

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 7th, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

*"You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are
those who have not seen and yet believe".*

-John 20:29



MASS INTENTIONS

April 9th – 14th

Tuesday, 9th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Jim Fraser

- Anne Pritchard

Wednesday, 10th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Maria Cabral

Thursday, 11th – St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 a.m. Int. Carol Fraser

- Joan Ferraccioli

Friday, 12th - Ferial (School Mass)

9:30 a.m. +Fr. Terry Sehl

-Mary Kuntz

Saturday, 13th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Eileen Cox

-The Late Kay Warner

+Michael Hinschberger

-Anne Pritchard

Int. Doug & Katrina Vince

-C.E.E. Canada

+Dec. members of the Hudak Family

-Maria Stegne

+Jim Fraser

-Helen & Murray Shantz

Sunday, 14th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Int. Marie & Brian Lynch & Family

-Kathryn & Steve Finn

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

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 30/31	\$4,443.00
Easter Collection	\$4,345.00
2024 Total Collection	\$73,955.40
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

Baptism Prep (C) 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Thursday

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm

CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @ 9AM Mass

1st Eucharist Mtg. 1:00 pm

St. Paul's School Mass

Mass with our St. Paul students will take place this Friday, April 12th, at 9:30 AM. All are welcome. The office will be closed during this time.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. April 8: The Annunciation of the Lord

Tues. April 9: Rev. Allen Varlaki

Wed. April 10: Permanent Deacons

Thu. April 11: Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D

Fri. April 12: Rev. Jerzy Tomon

Sat. April 13: Parents and Guardians

Half Day – Monday April 8th

To mitigate any danger related to the solar eclipse taking place on Monday, the Diocese has announced that all parish offices are to be closed by 1:00 p.m. Please note that the St. Francis office will be closing at this time.

The Goose Has Landed



Please be aware that we once again have a goose nesting in the rainwater garden, beside the main parking lot. The area has been roped up. Please be respectful and keep your distance when entering and exiting the church. The gander can be aggressive and protective.

Games Afternoon



Join us for this month's games afternoon on Thursday April 11th, from 2pm – 4pm in the church hall! Bring your favourite board game, or borrow one of ours, and enjoy some time together with friends as you play! There is no cost and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought in non-perishable food items for this year's Holy Thursday Food Drive. Through your generosity, we were able to donate 627lbs. of food to the House of Friendship! These items will be distributed to those in need in our community. A very special thank you to our volunteers who ran this event, especially Melodie Mensch who took the lead!

Earth Day Event

The Lakeside Park Clean Up is happening on Saturday, April 13th and 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. Please note, that instead of a pizza lunch, a potluck lunch will happen shortly before noon. 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.

Good Friday Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated money on Good Friday. This money is collected for the very important cause of supporting the church in the Holy Land, in its pastoral, educational, and social works and helps to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. Together, we raise \$1,962.00!

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation Workshops

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer an Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation Workshop on **Saturday, April 20th, 2024** at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, with check-in at the parish beginning at 9am. Lunch is included. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 12th, 2024. Cost is \$30.00. To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3hutrb52>

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

2nd Sunday or Easter – April 7, 2024

Although the Apostles had heard witnesses proclaim that Jesus had risen, they were still consumed by fear. They had "locked the house and their hearts" (St. Peter Chrysologus). Their minds were darkened with grief. Yet, another encounter with Christ and His words, "peace be with you", completely transformed their state. Is there an area where you need such peace? Christ continues to infuse our lives with peace and courage, empowering us to proclaim His message of hope.

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR, Vocation Team;
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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

Around Town

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/> .

A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.