

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:

[Hamilton Diocese](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)



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

January 21st, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The kingdom of God has come near: repent and
believe the good news!"*

- Mark 1:15



MASS INTENTIONS January 23rd – 28th

Tuesday, 23rd 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Eileen Cox – Mary Anderson
Wednesday, 24th 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Francis De Sales</i>	+Fr Terry Sehl – Cheryl & Craig MacDonald
Thursday, 25th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	+Helen Sweeney – Marg Voll
Friday, 26th 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Timothy and Titus</i>	+Francis Hehn – Kelly & Sharon Fotheringham
Saturday, 27th 5:00 p.m.	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Michael Fisher – The Fisher family +Mildred Fisher – The Fisher family +Carol & Richard Mayer – The Binyon Family +Peter O’Grady – Eileen & Mary Longo
Sunday, 28th 9:00 a.m.	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+ Tony Ianni – Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 a.m.	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</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

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Sunday

Children’s Liturgy at 9 am Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 22: **Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp**

Tues. Jan 23: **Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger**

Wed. Jan 24: **Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)**

Thu. Jan 25: **Rev. Edward Hampson**

Fri. Jan 26: **Rev. Robert Dunn**

Sat. Jan 27: **Rev. George Stortz**

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.)

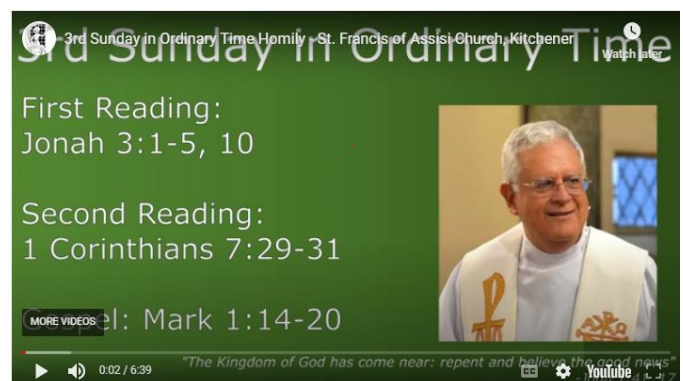
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan. 13/14 \$3,026.00

2024 Total Collection \$10,025.00

2024 Total Budget TBC

FR. PAUL VOISIN’S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration!



The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration hosted by The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches is taking place THIS SUNDAY, January 21st at 3:00 pm. at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Rd. E.). 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.

Believe it or Not – Interfaith Chat

Interfaith Grand River is "consists of many persons of different faith communities, spiritual traditions, cultures, races, colours and genders." This organization "brings the wisdom of [their] many traditions to bear on current issues affection our community". Check out their podcast at www.youtube.com/@interfaithgrandriver to listen to interfaith chats on various topics.

This Sunday is Bible Sunday!

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/the-bible-speaks-2024/>

Valentine's Day Collection

This year, our children's liturgy ministry will be collecting items to donate to local nursing homes. These items will be accompanied by Valentines cards made by the children! The collections will take place after Masses on February 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th. More information about needed items will be in future bulletins.

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.

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.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 21, 2024

The people of Nineveh believed and repented, the fishermen left their nets, and St. Paul invites the Christians in Corinth to see their entire life from a new perspective. Truly being open and receptive to the Word of God has the power to change us forever. Do you want to be changed? When was the last time you were really open to God's Word?



Visit www.resurrectionists.ca to read more!

Around Town

Thomas Toast – January 26th, 2024 – St. Jerome’s University -The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on January 26th at 7:00pm at St. Jerome’s University, 290 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, in the Notre Dame Chapel in SJ1 (at the south-east corner of the SJU campus, on the path leading to the main campus and the other church colleges). We will pray Vespers, socialize, and toast St. Thomas Aquinas. Wine and canapes provided. Freewill donations gratefully received. If arriving by vehicle, park for free in Lot B. For more information visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley:

mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or
Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454

CHRISTAIN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner is provided at 6pm and program runs from 7 to 8:30pm. This program is opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers as well as those separated and divorced. Come and be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. There is no cost and child care will be provided. To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643

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.

Book Study: Listening to Indigenous Voices -A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships -St. Mary’s Parish Truth and ReconciliACTION Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours.

When: Saturdays, February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1 from 10 am to 12 pm

Where: WCDSB Catholic Education Centre - 35 Weber St. W. Kitchener

Topics: The Kairos Blanket Activity

- Beginnings: Sharing Circles
- A Tale of Two Communities: Racism
- The Land is Us

Cost: \$40 includes course materials (*financial assistance available*). To **REGISTER**, contact the parish office at 519-576-3860 / stmarys@rogers.com by **February 10th**

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 is now available online: www.hamiltondiocese.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.