

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 5th, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

*"Those who love me will keep my word, and my
Father will love them, and we will come to them."*

-John 14:23



MASS INTENTIONS

May 7th – 12th

Tuesday, 7th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Joan Ferraccioli
- Muza

Wednesday, 8th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Maria Cabral
-Helen Shantz

Thursday, 9th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Phyllis Blake
- Loreen & Hank Boldt

Friday, 10th - Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Terry Sehl
-The Buchanan Family

Saturday, 11th – The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. +Catherine Warner
-The Warner Family
+Natasha Prilesnek
-Nancy Frankovic
+Peter, Rose, Robert & Mary Bergamin
-Alvina Bergamin
Int. Susan Tarquino
-Anna Eberl

Sunday, 12th – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m. +David Buchanan
-St. Francis Choir

No Children's Liturgy This Sunday

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

Office Closed for Staff Meeting

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday May 8th from 1:30 PM until approximately 3 PM for a staff meeting. We apologize for the inconvenience.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 27/28 \$4,306.00
2024 Total Collection \$92,600.65
2024 Total Budget \$313,500.00

THIS WEEK'S HOMILY



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

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 6: **St. Francois de Laval**
Patron of the Bishops of Canada
Tues. May 7: **Very Rev. David Wynen**
Wed. May 8: **Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C)**
Thu. May 9: **Rev. Mark Morley**
Fri. May 10: **Very Rev. Adrian Lee**
Sat. May 11: **Rev. Fadi Rizk**

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

Games Aft. (H) 2:00 pm
CGS Lvl I (A) 4:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @ 9AM Mass

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

Compassion – Do you recognize the human dignity in all people? Do you feel motivated to do something to help others? C.W.L. members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society. How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.

Confidence – The C.W.L. relies on the teachings of the Catholic Church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident – come walk with 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! ☺

Wear Red for Pentecost!



In honour of the joyous celebration of Pentecost, we encourage you to wear **RED** to Mass the weekend of May 18th/19th, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Laudato Si Team Meeting

All who are interested in learning more, or joining the Laudato Si Team, are welcome to attend the upcoming Zoom Meeting, taking place on Tuesday May 9th at 7 P.M. For more information, contact the parish office (519-745-7301) or Clayton Klaver (519-744-8381).

Games Afternoon



Join us for this month's games afternoon on Thursday May 9th 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.

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.

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.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

6th Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024

"You did not choose me, but I chose you". A true vocation is not merely a personal choice or career path – it is an invitation from God. It is a deep realization that God has appointed us to "go and bear fruit, fruit that will last". If you're discerning whether God is calling you to a religious life, why not join us for a Come and See Day?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR;

www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see

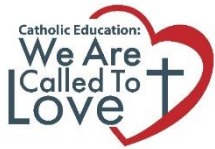
Knights of Columbus Roses for Life



After Masses this weekend, 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.

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 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/>

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.

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 lourdeswaterlochurch@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.