

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## **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:**

Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.

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**住宿:**

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**Pastoral Minister:**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us  
life through the Gospel"*

~2 Timothy 1

## January 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, Doctor (M)</i>	+Michael & Bernie Kelly – Don & Linda Macdonald
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Feast of: The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle</i>	Int. Connie and Donna Voll – Helen Shantz
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am.	<i>St. Timothy and St. Titus (M)</i>	Int. Mark, Jodi & Josh Pritchard – Anne Pritchard + Josephine Gillespie – Tom & Betty Boyd
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+John Rybanski – Hank & Loreen Boldt
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni – Maurizio Ianni + Frank Voisin – Elizabeth Mackinnon
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis Parish
11:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	+Carl Kuntz – Mary Kuntz

## 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

**Wednesday**

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (E)	1:00 pm
Senior's Gentle Exercise (H)	2:30 pm
CGS Level I (A)	4:00 pm

## Saturday

CGS Level 1 Training (H, A) 8:30 am

***Sunday***

Children's Liturgy (ER) At 9am Mass

## 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.**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan 14/15 Collection	\$4507.25
<b>2023 Total Budget</b>	<b>TBC</b>

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 23: **Rev. Francisco Sordo**

**Tues. Jan. 24: Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D**

**Wed. Jan. 25: Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)**

Thu. Jan. 26: **Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil**

**Fri. Jan. 27: Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo**

Sat. Jan. 28: **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor**

## 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.

## THIS WEEKEND: 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.

## One Heart One Soul Campaign Update: St. Mary's Hospital Chapel Renovations

The staff at St. Mary's Hospital is thrilled to share with the parishioners of St. Francis Parish that the next step towards completing their chapel renovations is ready to begin. Their engineering team has confirmed that the work is now underway with an expected completion date in Spring 2023. The hospital team would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time. Your commitment ensure that patients, families and staff will continue to have a place where they can find comfort, peace and support.

## 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. For those

who have made donations to the One Heart One Soul Campaign, tax receipts will be mailed out in February.

## 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.

## 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.

## WCDSB Registration 2023-2024

It's time to sign up for the 2023-24 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 [Catholic elementary schools](#) has never been easier. Children born in **2019** are eligible for **Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)**. Children born in **2018** are eligible for **Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)**. Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the [Register for School](#) link on the [WCDSB Homepage](#) and then choosing [Kindergarten Registration](#). To finalize your child's registration, please contact your [local Catholic school](#) directly.

## **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

**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

**Compassionate Care Workshop** - Join us on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in welcoming Compassionate Community Care's Director Kathy Matusiak Costa, and Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition to learn more about their important work and charity, Compassionate Community Care (CCC). CCC offers two dynamic education and volunteer training programs, the ***Patient Advocacy Training*** and ***Being With, My Story Volunteer Training***. This friendly session will provide an overview of both programs, their facilitators, along with the practical approaches and key insights of why these trainings are so important and needed among the Diocese of Hamilton for our parishioners. We are offering this session both in person at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, or by zoom. You can register on line [here](#) or call the Family Ministry Office and talk to Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE**

### **January 22nd, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

What are some of the nets in your life? What are some of the things you think you absolutely cannot go without in life? Jesus does not want to erase them from your life, but is He inviting you to do something different with them?

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

For more about vocation discernment,  
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