

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."

March 10th, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life."
-John 8:12*



MASS INTENTIONS March 12th – 17th

Tuesday, 12th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Muriel Freiburger**
 - *Victor Springall & Family*

Wednesday, 13th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. of Sister Marguerite**
 - *Jane Farley*

Thursday, 14th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. of Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.**
 - *Anne Darby-Watchorn*

Friday, 15th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Jean Fretwell**
 - *Christine & Peter Higgins*

Saturday, 16th - 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. **+Ken Fisher**
 - *Ruthann & Gail Fisher*
+Lorne MacDonald
 - *Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh*
+Nellie Hanley
 - *Bernard & Rose Hanley*

Int. Anne Charters-Klaver

- *St. Francis Choir*

Int. Antonio Claro

- *Ilda & Family*

Sunday, 17th - 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. **+Reno Ianni**
 - *Maurizio & Sharon Ianni*

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 11: **Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.**

Tues. Mar. 12: **Rev. David Mowat, C.R.**

Wed. Mar. 13: **Lay Parish Ministers**

Thu. Mar. 14: **Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.**

Fri. Mar. 15: **Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.**

Sat. Mar. 16: **Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.**

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 2/3	\$5,468.00
2024 Total Collection	\$49,319.05
2024 Total Budget	\$313,500.00

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

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

Senior Lenten Lunch (H) 12:00 pm
Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm
CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
Confirmation Mtg (H) 12:30 pm
CWL Mtg. (H) 3:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder that this week is daylight savings!
Time to “spring ahead” and change
your clocks forward one hour!



Easter Little Books are IN!

For those who ordered the Little Book Devotionals last year, your Easter booklets are now available. You can pick these up from the Parish office during the week.

Holy Week at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Check out the upcoming schedule for Holy Week at our Parish!



Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday March 23rd

5:00 PM

Sunday March 24th

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

5:30 PM – Kerala Community



Holy Thursday Mass

Thursday March 28th

7:30 PM

Followed by Adoration in the Resurrection Room until 10:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday March 29th

11:00 AM – Family Liturgy

3:00 PM – Solemn Service

6:30 PM – Kerala Community Service



Easter Vigil

Saturday March 30th

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday March 31st

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

4:00 PM – Kerala Community



Catholic Women's League

The St. Francis of Assisi CWL Council has been “on hold” since its last meeting on March 12, 2022, and it is now time to look at how it can be revived! The League has made a difference in the life of the Parish community, showing leadership in ministries and services, promoting activities and programs, offering hospitality and friendship and much more! Not only that, but the women of St. Francis Parish have been associated with this national organization of Catholic women for many generations! Fr. Paul is asking our members – past, present and future- to join together and help reactivate our League! He is calling a meeting for interested ladies on Sunday March 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss the future. All ladies are welcome.

Altar Server Gowns

These last 3 weekends, you may have noticed that our youth servers were not wearing gowns. This has been due to the construction of the new hallways, meeting rooms and offices. In order to make space for this, all of the furniture was moved into the altar server's sacristy, leaning against the gown closet. Now that construction is complete, we need to have the gowns cleaned, and are looking for volunteers to take home some gowns and slippers to wash and return before Easter. If you're able to assist, please contact Ruthann: 519-745-7301. Thank you.

Our Lenten Series Continues!

It's the final couple of weeks for our Lenten Series, hosted by our Laudato Si environmental group, and you're still welcome to attend! 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! For more information about the session content and how to register, please visit our website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/02/02/13482/>. 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.

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 the Knights of Columbus.

Penitential Service

Join us on Tuesday March 19th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church for our Penitential Service. Confession will be offered following a brief liturgical celebration. We hope to see you there.

Lenten Senior Lunch

Our Lenten senior lunch is THIS WEEK! Join us in the St. Francis of Assisi Church hall on **Thursday March 14th at Noon** for a delicious soup and bread lunch prepared by our very own Gary Howell! A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of food. Registration is required and seating is limited. Please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301 by **Tuesday March 12th** to reserve your seat.

Holy Thursday Food Collection Volunteers Required

Each year on Holy Thursday, a food drive is hosted at St. Francis Parish, to support those less fortunate in our community. For this year's collection, we are looking for volunteers to assist with collecting, sorting and delivering the food to the House of Friendship. If you are able/interested in assisting, please contact the parish office: 519-745-73041 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you.

Share Lent – Week 4

Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

4th Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024

Today's Gospel captures the essence of the Good News. It highlights God's unconditional love for humanity, for you. It talks about the Light that breaks through our darkest nights. God desires our happiness. Are you open to letting God illuminate every corner of your life where shadows linger, guiding you towards this happiness? Or do you perhaps sense a calling to spread this message of hope to others?

Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Director of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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.

Around Town

Mark your Calendars

Penitential Services

- St. Anne – **Monday March 12th @ 7:00PM**
- St. Teresa (Kit.) – **Friday March 15th @ 7:00PM**
- St. Joseph – **Tuesday March 19th @ 7:00 PM**
- St. Aloysius – **Wednesday March 20th @ 7:00PM**
- St. Mary's – **Thursday March 21st @ 11:00 AM**
- Blessed Sacrament – **Thurs. March 21st @ 7:00PM**
- St. Anthony Daniel – **Fri. March 22nd @ 7:00PM**
- Our Lady of Lourdes – **Tues. Mar. 26th @ 6:00PM**
- St. Teresa (Elmira) – **Tues. Mar. 26th @ 7:30PM**

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER – Maryhill Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) **GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th 12 noon to 7 p.m.** Eat in or take out. **NO RESERVATIONS.** First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for @ \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. **CASH ONLY PLEASE!** **ADVANCED** orders for takeout orders strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939. For more information please check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

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.