

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## 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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com">pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Priest in Res.</b>	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Miss Amanda Sage
<b>Building Manager:</b>	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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS February 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	+Judy Newman – Yolanda & Hugh Francis & Ryan Burns
<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Fr. Terry Sehl – Anita Stalzer
<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Michael Hirschberger – Ruthann Fisher
<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i>	+Pat Gray – Maria Cabral
<b>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Jack Cottenie – The Cottenie Family +Francis Hehn - Cathy Vanzielegem Int. Ruthann Fisher – Michelle Krulicki Int. Don & Linda MacDonald – C.E.E. Canada +Deceased members of the Stegne Family – Maria Stegne
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 a.m.	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Peter O’Grady – Joan & Robert Frank

### WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Tuesday**

CGS Level II (A) 4:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm  
Laudato Si Zoom Mtg. 6:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

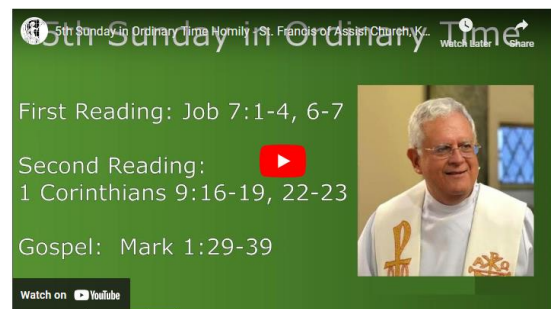
#### **World Day of the Sick**

Children’s Liturgy at 9 am Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg. 1:00 pm

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 5: **Rev. Robert Sims**  
Tues. Feb 6: **Rev. Charles Galea**  
Wed. Feb 7: **Missionaries**  
Thu. Feb 8: **Rev. Robert Kiffman**  
Fri. Feb 9: **Rev. Pabilto Labado**  
Sat. Feb 10: **Rev. Edward Mahony**

### FR. PAUL VOISIN’S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan. 27/28	\$3,616.00
<b>2024 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$18,107.00</b>
<b>2024 Total Budget</b>	<b>TBC</b>

### 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 Wednesdays at either 1:30 pm or 7PM beginning Wed. Feb 21. For more information about the session, please see the bulletin insert this weekend!

## Respecting Comfort Levels

We are presently in a season associated with the flu, and continued COVID concerns. We ask that people be respectful of others who choose to wear a mask as a precaution. We do not want anyone to feel at risk, or to stay away from Sunday Mass, especially those with delicate conditions. We ask all parishioners to respect the needs and decisions of each individual to do what is required so that they feel safe and at ease in our church. Thank you.

## Games Afternoon



Join us for this month's games afternoon on Thursday February 8th, from 2pm – 4pm in the church hall! Bring your favourite board game, or borrow one of ours, and enjoy some time together with friends as you play! Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

## Ash Wednesday Mass

Please note that an error was made on the events calendar for February. Ash Wednesday Mass will take place on Wednesday February 14th at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

## Laudato Si Meeting

The next St. Francis Environmental Team Meeting will be taking place on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom! All are invited to attend and join our team! If you're interested in learning more, please contact the parish office, 519-745-7301.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and next, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. 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

### 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.

## Thank you for your Generosity

A big thank you to the St. Francis Parishioners for your generosity in providing gloves, mittens and other warm winter wear for our neighbors in A Better Tent City. Because of your kindness, they are fully stocked up and have no more room for additional donations! Thank you again for helping our neighbours stay warm.

## Tax Receipts – NEXT WEEKEND

Due to construction this week limiting our access to the office, the tax receipts will not be available until next weekend, February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to pick them up in person, they will be mailed to you. Thank you for your generous support last year and we apologize for the delay.

## Knights of Columbus - Maple Syrup Fundraiser & New Website

After Masses next 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! 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](http://www.kitchenerkofc.ca)

## **Resurrectionist Vocation Minute**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 4, 2024

This past Friday, February 2nd, the Church celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life. In addition to the commitments a consecrated person makes, there are also charisms that they share. A charism – Pope Francis says – is not given by the Holy Spirit to be preserved like a bottle of distilled water – but to be opened and allowed to go out, to bring life, growth, renewal, and transformation. 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.' This is the logic of charisms.

If you're intrigued by how the Resurrectionists' charisms bring life, growth, and transformation, check out the first video of our series called "InfluenCR," featuring interviews with those touched by their apostolic mission.



Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** -Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

**Monthly informal drop-in support** - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Note that the February session will be held on **February 7th** (date change due to February 14th being Ash Wednesday).

**6 week Program-theory and sharing** - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from May to June 2024 at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. More information will be provided closer to this time, or contact St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.