

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.

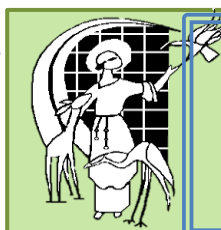
Pastor:	Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R. (pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com)
Priest in Res.	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Miss Amanda Sage
Building Manager:	Mr. 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](#)

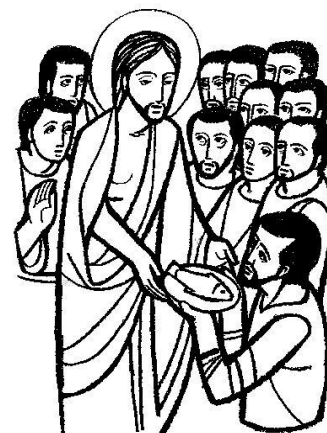


*"We are a Christ-centered faith
community seeking to be
instruments of God's peace."*

April 14th, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

*"Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us: make our hearts burn
with love when you speak".*

-John 24:32



MASS INTENTIONS

April 16th – 21st

Tuesday, 16th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Jim Fraser

- Joan Ferraccioli

Wednesday, 17th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Kate, Peter & Children McIntosh

-Anne Pritchard

Thursday, 18th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving on 10th Anniversary

- Grace & Kevin Grundy

Friday, 19th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Lisa Reitzel

-Gene Furtado

Saturday, 20th – 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Pat Gray

-The Late Kay Warner

Int. Margaret Bermingham

-Joan & Jim O'Doherty

Int. Rick & Eva Englehutt

-St. Francis Choir

Int. David Buchannan

-Marj Simon

+John Finlay Stewart

-Doug Fisher

Sunday, 21st – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. +Stan & Marlene Nowak

-Gail Moir

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. April 15: Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

Tues. April 16: Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J.

Wed. April 17: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress
or Canada

Thu. April 18: Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

Fri. April 19: Rev. David Wilhelm

Sat. April 20: Scott Whitfield

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 6/7	\$4,917.50
2024 Total Collection	\$79,397.90
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

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Thursday

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @ 9AM Mass

1st Eucharist Mtg. 1:00 pm

Catholic Women's League Corner

52 Reasons to talk about the CWL

||| **Acceptance** – The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the C.W.L. where members willingly share the good things God has given them.

||| **Action** – As a C.W.L. member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action.

||| To find more details about the CWL and what they do as an organization, visit:

||| <https://tinyurl.com/ys58zpec>

Upcoming Events

||| **June 1st/2nd** (after all Masses) – Coffee Social

||| **June 19th** – Mass and Potluck

||| We hope to see all you ladies there! 😊

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3rd Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

Telling someone carrying a burden of sin that they are sinners in need of repentance is not a proclamation of good news – any more than telling someone they have cancer and in need of treatment is a proclamation of good news. But someone who's actually had cancer and recovered – has something credible to say. And someone who's carried a burden of sin but has experienced God's forgiveness – has something credible to say. We are all called to proclaim the good news of the forgiveness of sins. But are we in touch with God's forgiveness? Are we credible witnesses of these things?

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team;
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Electronics and Scrap Metal

Spring is in the air and that means the return of the very popular Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up. Set to go on **Saturday May 4th** from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, bring your discarded and unwanted electronics and scrap metal to the **St. Anthony Daniel Church** parking lot at Ottawa and Franklin. We will be collecting all your old electronics, televisions, computers, laptops and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel and brass. You can pick up a bottle of the delicious Knights of Columbus locally produced maple syrup and as well as ever popular Girl Guide cookies. Donations to the Waterloo Region Food bank are welcomed. Aid the Knights by helping to raise the funds for local charities. For further information contact: Dave Hudder: [519-575-3614](tel:519-575-3614) or hudderconnie3@gmail.com or Reinhart Schreiter: 519-570-3469 or rkschreiter@hotmail.com

350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

This year marks the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To mark this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from July 13th – July 17th,

2024. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the Holy Door, visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivieres, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 30th. For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: 905-528-7988 x2399 or catechesis@hamilondiocese.com

Earth Day Event - Postponed

Due to the prediction of rain, The Lakeside Park Clean Up has been postponed until Saturday, April 27th. St. Francis parishioners are welcome and needed to make nearby parks cleaner. Volunteers are asked to meet near the swings parking lot, off 206 Lakeside Drive, between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. A potluck lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to bring food and a donation for the Foodbank. It's a great chance to meet your neighbours, make new friends and clean up Mother Earth.

The Major Reliquary of St. Andre Bessette

(Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. Beginning at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the relics of Brother Andre will then visit St. Thomas Parish, Waterdown, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington, St. Basil Parish, Brantford, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener, and Holy Family Parish, Hanover. See the Diocesan Website (<https://tinyurl.com/ybnk3abu>) for dates and times. This is a blessed opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our Canadian-born Saints! We are grateful to the Holy Cross Community at St. Joseph's Oratory for this opportunity!

Around Town

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo - Invites you for Lunch in honour of Mother's Day, on Sunday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your whole family (Tickets are limited). For more information and to purchase tickets: please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext.3 or email

lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Ticket price \$20 each. Includes hot lunch served buffet style. Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are on Sale Now!!!!

DIOCESAN CHOIR- The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. If you're interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

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, April 20, 2024**. Register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

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 online at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfaf2ut>.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY - St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Monday, April 15**, Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ will be speaking on the topic of science and truth. For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LCE>

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL APRIL 25th - Join us from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. for the screening of **Bigger than Us**. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at:** <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>.