

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com">pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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<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:

[Hamilton Diocese](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)



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

## April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me."*

*-John 10:14*



## MASS INTENTIONS

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Guy Sr., Joan & Guy Jr. Ferraccioli  
- The Ferraccioli Family

### Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Linda Carmichael  
-Helen Shantz

### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Int. Mischa, Isle & Natasha Kyssa  
– Michaela Serschen

### Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> - Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Lolly Zachari  
-Sandy Milne

### Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Esther & Philip Akondeng  
-Phyllis Akondeng

+Jim Fraser

-Carol Fraser

+Colin Anderson

-Mary Anderson

+Jack Cottenie

-Therese Dufresne

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni  
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni

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

### No Children's Liturgy

April 28<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup>

Please note that there will be no children's liturgy at the 9 AM mass on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, due to the First Holy Communions taking place.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 13/14	\$4,239.75
2024 Total Collection	\$83,637.65
2024 Total Budget	\$313,500.00

## THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. April 22: Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu

Tues. April 23: Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico

Wed. April 24: Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)

Thu. April 25: Rev. James Petrie

Fri. April 26: Rev. David Wilhelm

Sat. April 27: Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I

## 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

Prayer Shawl Mtg (R) 1:00 pm

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

### Thursday

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

### Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Weekend

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Rehearsal 10:00 am

### Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Weekend

### Come and See – Day Retreat

How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on May 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Parish. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit

<https://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/>

## Catholic Women's League Corner

### 52 Reasons to talk about the CWL

**Advocacy** – C.W.L. members educate themselves on how to make their voice heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard!

**Belonging** – Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so ... WELCOME to the C.W.L.... you belong with us.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/ys58zpec>

### Upcoming Events

**June 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** (after all Masses) – Coffee Social

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Mass and Potluck

We hope to see all you ladies there! ☺

## Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## 350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

This year marks the 350<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: 905-528-7988 x2399 or [catechesis@hamilondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamilondiocese.com)

## Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place!



Join us as we support Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother's Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>) to Father's Day (June

16<sup>th</sup>)! These six weeks give us a special opportunity to come together and make a tangible difference in the lives of young mothers and their children in our community. By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place's programs, offering housing, education, counseling, and more to those in need. Baby bottles will be available at St. Francis starting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's embrace the spirit of giving and compassion as we uplift and empower these families towards brighter futures. For more information on Marillac Place, please call (519) 571-0722 x 2, send us an email at [admin@marillacplace.ca](mailto:admin@marillacplace.ca) or visit our website: [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca). Thank you for your continued support that changes lives!

## 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!

# Earth Month Events

## **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---hudderconnie3@gmail.com or Reinhart Schreiter:519-570-3469---rkschreiter@hotmail.com

## **Lakeside Park Clean Up**

The Lakeside Park Clean Up will take place on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Earth Day at AO Farm**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., “we invite you to acknowledge and celebrate our beautiful planet! A Knowledge Keeper will conduct a First Nations ceremony to help us heal the Earth. This is a rain or shine event, so please dress accordingly. AO Farm is located at 1160 Spitzig Rd., Woolwich. Parking is available at Woodland Christian High School next door. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yckymrbx>

## **Around Town**

### **Special Film and Panel**

**“Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis”** is a special film and panel discussion event on Sunday, April 28, from 1 – 4 p.m., at Waterloo’s Princess Twin Cinema. Admission is \$20 at the door, and parishioners and church members are especially invited because of our understanding of Creation as a gift from God to be cherished and defended from abuse. This event is mounted by local journalists, many of whom are friends of the local Christian and interfaith communities. Details and advance tickets are available at <https://www.ink-stainedwretches.org/film-festival.html>

## **Walking from Guelph to Midland**

WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT: nourishing your spirituality, enjoying the great outdoors, getting great exercise: 20+km per day and having fun and enjoying good company! Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to [www.ignatiusguelph.ca](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2024.