

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:

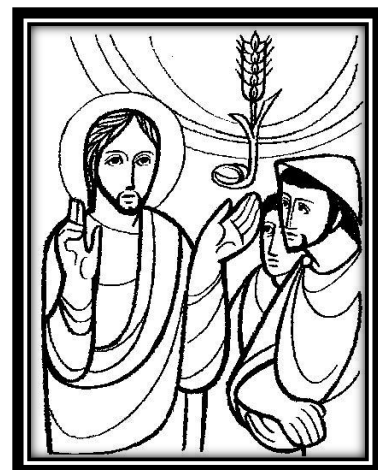
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*"We are a Christ-centered faith
community seeking to be
instruments of God's peace."*

March 17th, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

*"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the
Lord; where I am, there will my servant be also"*
-John 12:26



MASS INTENTIONS

March 19th – 24th

Tuesday, 19th – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

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

Int. Helen Shantz
 - *Linda Carmichael*

Wednesday, 20th - Ferial

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

Thursday, 21st - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Mark, Jodi & Josh Pritchard**
 - *Anne Pritchard*

Friday, 22nd - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Sylvester D'Souza**
 - *Gene Furtado*

Saturday, 23rd - Palm Sunday-The Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. **+Andre Vanzieleghem**
 - *Lucille Vanzieleghem & Family*

+Michael McDonnell
 - *Wendy McDonnell & Family*

+Esther & Phillip Akondeng
 - *Phyllis Akondeng*

Int. Thelma Walter
 - *Phyllis Akondeng*

Sunday, 24th - Palm Sunday-The Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. **+Mary McKelvie**
 - *Bernard & Rose Hanley*

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 18: **Rev. Ken Miskiewicz**

Tues. Mar. 19: **St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the
Universal Church**

Wed. Mar. 20: **Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)**

Thu. Mar. 21: **Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon**

Fri. Mar. 22: **Rev. Donald Sanvido**

Sat. Mar. 23: **Permanent Diaconate Candidates**

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 9/10	\$5,327.00
2024 Total Collection	\$54,646.05
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

Penitential Service 2:00 pm
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

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
First Communion Mtg. 1:00 pm

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.

Check the Lost and Found

On your way out of the church, please be sure to look in the lost and found at the front entrance to see if any of the items belong to you. We have had quite a few hats and mittens left over the winter season. We will be donating any that remain after this weekend.

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)

Volunteers for Easter Vigil Reception

After the Easter Vigil, a reception is hosted to celebrate and welcome the new members of our faith! We do require volunteers to set out food and drinks for those who attend. If you're able to help, please contact Ruthann at the office: 519-745-7301.

Last Lenten Series Session

Join us on Wednesday March 20th, at 1:30PM OR 7:00PM for the last session of our Lenten Series, where we will look at and discuss Pope Francis' follow-up to the Laudato Si Encyclical, Laudato Deum. See <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/02/02/13482/> for more details.

THANK YOU- Altar Server Gowns

A BIG thank you to all those who took home our altar server gowns, to wash and iron! They look fantastic, and we are now all set for the upcoming Easter season.

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 Altar Servers/Youth.

THIS TUESDAY-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.

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

...sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is fully functioning. The fund has grown to over \$15M, half of the \$30M (over 5-year) commitment. The IRF Board has already approved 147 projects, supporting Indigenous programs across the country. Profound thanks to all who have made contributions to the fund – it helps provide a strong Catholic Church support for healing and reconciliation! Check out the IRF website (<https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>) for more information.

Good Friday Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

*-Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

Assist with the Holy Thursday Food Drive!

Each year on Holy Thursday, a food drive is hosted at St. Francis Parish, to support those less fortunate in our community. We need your help to make this charitable work a success! If you're available to help in any way, or would like more details, please contact the parish office: 519-745-73041 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you.

Share Lent – Week 5– Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of**

some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

This past week, the Lenten Series participants studied the work of Caritas Canada. To see the impactful videos that were viewed, visit: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/02/02/13482/>

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.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

5th Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2024

The Paschal Mystery is not just a Christian metaphor for natural cycles of death and life, or psychological processes of crisis and resolution. The Paschal Mystery is a personal invitation from the Risen Lord to experience the power of his resurrection, no matter what your vocation — marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, single life in the world. To enter the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection as we find it in our daily life, and to be raised up to new life and share it with others.

Fr. Raphael Ma, Member of Vocation Team;
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Around Town

Mark your Calendars

Penitential Services

- 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 – **Mon. Mar. 26th @ 6:00PM**
- St. Teresa (Elmira) – **Mon. 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.** 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.

2000 Hail Mary's Devotion - to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed on Saturday May 11, 2024, at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30am, until approximately 7:30 pm. Join us for all or part of the day. Contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com for more information.