

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit their website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> .

Mark your Calendars

Mardi Gras Dinner!



Lent is right around the corner, so keep your eye on the bulletin for this year's Lenten activities! One of our parish favourites, the annual Pancake and Mardi Gras Dinner, will once again be taking place on Shrove **Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 pm**. More details to follow!

We do need volunteers to help and make this event another great success!! If you're able to help out, please contact Ruthann at the Parish office.

Follow the Resurrectionists on Social Media!

The Congregation of the Resurrection is working for the renewal of society and the resurrection of all through Social Media. Come connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), and visit our website www.resurrectionists.ca. Find inspiring words in our Sunday Reflections, journey with Fr. Jim Donohue through his blog from Tanzania, spend a few minutes in prayer and keep up to date on all the Resurrectionist news!

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 14, 2024

Being a Catholic Christian has the potential to fill every aspect of life – every decision, failure, triumph – with personal meaning and satisfaction, because it is a personal invitation from Jesus. It will be a gradual process, and we need the help of others along the way – like Samuel in our first reading, and Simon Peter in today's Gospel. But it begins with a question that Jesus is asking you: "what are you looking for?"



Visit www.resurrectionists.ca to read more!

Around Town

St. Agnes Education Café Event: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists & attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love & forgive despite it all... *just as we are called to do?* **January 28th 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR - The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Unique colour-coded chart, helps to learn about the people, places, and events of the Bible and reveals the remarkable story of our Faith. This program will be offered at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo (53 Allen St. E) either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM starting Jan. 15th, 2024 OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (until 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) starting on Jan .14th 2024. (No sessions on long weekends). There will be 12 sessions during Winter/Spring 2024 & 12 sessions during the Fall of 2024. Contact St. Louis parish office (519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com) to sign up. Course is free. Free materials provided, or workbook for all 24 sessions can be purchased.

SAVE THE DATE: THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS! - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples

from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online next month: www.hamiltondiocese.com

RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive - Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register for the sessions here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, **February 22 to May 2** at **St. Mark's Parish Hall** (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE -Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is 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. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES - The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. 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? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.