

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](#)



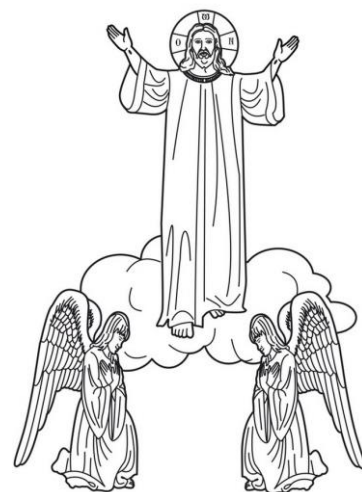
*"We are a Christ-centered faith
community seeking to be
instruments of God's peace."*

May 12th, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

*"Go make disciples of all nations. I am with you
always, to the end of the age.*

-Matthew 28:19-20



MASS INTENTIONS

May 13th – 19th

Tuesday, 14th – St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00 a.m. +Isabel Fonseca & Deceased Family
- Leonor & Carlos Fonseca

Wednesday, 15th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Cathie Attwater
- Mary-Elizabeth Walker

Thursday, 16th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Theresia Bauer
- Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth

Friday, 17th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Rick & Eva Englehutt
-Sandy Milne

Saturday, 18th – Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. + Carol & Richard Mayer
-The Binyon Family
+ Bill & Donna Renaud
-Michelle Krulicki
+Mary Frankovic
-Schaefer & Emery Families
+Deceased members of Degilio
& Bergamin Families
-Alvina Bergamin
+Lorne MacDonald
-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
Int. Helen Bisaillon
-Anna Eberl

Sunday, 19th – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m. +Bert Rowe
-Beth Rowe & Family

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 4/5 \$5,387.00
2024 Total Collection \$97,987.65
2024 Total Budget \$313,500.00

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 13: Rev. Marko Stefanec
Tues. May 14: Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Wed. May 15: Sisters Servants of Mary
Immaculate (S.S.M.I)
Thu. May 16: Rev. Charles Jordan
Fri. May 17: Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Sat. May 18: Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Tuesday

Baptism Prep 11:30 am & 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Saturday

Confirmation Rehearsal 10:00 am

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @ 9AM Mass
Confirmation 2:00 pm

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/>

Wear Red for Pentecost!

In honour of the joyous celebration of Pentecost, we encourage you to wear **RED** to Mass next weekend, May

18th/19th, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.



Catholic Women's League Corner

52 Reasons to talk about the CWL

Connection - A C.W.L. Council is parish-based, yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. How connected are you? You will meet women from your region, Diocese, Province and country by becoming involved in your Parish C.W.L. Council. Your place is among us!

Courage - If you only knew the courage of C.W.L. members. In the 1920's, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 Councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us!

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! ☺

Mini Emmaus 2024

Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Groups, and Young People from grade 2 to 12! Join us on Saturday June 1st from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for our second annual "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Scan this QR code to register by May 26th, and we hope to see you at this great event!



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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Since my homily on February 10/11 on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Father Murray and I have had multiple requests for anointing – in hospital, at home, in institutions. We are happy about this, knowing that the Lord will act through the Sacrament to bring strength, peace, and healing! It continues to be a misunderstood (and unused) Sacrament, as many still see it as 'Last Rites'. Its name and its theology proclaims it is for the sick, for healing, and to be celebrated in family/community. Beginning this month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick **after the 9:00 a.m. Mass the last Wednesday of every month.** This provides an opportunity for individuals and families to approach the Sacrament in their illness and before surgery.

-Fr. Paul, C.R.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of May 18-19, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians" who, after all the masses, will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. You can visit and support them at www.HolylandChristians.ca. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

Ascension of the Lord – May 12, 2024

A vocation is not a “job” God wants you to do, it is a “sign” God wants you to be. God will give us “signs” along the way, but we should realize that they are all supposed to point to the kind of life God is inviting us to live, the way God wants us to be a sign to others of the good news.

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team;

www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see

National Week of Family and Life

The Hamilton Diocese joins Dioceses across Canada in celebrating the National Week of Family and Life from **May 13-19th**. The 2024 week draws its theme, **“Love hopes all things,”** from the words of St. Paul: “[Love] endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:7). The CCCB encourages all of us, throughout this week, to be united in prayer, reflection, and action, demonstrating our active support for family and life. The virtue of hope, together with faith and love, allows us to foster deep and lasting relationships within our families, with others, and with God. Through God’s love, we see others with ‘the light of hope’ (AL,117), adopting the compassionate gaze of Christ and witnessing to his steadfast and merciful love. For daily activities that seeks to emphasize the joy and beauty of family and life, and help you engage more fully in the week, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y5w67bs4>

Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place!



Baby bottles are now available at the main entrance of the church! 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 12th. 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 new videos as he journeys to a new place where the Resurrectionist charism of hope is being embraced once again: <https://stfranciskw.ca/2024/04/25/fr-toby-collins-c-r-in-tanzania/>

Around Town

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19 at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo (53 Allen St. East). The camp will run all day (9AM - 4 PM). Campers may register for the whole day, or half a day. The mornings will be focused on the Space theme with faith intertwined through all activities. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, with the Space theme. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the morning VBS only. Registration is open. Forms available from St. Louis parish website Welcome Page at www.saintlouisparish.ca or by contacting Kelly Krause at St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101, or kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com.

Vacation Bible School Camps Available in the Neighborhood

- Calvin Presbyterian Church/Forest Hill United are hosting a Vacation Bible School on July 2-5 from 8:30 - 3:00 pm Cost is \$50.00 per child. They do need volunteers to help with the school. Contact Kyla at 519-744-4061 to register for the program or to volunteer as a leader.
- Faith Lutheran church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School July 8-12 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. It is free, but you must register for the program. Call the parish office at 519-745-6422