

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: 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:	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@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:

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*“We are a Christ-centered faith
community seeking to be
instruments of God’s peace.”*



March 19th, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

*“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have
the light of life”.*
~ John 8:12

MASS INTENTIONS March 21st – March 26th, 2023

Tuesday, 21st 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	+Moe Webster – Sandy Milne
Wednesday, 22nd 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	Int. Luke Nyenhuis – Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.
7:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Series</i>	+Tom Doczi – Hospitality Ministers
Thursday 23rd 9:00 am.	<i>Weekday</i>	+John Harder – Elizabeth Harder
Friday 24th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i>	Int. Helen Shantz – Linda Carmichael & Eileen Cox
Saturday 25th 5:00 p.m.	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	+Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni – Maurizio Ianni +Ray & Ruth O'Brien – Elise Carmody & Family + Carl Kuntz – Ruthann Fisher +Larry Watchorn – Cathy Vanzielegem +Tula Souroukis – Louis Mary & Loretta Fulep
Sunday 26th 9:00 a.m.	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	For the Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	+ Esther & Philip Akondeng – Phyllis Akondeng

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H)	2:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (R)	7:00 pm

Tuesday

CGS Level I (AR)	4:00 pm
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Wednesday

Senior's Gentle Exercise (H)	2:30 pm
CGS Level I (AR)	4:00 pm
Lenten Series – Fr. Raphael Ma C.R.	7:00pm

Thursday

Seniors Luncheon (H)	12:00 pm
Choir Practice (CH)	7:30 pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross (CH)	7:00 pm
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Sunday

Children's Liturgy (ER)	At 9am Mass
The Chosen Lenten Series (H)	7:00 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar 20: **St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & The Universal Church**

Tues. Mar 21: **Rev. Laszlo Amaszka**

Wed. Mar 22: **Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)**

Thu. Mar 23: **Rev. Piotr Golinski**

Fri. Mar 24: **Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki**

Sat. Mar 25: **The Annunciation of the Lord**

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 11/12 Collection	\$4,070.50
2023 Total Collection	\$49,481.74
2023 Total Budget	\$280,000.00
Turkey/Syria Relief Total	\$5,221.75

Holy Week at St. Francis of Assisi Church

With only two weeks until Palm Sunday, check out the upcoming schedule for Holy Week at our Parish!



Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday April 1st

5:00 PM

Sunday April 2nd

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Holy Thursday Mass

Thursday April 6th

7:30 PM

Followed by Adoration in the Resurrection Room until 11:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday April 7th

11:00 AM – Family Liturgy

3:00 PM – Solemn Service



Easter Vigil

Saturday April 8th

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 9th

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Palm Splitting Party!

After 9 AM Mass on **Friday March 31st**, Parishioners are invited to join us downstairs, in the Parish Hall, to help split the Palms and get them ready the upcoming Sunday's Mass! All are welcome!

Lenten Series at St. Francis Forgiveness and Reconciliation Week 4 – Fr. Raphael Ma, R.C.

Join us at St. Francis this **Wednesday March 22nd** for our fourth Lenten Series special presentation on the topic of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.**, and feature an extended homily given by **Fr. Raphael Ma C.R.!!** After Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent, at 7:00 p.m., to participate in the Stations of the Cross. This week's reflections will be led by the Knights of Columbus.

Celebrating the Word

Celebrating the Word will once again meet this Monday March 20th at 7PM in the Resurrection Room! We will be reflecting on next Sunday's readings using material put out by The Congregation of the Resurrection. All are welcome.

Share Lent

Week 4 – March 19th

Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at www.devp.org/lent.

Just a Few Weeks Left!

We continue our journey through Season 1 of The Chosen during our "Come and See" Lenten Series! Join us each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. to watch an episode from The Chosen and rediscover your relationship with Jesus and learn how to pray using scripture. If you're not able to attend in person, you can still follow along---see website, www.stfranciskw.ca for more information.

Join the Prayer Network Ministry!

One of the best ways we can look after and support one another is through prayer. Here at St. Francis we have a team of parishioner's who are a part of the Prayer Network Ministry. When a prayer request is received by the church, these individuals are contacted, and the request is added into their personal prayer time. As a member of this ministry, your responsibility would be to simply pray for those who ask for prayers. You can receive the request information via phone or email, depending on your preference. If this type of ministry appeals to you, please contact Amanda at the parish office, 519-745-7301, for more information. Thank you for helping us continue to pray for one another.

Mass of Chrism

All are invited to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton, on **Monday April 3, 2023, at 2 P.M.** During this Mass, the Bishop will consecrate the Holy Chrism and bless the other oils. This Holy Chrism is then used throughout the year to anoint the newly-baptized, to seal the faithful in Confirmation, and to anoint the hands of Priests and the heads of Bishops at their Ordination.

AROUND TOWN

Upcoming Lenten Penitential Services

Date	Time	Location
Wed. Mar. 22	7:00 PM	St. Anne's
Thurs. Mar. 23	7:00 PM	St. Mark's
	7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira
Tues. Mar. 28	6:00 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes
	7:00 PM	St. Joseph
	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Seven Sorrows
Wed. Mar. 29	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Thurs. Mar. 30	7:00 PM	Blessed Sacrament
Fri. Mar. 31	7:00 PM	St. Anthony Daniel
Sat. Apr. 1	4:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila (Kitchener)
Wed. Apr. 5	8AM- 9PM	St. Michaels

Mini Lenten Retreat – Jesus is our Light - The Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to spend 20 minutes in prayer each Sunday this Lent, using their mini Lenten Retreat videos. The retreats focus on the Sunday Gospel and follow a Lectio Divina format, including times for personal reflection. Every Sunday a new video will be available on the Congregation of the Resurrection website, www.resurrectionists.ca, we hope you will participate in these retreats as you are able.

Good Friday Fish Fry - The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is gearing up for another Good Friday Fish Fry here at the Columbus Conference Centre (145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo)! Inside seating starts at 1p.m. and will continue, on the hour, until the last seating at 6 p.m. The costs are: 1 piece dinner for \$15.00 and 2 piece dinner for \$20.00. Each dinner also includes fries, a roll and slaw. Reservations are required. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve your seating time or to place your Take-Out order.

Mini Retreat, “Mary’s YES Today” - You are invited to join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira for a **mini retreat** on **Saturday, March 25th** from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. followed by the Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The retreat is facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Rosemary Howarth, Celeste Reinhart and Barbara Paleczny. All are welcome. Please register for the retreat by calling the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE

March 19 -4th Sunday of Lent

No matter what our vocation may be, we will eventually reach the point where things just don't make any sense. But in these moments, we discover our vocation. Because when we can no longer see the way forward, we have no choice – if we want to continue – but to listen, to believe the One who is calling us. It is this act of faith that reopens the horizon, and enables us to see things as they really are.

Read the full story at resurrectionists.ca

For more about vocation discernment, contact

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