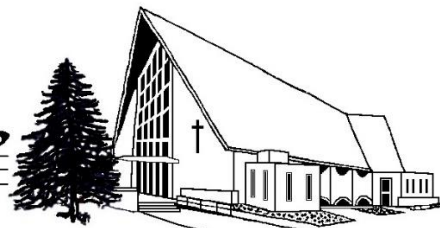




# st. Francis of Assisi Parish

49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener N2M 4E2 519-745-7301 [www.stfranciskw.ca](http://www.stfranciskw.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.

## Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

## Funerals, Baptisms, Marriages

Please call the parish office.

### Pastor:

Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.

[pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Priest in Res.

Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.

[mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Pastoral Minister:

Miss Ruthann Fisher

[rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Music Ministry:

Mrs. Terrienne Moulton

### Admin. Assistant:

Ms. Amanda Sage

### Building Manager:

Mr. Gary Howell

## Vocations Information:

[Hamilton Diocese](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)

## Parish Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

[stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

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

## August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"*

- Matthew 4:4

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Aug 5: Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.

Tues. Aug 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

Wed. Aug 7: School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)

Thu. Aug 8: Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.

Fri. Aug 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin

Sat. Aug 10: St. Lawrence

### Stewardship Report

July 27/28	\$4,134.00
<b>2024 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$152,979.36</b>
<b>2024 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$313,500.00</b>

### What's Happening this Week?

#### Monday

#### Office Closed

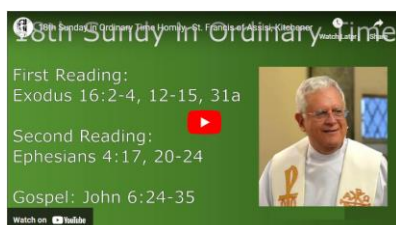
OEA (H) 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Seniors Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

### This Week's Homily

This week's homily at Mass will be given by Fr. Jojo George of the Missionaries of Compassion. See below for an additional homily from Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.



### Fire Extinguisher Trainer

We are looking for someone who has experience/knowledge of how to correctly use a fire extinguisher to train some of our volunteers. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact Ruthann at the parish office: 519-745-7301.

### Lost and Found

There are many items currently in our lost and found at the main entrance of the church. Please take some time after Mass this weekend to look through the items to see if any belong to you. Remaining items after this weekend will be donated.

### Paper Copies of Homily

Hard copies of this week's homily from Rev. Jojo George will be available at the main entrance of the church. Please feel free to pick one up if you, or anyone you know, would like one.

### Office Closed Monday

The office will be closed on Monday August 5th for the Civic Holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday.

### 52 Reasons to Join CWL

**LOVE**- Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love.

**MEANING** - Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

August 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> – The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 a.m. +Larry Kekish  
-Sandy Milne

### Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Joaquim Clemente  
-Leonor & Carlos Fonseca

### Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Dominic

9:00 a.m. +Luann Mahn  
- The Mahn Family

### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Jim Sehl  
-Loreen Boldt

### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. +Joan MacIsaac  
-Jerry & Joanne White

+Tim Fenton

-Joan & Jim O'Doherty

+Peter Bruder

-Gary & Cindy Mahn

### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

11:00 a.m. +Esther & Phillip Akondeng  
-Phyllis Akondeng

## Altar Servers Meeting and Lunch

All altar servers- youth and adult- are encouraged to attend a special meeting, and lunch, on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Come and meet other servers and Andrew Mendonca, co-ordinator of the ministry. We will be reviewing changes to the responsibilities during Mass. Please RSVP to Andrew [mendoncadrew@gmail.com](mailto:mendoncadrew@gmail.com) so that food can be ordered for you. Let him know if you have any food allergies.

## Hospitality Ministers Meeting

All Hospitality Ministers are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. Meet the new ministry co-ordinator, Alex Doczi, learn about the new roles for the ministry, and review the new safety and fire protocols. Please email Alex if you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting at [alexdoczi44@gmail.com](mailto:alexdoczi44@gmail.com). Alex has been a member of the 11 AM Hospitality team for many years, and we thank him for taking on this new role.

## Rev. Jojo George – Missionaries of Compassion

Rev. Jojo is visiting our parish this weekend from the Missionaries of Compassion, an Indian-borne Missionary Order. Its purpose is to exercise the compassionate ministry of Christ, by caring for the less fortunate: the destitute, the orphans, the children, the elderly, the poor, the sick, and to provide them with a better life. "In the short span of our foundation, by the grace of God, and the generosity of persons like you, we have 123 missionary-priests, working around the world and over 150 seminarians in formation. The visit of our Missionary to your parish is to seek the support of your prayers, and financial assistance to continue our work, which will be your annual participation in the Mission Co-op program of the diocese." There will be an opportunity to provide financial support to this ministry and envelopes are available in the pews. **Please make all cheques out to St. Francis Parish.** We will ensure the donations are sent to the Missionaries of Compassion.

## Grade 2's and 7's Sacraments

If your child is entering grade 2 or 7 in the fall, and you would like them to receive their First Communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation, please register them for our preparation program. The forms can be found on our website ([www.stfranciskw.ca](http://www.stfranciskw.ca)) under Sacraments, or contact the Parish Office. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, they will need to complete one of the Diocese's Correspondence Courses. You can register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5a3c3hu>.

Student and Parent Meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist is on **Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** Student and Parent Meeting for Confirmation is on **Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

## Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 4, 2024

...What do you hunger and thirst for? Has this change from "me" to "us" begun to take root in your life yet? A genuine vocation from God is always in some way a service to the community of disciples, the Church. As long as we pursue our vocation in a self-serving way, we will never be satisfied. But if we come to God and open up the question in light of our relationship with God, ourselves, and the wider community, our hunger and thirst will be satisfied in a lasting way.

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; Vocation Team;  
[resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

## Mass & Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 28, 2024 at 5pm, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca). RSVP required by Oct 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.



## Mark Your Calendars

During the Season of Creation, September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>, we are thrilled to welcome a special guest speaker here at St. Francis. Leah Ressor-Keller will be here on Sunday September 15 at 2PM. She is an exceptional speaker and we are pleased to have her come. No registration is required.

## Around Town

**FAITH AFTER GRADUATION** - The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>

**SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND TRIP-** May 4-17, 2025: Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of the parish community and their friends and family. \$4,695; deposit due mid-July. See the St. Teresa of Avila parish website ([www.stteresaelmira.ca](http://www.stteresaelmira.ca)) Events Page for itinerary and details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.