

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 28th, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

*"Abide in me as I abide in you, says the Lord; my
branches bear much fruit."*

-John 15:1-8



MASS INTENTIONS April 30th – May 5th

Tuesday, 30th – St. Marie De L'Incarnation

9:00 a.m. +Eileen Cox

- Helen and Linda

Wednesday, 1st – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +John Bauer

-Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth

Thursday, 2nd – St. Athanasius, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Int. Randy Hepditch

- The Shantz Family

Friday, 3rd – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

9:00 a.m. +Joan Ferraccioli

-Pat Draves & Family

+ Eileen Cox

-Helen & Murray Shantz

Saturday, 4th – 6th Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Ken and Mildred Fisher

-The Fisher Family

+Inge Serschen

-Michaela Serschen

+Francis Hehn

-The Hehn Family

Int. Jim & Dave Germann

-Fran Pitz

Int. Maria Ferreira and Family

Sunday, 5th – 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. +Walter & Joanna Tatarek

-The Tatarek Family

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

No Children's Liturgy April 28th & May 5th

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 20/21

\$4,589.50

2024 Total Collection

\$88,227.15

2024 Total Budget

\$313,500.00

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. April 29: Rev. Guillermo Diaz

Tues. April 30: Rev. Paul Edmondstone

Wed. May 1: International Worker's Day

Thu. May 2: Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

Fri. May 3: Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

Sat. May 4: Grandparents & the Elderly

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

Friday

Adoration

9:30 am

Saturday

1st Holy Communion Weekend

1st Holy Communion Rehearsal

10:00 am

Sunday

1st 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 25th 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

Change – Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the C.W.L. It has all these values at the heart of its mission.

Charity – C.W.L. Councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others.

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! ☺

St. Francis Prayer Network

Our Prayer Network needs more volunteers!!! This ministry is looking for people who are able and willing to pray for others. It is a low-level commitment ministry and can be participated in either over the phone or via email. When prayer requests are received at the church, you will be contacted via your preferred method of communication with the details, to add them to your prayers. If you are on the phone network, you may be asked to call one other person to pass the intention along. Prayer requests are submitted with names, or anonymously and can vary; from someone who is ill, looking for work, dealing with mental health issues, or celebrating a life! If you can help, please contact the parish office 519-745-7301. Thank you to all those who volunteer to pray for others. It is very much appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Roses for Life



After Masses on May 4th/5th, the Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church for their annual Roses for Life program.

This program freely distributes small roses which can be worn on a jacket or coat lapel and is designed to increase awareness of pro-life issues. These roses

are free, however you will be able to make a donation to help the Knights support pro-life initiatives, and provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

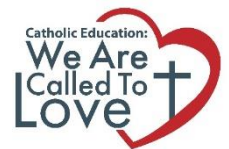
5th Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

But the truth is, Jesus does not call us to be someone other than who we truly are. He knows who we are, because He abides in us, in that deepest place of our identity, of who we are. The vocation that God is calling you to is nothing more and nothing less than becoming who you are.

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

Catholic Education Week 2024

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Since 1841, Catholic schools and their graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12) With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future.



Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place!



Join us as we support Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother's Day (May 12th) to Father's Day (June 16th)! 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 4th. 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 or visit our website: www.marillacplace.ca. Thank you for your continued support that changes lives!

Fr. Toby Visits Tanzania

On behalf of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. is currently in Tanzania, visiting the Resurrectionist Mission! Check out his videos as he journeys to a new place where the Resurrectionist charism of hope is being embraced once again:



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!

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

Around Town

Walking from Guelph to Midland – August 3-10, 2024 - Nourish your spirituality, enjoy the great outdoors, get great exercise: 20+km per day and enjoy good company! For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine 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 (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2024.

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

Afternoon Tea - Join us for an ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA on Saturday, May 11th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6 – 12 years. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.