

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. (pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.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 28th, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death,
light has dawned".*

-Matthew 4:16



MASS INTENTIONS January 30th – February 4th, 2024

Tuesday, 30th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Jose Azuiar – Maria Cabral
Wednesday, 31st 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. John Bosco</i>	+Eileen Cox – Carol & Nick Rintche
Thursday, 1st 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Luann Mahn – The Mahn Family
Friday, 2nd 9:00 a.m.	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	+Helen Sweeney – Alvina Bergamin
Saturday, 3rd 5:00 p.m.	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Int. Maria Ferreira & Family +Michael Hearn – Mary Liz Hearn & Family +Ernie Donaldson – Mary-Jane Donaldson & Family +Lorraine Rapacki – Robert and Joan Frank +Pat Gray – The CWL of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, 4th 9:00 a.m.	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Albert Stalzer – Eleanor Buchanan

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

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

Wednesday

Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1:00 pm
Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Friday

Adoration (C) 9:30 am

Sunday

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
Confirmation Mtg. (H) 1:00 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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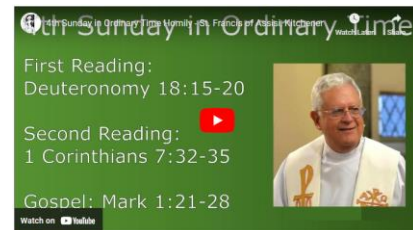
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan. 20/21	\$4,466.00
2024 Total Collection	\$14,491.00
2024 Total Budget	TBC

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 29: **Rev. Michel Bennett**
Tues. Jan 30: **Rev. James Curtin**
Wed. Jan 31: **Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)**
Thu. Feb 1: **Rev. Ralph Diodati**
Fri. Feb 2: **The Presentation of the Lord**
World Day for Consecrated Life
Sat. Feb 3: **Rev. David Lewis**

FR. PAUL VOISIN'S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

Lenten Series 2024

St. Francis Parish team is pleased to announce that the Laudato Si environmental group here at the parish, will host our Lenten series. The sessions will take place on Wed nights at 7PM beginning Wed. Feb 21. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

Parish Office Under Construction

The renovations of the parish office are finally underway, to finish off the damage repair created by the roof leak last year! The office entrance will be closed, however if you need assistance, please ring the bell outside, or call the office ahead at 519-745-7301. We will do our best to accommodate your needs during this time. Thank you for your patience.

Successful Christian Unity Event!

THANK YOU from Fr. Paul - I wish to sincerely thank the many parishioners who attended the Celebration of Prayer for Christian Unity last Sunday at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Almost half of the congregation were St. Francis parishioners! The choir, under the direction of Sandy Milne, led us in the majority of the hymns with their usual spirit. Our three young readers of the Gospel did us proud. None of this would have come about if it were not for the leadership of Ruthann Fisher, who coordinated the preparation meetings, and the liturgy. Well done, good and faithful servants!

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. Items that the homes would be looking for include: toothpaste, deodorant, scarfs for the ladies, socks for the men, toothbrushes, Kleenex, non-skid slippers, candy, sugarless candy, markers, crayons, pencils, pens, paper and puzzle and Sudoku books.

Lee Valley Box Collection this Weekend!

Continue to collect and drop off any **Lee Valley or Amazon boxes** you've accumulated at the back of the church at any of the masses this weekend (January 27/28). Please note that the size range is 9"by 6"by 3" to 27" by 12" by 6". These small/medium ones are preferred (as tools can be shipped in them), but no bigger than a 'box of "paper"' size. Please flatten them and **try to remove any personal information that might be on them!** We collect the boxes every two months - next will be on March 9th and 10th, 2024.

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

Tickets – Now on Sale!



Tickets to our annual Pancake and Mardi Gras dinner is now on sale! This event will take place on Tuesday, February 13th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost per ticket is \$12.00 and are available after Masses. 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.

Winter Gloves Needed for A Better Tent City!

A Better Tent City is in need of winter gloves and mittens! With this extreme cold weather we've been having, residents are desperate for these items as they're not easily stocked! If you have any extra gloves or mitts, please consider donating them to those less fortunate in our community. Items can be dropped off at the back of the church after Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

Tax Receipts

Your 2023 Donation Tax Receipts will be available to be picked up next weekend after Masses. If you are unable to pick them up in person, they will be mailed to you. Thank you for your generous support last year.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 28, 2024

Why did Christ silence the unclean spirit when it was revealing His true identity? St. Athanasius explains that Jesus silenced the demons because He did not wish the truth to proceed from an unclean mouth. Sharing our faith goes beyond mere knowledge or theology. It is possible to possess extensive knowledge, yet only through love can our faith touch others' hearts. You may feel inadequate, unqualified, or even "unclean" to answer God's call. Remember, it's not about knowing but about loving; love is the key.

Visit www.resurrectionists.ca to read more!

Knights of Columbus - Maple Syrup Fundraiser & New Website

After Masses the weekend of February 10th and 11th), the Kitchener Knights of Columbus, council 1504, will be selling fresh, local Maple Syrup, to raise funds to aid them in their charitable work. The cost is \$15.00 for a 500 mL bottle. This is a great chance to get stocked up and get ready for Shrove Tuesday!

Also, for the past several months, several professionals have been producing a new internet website for the Kitchener Knights of Columbus. The internet provides a window to the charitable works of the Knights and they hope their new website keeps you up to date on their many endeavours. Check it out at: www.kitchenerkofc.ca



Around Town

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes! The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary the weekend of **February 10/11 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (173 Lourdes St. Waterloo).**

Saturday -6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession; **7:00 p.m.** - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass - we will be joined by **Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger** with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.



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

CHRISTIAN 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.**

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