

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."

February 11th, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A great Prophet has risen among us; God has looked favourably on his people"

-Luke 7:16



MASS INTENTIONS February 13th – February 18th, 2024

Tuesday, 13th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	Int. Madeline Haller – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 14th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	+Mike McDonnell – Gail Moir
7:00 p.m.		Int. Helen Shantz – Maria Cabral
Thursday, 15th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Phyllis Blake – Margaret & Brian Hughes
Friday, 16th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Lorraine Cullen – Garry & Cindy Mahn
Saturday, 17th 5:00 p.m.	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	+Gregory Fixter – Paul & Leslie Fixter +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh Int. Gerald & Jean Dietrich – Marg Irwin +Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki
Sunday, 18th 9:00 a.m.	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	+Gaetano Garasto – Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 a.m.	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</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

Tuesday

CGS Lvl II (A) 4:00 pm
Pancake Supper (H) 5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Thursday

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Friday

Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

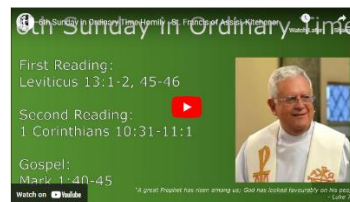
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb. 3/4 \$5,408.75
2024 Total Collection \$23,515.75
2024 Total Budget TBC

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb 12: **Rev. Michael McHugh**
 Tues. Feb 13: **Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman**
 Wed. Feb 14: **Ash Wednesday**
 Thu. Feb 15: **Rev. William Trusz**
 Fri. Feb 16: **Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan**
 Sat. Feb 17: **Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan**

FR. PAUL VOISIN'S HOMILIES



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

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

The flower arrangement in front of the altar this weekend has been donated in memory of Jack Cottenie, by his family, in honour of the one year anniversary since his passing. May his soul rest with our Lord in Heaven, Amen.

Lent at St. Francis 2024

See this week's bulletin insert for a special Lenten message from Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI.

Ash Wednesday

Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday will take place on Wednesday February 14th at 9 AM and 7 PM.

Stations of the Cross

Will be celebrated every Friday at 7 PM during Lent, beginning on February 16th. Each week, a different ministry at St. Francis will lead the reflections. The first session will be led by Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.



Lenten Series

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 Wednesdays at either 1:30 pm or 7PM beginning Wed. Feb 21. For more information about the session and how to register, please visit our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/02/02/13482/>

Penitential Service

St. Francis will be hosting a Penitential Service on Tuesday March 19th at 2 PM. More details will be available closer to this date.

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 this weekend, February 2nd/3rd and next, 9th/10th. Items that the homes would be looking for include: scarfs for the ladies, socks for the men, Kleenex, non-skid slippers, candy, sugarless candy, puzzles, 100 pieces or less, markers, crayons, pencils, pens, paper and puzzle and Sudoku books. Due to infection control concerns we can no longer accept: Deodorant, soap, hair products or toothpaste. Thank you for your generosity.

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner Last Weekend to Buy Tickets



Tickets to our annual Pancake and Mardi Gras dinner are 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 gets you pancakes, sausages, sherbet, cookies and maple syrup! Your final chance to buy

tickets is this weekend after all Masses! We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus - Maple Syrup Fundraiser This Weekend

After Masses this weekend, 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!

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse

"The Second Sunday of Lent, **February 25, 2024**, is the annual *Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse* in the Diocese of Hamilton. The Vatican's Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors proposed a universal day of prayer in 2016 by a survivor of clerical abuse. At the time, a press release from the Commission stated, "In the experience of our members, victims/survivors have often expressed a desire for prayer as an important element in their healing process."

St. Francis will be holding a special liturgy of the word during First Friday Adoration on **Friday March 1st**, at 9:30 a.m. to pray for the victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside the Church, as well as their families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. We invite everyone to join us for this special prayer service.

Tax Receipts Ready for Pickup

Tax receipts are now available to be picked up in the foyer after Masses or at the office during the week. If you are unable to pick them up in person, they will be mailed to you. St. Vincent De Paul tax receipts are included in your envelopes. Thank you for your generous support last year.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 11, 2024

The man from today's Gospel was conscious of the risk of rejection he faced. Fully aware that his actions were crossing established lines, the man afflicted with leprosy nevertheless chose to confront this risk. His intense longing for connection and healing overcame his fears. It is fascinating that, despite his intense longing and hope for healing, the man didn't force Jesus to heal him. By saying, "If you choose, you can make me clean," he left the decision to Jesus, entrusting his healing to Jesus' will. He completely surrendered himself into Jesus' hands.

Visit www.resurrectionists.ca to read more!

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.



Book Study: Listening to Indigenous Voices -A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships -St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation 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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 155 - Children love Valentine's Day because of the exchange of cards and little parties at school. It is a great time to talk to them about what real love is: giving, receiving, caring, thinking of the other before self and putting others needs above your own. Your children will develop deeper and healthier relationships with this understanding. They will especially know what to look for when they grow up and find someone to love in their future. Do not forget to remind them that God loves them completely and unconditionally, so they can and should pray and talk to him about their life anytime.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH -Marriage Tip 135 -The month of February, known as the month of love, can sometimes create unrealistic expectations for couples. "Real" love supports their spouse when they have had a bad day, creates ways to spend time together, offers help without asking and is self-giving, not self-receiving. This month, take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship.