

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](#)

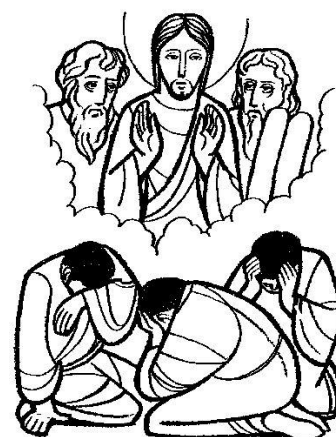


"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

February 25th, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

*"From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him."
-Luke 9:35*



MASS INTENTIONS

February 27th – March 3rd

Tuesday, 27th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Mark Pritchard & George Papaleo**
 - *Anne Pritchard*

Wednesday, 28th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+James Dodsworth**
 - *Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth*

Thursday, 29th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Clair McMahon**
 - *Bernard & Rose Hanley*

Friday, 1st - Ferial (*World Day of Prayer*)

9:00 a.m. **+Fr. Terry Sehl**
 - *Ruthann Fisher*

Saturday, 2nd - 3rd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. **+Diane Borutski**
 - *Michelle Krulicki*
+Francis Hehn
 - *Bill & Pat Jeffrey*

Sunday, 3rd - 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. **+Mary Pappert**
 - *Sandy Milne*

 11:00 a.m. **For the Parishioners of St. Francis**

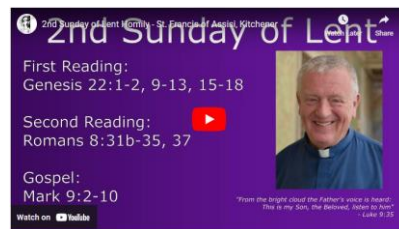
DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb 26: **Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski**
 Tues. Feb 27: **Rev. Timothy Higgins**
 Wed. Feb 28: **Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 (R.S.C.J.)
 Thu. Feb 29: **Rev. Michael King**
 Fri. Mar. 1: **Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot**
 (World Day of Prayer)
 Sat. Mar. 2: **Rev. Ronald Voisin**

Tax Receipts Ready for Pickup

This is the **last weekend** to pick up your tax receipts in the foyer after Masses. The remaining ones will be mailed out Monday. St. Vincent De Paul tax receipts are included in your envelopes. Thank you for your generous support last year.

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb. 17/18	\$4,937.05
2024 Total Collection	\$34,527.55
2024 Total Budget	\$311,500.00

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
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Wednesday

Lenten Series (R)	1:30 pm
Prayer Shawl Mtg. (TBD)	1:30 pm
Seniors Gentle Exercise (H)	2:30 pm
CGS Lvl I (A)	4:00 pm
Lenten Series (R)	7:00 pm

Thursday

CGS Lvl I (A)	4:00 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm

Friday

Adoration & Liturgy for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse (C)	9:30 am
Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy	at 9 am Mass
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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 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.

Lenten Series at St. Francis 2024

Last Week Recap

During our very first session of this year's Lenten series, we watched and reflected on the first 40 minutes of the video "The Letter" the story about the Pope's call to care for our planet. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote a letter, or encyclical, to the world, talking about the cry of the poor and the cry of the land. Throughout the series, we are reflecting on what has happened, or not happened, 9 years later. The movie looks at the concerns of climate change from the points of view of the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and the wildlife. You can catch up by viewing the beginning of the video here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2ddnz6> and join us next week for the conclusion!

This week - 2nd Session on February 28th

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. 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/>

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 Fr. Murray McDermott C.R.

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.

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.

Mass of Chrism

All are invited to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton, on **Monday March 25th, 2024, at 2 P.M.** During this Mass, the Bishop will consecrate the Holy Chrism and bless the other oils. This Holy Chrism is then used throughout the year to anoint the newly-baptized, to seal the faithful in Confirmation, and to anoint the hands of Priests and the heads of Bishops at their Ordination.

Share Lent – Week 2

Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition. This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last



fall campaign. Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

2nd Sunday of Lent – Feb. 25, 2024



...We do not know why Jesus chose only those three apostles instead of taking all of them. Perhaps, in the shadow of Christ's impending Passion, this was precisely what they needed most. Maybe Jesus wanted to provide them with a moment they would remember when witnessing His crucifixion. They witnessed a deeply intimate moment, hearing the Father affirm, "You are my beloved Son." Can you also hear God speaking to you: "You are my beloved Son, you are my beloved Daughter"? Are you willing to let Jesus lead you to those places where such profound truth can be felt most deeply?

Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca, and catch the second episode of InfluenCR!

Around Town

Mark your Calendars

Penitential Services

- St. Mark - **Wednesday March 6th @ 7:00PM**
- St. Anne – **Monday March 12th @ 7:00PM**
- St. Teresa (Kit.) – **Thurs. March 14th @ 7:00PM**

St. Anthony Daniel Card Party - Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 24th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

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

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 under Upcoming Events.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - 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 -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. This month, take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship.