

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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[www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

## **Lord's Day Masses – with distancing**

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## **Weekday Masses – with distancing**

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:**

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**住宿:**

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Miss Ruthann Fisher

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**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:**

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



## January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The Word became flesh and lived among us. To all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God."*

~John 1:14,12

## MASS INTENTIONS      January 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+ Jane Sweeney – Gary McGaffin
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+ Anne and John Fischer – Sandy Milne Int. of Jane Pritchard – Bowers & Ian Bowers – Anne Pritchard
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+Mark Flood – Jerry & Joanne White
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+Freda Cole – Anne Darby - Watchorn
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Anne Fisher – Doug Fisher + Joe Gouveia – Maria Gouveia & Family + Teresa Nguyen – Nguyen Family +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh +Marie Ferguson – Margaret Huston
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Michael Hearn – Mary Liz Hearn
11:00 a.m.	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis Parish

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### **Monday**

Senior's Gentle Exercise (H)                      2:30 pm  
Overeaters Anonymous (H)                      7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

CGS Level I (A)                                      4:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & Eucharist Parent Mtg    7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins*

Senior's Gentle Exercise (H)                      2:30 pm  
CGS Level I (A)                                      4:00 pm

#### **Thursday**

Choir    7:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

Children's Liturgy (ER)                              At 9am Mass  
Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration        2:00 pm

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan 7/8 Collection                                      \$4188.25  
2023 Total Budget                                      TBC

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 16: **Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma**  
Tues. Jan. 17: **Rev. Francis Hubilla**  
Wed. Jan. 18: **Youth Ministers**  
Thu. Jan. 19: **Rev. Luc Payett**  
Fri. Jan. 20: **Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei**  
Sat. Jan. 21: **Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.**

### FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click picture below to listen to the current homily.



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

## PENITENTIAL RITE in CREE

Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
( Lord	have mercy. )
Chris – tos	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
(Christ	have mercy. )
Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
( Lord	have mercy. )
Te-pe-ni-ci-ke-yan	ki-ti-ma-ke-ni-ci-ke
( Lord	have mercy. )

## Check the Weather!

Just a reminder to please check the weather prior to attending Weekday Mass. If the conditions are dangerous, please use your best judgement when deciding to travel.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration!



The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches welcomes back our in person Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration! This event will include participation from Calvin Presbyterian Church,

Forest Hill United Church, Highland Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church, and St. Steven's Lutheran Church as well as our hosts St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. This year's event has been adapted from the international program written by the Ecumenical Community in Minnesota concentrating on the current day descendants of enslaved African American and Indigenous peoples of Minnesota. The liturgy attempts to convey the emotions, struggles and hopes of a people considered apart from their communities. The theme of the program is based on Isaiah 1:17 "Do Good, Seek Justice". All are invited to join us on **Sunday January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener)**. Free will offering will be accepted in support of the Anishnabeg Outreach Centre in Kitchener. Contact 519-745-7301 if you have questions. A small reception will conclude the service.

## 2022 Tax Receipts

Your 2022 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in January. **When they are ready** we will invite you to

pick them up after Mass or in the parish office, or mail them to those who cannot pick them up.

## Children's Liturgy – Call for Volunteers

Our Children's Liturgy Ministry is looking for volunteers to help run the program, which takes place during 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in helping, or would like additional information (i.e. commitment, responsibilities etc.), please contact Ruthann at the Parish Office.

## First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Parent Meeting

A reminder to parents of those students who will be receiving their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Sacraments this year, that there will be a Parent Meeting on Tuesday January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Ruthann at the Parish Office

## 2023 Parish Envelopes

Are still available for pickup in the main foyer of the church after weekend masses, or they can be picked up during the week from the office. If you use Direct Deposit please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up. If you wish to sign up for Direct Deposit, please contact the Parish Office.

## Mardi Grad Dinner is Back!

Our annual Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Dinner is taking place this year on Shrove **Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 pm**. More details to come! We do need volunteers to help and make this event another great success!! If you're able to help out, please contact Ruthann at the Parish office.

## Pastoral Visits to the Homebound

Fr. Murray will continue his visits to the "HOMEBOUND and SHUT-INS". These visits can be, just visits, or Father can offer you the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation and/or Holy Communion. If you are interested, please call St. Francis Parish and leave your name, phone number and address with St. Francis' Administration Assistant, Amanda Sage.

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **33 Days to Morning Glory - Marian**

**Consecration** - On January 24th begins a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, (Tuesday mornings after the 9 AM Mass - from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East in Waterloo) we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a short video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat for you. For more info and to order your copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 or [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com).

**BEYOND THE PEW Speaker Series** – Come and join us at St. Clements Parish (745 Duke Street, Cambridge) from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on the dates listed below to hear from insightful speakers, with “boots on the ground” experience, share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health and Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity, to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion. Not to be missed. January 24, 2023 - Joe Mancini, Co-founder, The Working Centre; February 21, 2023 - Wayne Paddick, Executive Director, Bridges & Bryan May, MP Cambridge; March 21, 2023 - Lisa Legault, Society Saint Vincent De Paul & Eva Vlasov, Executive Director, Argus Residence & a Region of Waterloo Police Officer. Free will offering. Register at the parish office [stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com) or 519-653-6123

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is Back!** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in **early January** at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Mastering your Money** - A Financial Wellness Presentation. With financial worries being the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles, the need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. The Diocese of Hamilton is sponsoring a free Zoom session on Financial Wellness: Lessons on Mastering your Money, led by Mr. Fred Masters, President and Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. He has delivered dozens and dozens of personal financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This session will take place on **Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:30 pm**. Register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/events) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

### **RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
John 1:29-34

If we do not experience a clear sense of “call” or “vocation” in our lives at the moment, perhaps it is because we are not – or have stopped – personally searching for the face of the Lord. A vocation is a call, and it must come from another person, other than ourselves. To discover or to rediscover our vocation is as simple as genuinely returning to our search for the face of Jesus. He is calling us. He is waiting for us.

Read the full story at [resurrectionists.ca](http://resurrectionists.ca)

For more about vocation discernment,  
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