

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:

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



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

February 18th, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"

- Matthew 4:4



MASS INTENTIONS

February 20th – February 25th

Tuesday, 20th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Eileen Cox
- Karin Manley

Wednesday, 21st - Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. of Bev & Steve Lucas
- Anne Prtichard

Thursday, 22nd - Chair of St. Peter

9:00 a.m. Int. of Maria Cabral

Friday, 23rd - Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Pat Gray
- Pat Draves

Saturday, 24th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. +Fr. Terry Sehl
- Alvina Bergamin
+ Helen Sweeney
- Anne Darby – Watchorn

Int. of Cathy Vanzielegem
- Michelle Krulicki

Sunday, 25th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb. 10/11	\$6,074.75
2024 Total Collection	\$29,590.50
2024 Total Budget	\$311,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Family Day – Office Closed

OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Tuesday

CGS Lvl II (A) 4:00 pm

Wednesday

Lenten Series (R) 1:30 pm

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Lenten Series (R) 7:00 pm

Thursday

Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

1st Communion Mtg. (C) 1:00 pm

A BIG MARDI GRAS THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Mardi Gras and join in a fun evening of music, pancakes and sausages!



We'd like to thank all of our volunteers who helped make the night a success. A special, HUGE thank you to our kitchen manager extraordinaire, Gary Howell!!! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

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.](#)

HOMEBOUNDED PARISHIONERS

St. Francis is fortunate to have an active Communion to the Homebound Ministry, made up of many dedicated volunteers. These ministers bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass for any reason, and still wish to receive the Eucharist. There are various times available throughout the week that this can be done, and our ministers will work with you, or a loved one, to set up the best time! If you have a family member or friend who would be interested, please contact the Parish Office: 519-745-7301.

Lent at St. Francis 2024

Stations of the Cross

Will be celebrated every Friday at 7 PM during Lent. Each week, a different ministry at St. Francis will lead the reflections. The reflections this week will be led by Ruthann Fisher.

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.



Lenten Series 2024

1st Session on February 21st

It's not too late to register for this year's Lenten Series here at St. Francis, hosted by our Laudato Si environmental group! The sessions, offered both in person and online, will take place every Wednesday, at both 1:30PM and 7PM, beginning Wed. Feb 21. These sessions are independent of each other meaning you are welcome to attend any of the weeks, as they best fit into your schedule! You must register whether attending online or in person. To register for the online sessions, contact Sandy Milne: assandymilne@gmail.com. To register for in-person, contact the parish office: 519-745-7301. For more information about the session content and how to register, please visit our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/02/02/13482/>

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

1st Sunday of Lent – Feb. 18, 2024

...But maybe that's the point. Maybe Lent is not a time where we prove something to God, but where we risk doing something that we will actually need help with – and to actually receive the gift of God's help. And perhaps this is true of the vocation that God is calling us to as well.

Visit www.resurrectionists.ca to read more!

For more about vocation discernment, contact resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



Around Town

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ - Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the “right words” to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the “St. Agnes Education Cafe” talk: **“Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free”**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Sunday March 3rd, 1:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT (Saturday, March 2 – Hamilton) - Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 2nd** at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL - Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **February 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for the screening of **La Lucha Sigue (The Struggle Continues)** with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY - Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024. Register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ReSTART: MOVING FORWARD - Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run on Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events.

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.