

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 3rd, 2024 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that everyone who believes in him may have eternal
life."*

-John 3:16



MASS INTENTIONS

March 5th – 10th

Tuesday, 5th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Pat Gray**
 - Anne Pritchard

Wednesday, 6th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Howard Walters**
 - Laurie & Mark Walters

Thursday, 7th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Jane Pritchard-Bowers & Jan Bowers**
 - Anne Pritchard

Friday, 8th - Ferial (*World Day of Prayer*)

9:00 a.m. **Int. Winston Akondeng**
 - Phyllis Akondeng

Saturday, 9th - 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. **+Eileen Cox**
 - Bill Jeffrey

 +Robert Weigel
 - Bob & Bev Shanahan

 Int. Fr. Paul Morat
 - C.E.E Canada

Sunday, 10th - 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. **For the Parishioners of St. Francis**

11:00 a.m. **Int. Mary Kuntz**
 - St. Francis Choir

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 4: **Rev. George Nowak, C.R.**

Tues. Mar. 5: **Rev. Edward Hinsperger**

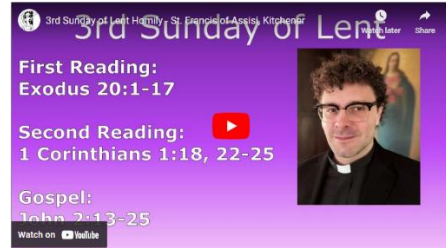
Wed. Mar. 6: **Disabled Persons**

Thu. Mar. 7: **Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.**

Fri. Mar. 8: **Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.**

Sat. Mar. 9: **Rev. James Link, C.R.**

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb. 24/25	\$4,084.75
2024 Total Collection	\$38,612.30
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

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

\$ \$ Money Matters \$ \$

The Parish's Financial Report 2023 is now available in this week bulletin and on our website, stfranciskitchener.com. Through your generosity, we were able to exceed our budget last year! A great big thank you to everyone who donated to our parish last year!

Congratulations!

To all of the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend! May God's grace and love continue to guide you as you grow in your faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

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

5:30 PM – Kerala Community



Homebound 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.

Our Lenten Series Continues!

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! 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 St. Francis Choir.

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.

Lee Valley Boxes No Longer Required

Thank you to the many parishioners who have brought in their Amazon boxes during our collection days. To date, we have collected over 300 boxes, which has been used to purchase gardening equipment as well the seeds for our 2024 gardens. Unfortunately, Lee Valley has centralized its online distribution system, and the Waterloo store no longer needs our boxes. Therefore we are cancelling our previously scheduled March 9th/10th collection. Thank you to the volunteers who put this program together.

Lenten Senior Lunch

Our Lenten senior lunch will once again be taking place this year! 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

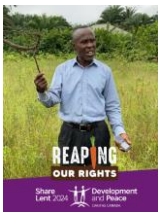
own Gary Howell! A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of food. Registration is required and seating is limited. Please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301 **Monday March 12th** to reserve your seat.

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 3

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria



Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

We can all appreciate the point Jesus was making about the Temple – but what about our own lives? “But he was speaking about the temple of his body.” Our bodies are just as much a Temple of the Holy Spirit as Jesus' body was. Lent is a time when we also cleanse ourselves of some of those things we think we just can't go without, an opportunity to rediscover – or to discover for the first time – our vocation, the purpose of our bodies and our lives, which are Temples of the Holy Spirit.

Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



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. Mark - **Wednesday March 6th @ 7:00PM**
- 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 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Vacations or ‘Stay-cations’ are a wonderful time to step away from the busy-ness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!