MASS INTENTIONS October 7th – 12th

Tuesday 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m.

Int. Maria Cabral

+ Theresa Slomke

-Molly Worden & Tom Slomke

Wednesday 8th - Ferial

9:00 a.m.

+Patricia Gray

-St. Francis CWL

Thursday 9th - Ferial

9:00 a.m.

+Randy Hepditch

-Gail Moir

Friday 10th - Ferial

9:00 a.m.

Special Intention

-Anne Pritchard

Saturday 11th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m.

+Michael Fehrenback

-Vic Thibault

+Beraki Ghebrai

-Tebetu

+Jack Barros & Antonio Costa

-Andy Cardoso

+John Brothers

-Marj Simon

Sunday, 12th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.

For the Parishioners of St. Francis

11:00 a.m.

Int. Ruthann Fisher

-George & Judith Booth

Stewardship Report

September 20/21	\$3,957.00
2025 Total Collection	\$197,919.72
2025 Total Budget	\$298,900.00

PENITENTIAL RITE in CREE

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

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What's Happening this Week?

Monday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Oct. 6: Rev. Luc Payette

Tues. Oct. 7: Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe

Wed. Oct 8: Chaplains

Thu. Oct 9: **Apostolate of the Laity**Fri. Oct 10: **Very Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil**

Sat. Oct 11: Rev. Francisco Sordo



Next weekend, October 11/12, we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items (i.e. Pasta, sauce, soups, canned vegetables and fruit etc.) for the House of Friendship. Carts will be available at the entrance of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. Please consider bringing your donation in a box or reusable bag.

Christmas Bazaar News Corner

Mark your Calendars: Saturday November 8th, 2025

Apples For Pies

Do you have an apple tree on your property? Not sure what to do with all of the delicious fruit that has grown? Consider donating them to our Parish Bazaar! Our team will use the apples to bake delicious, homemade pies to sell at our annual event. These are always popular items and sell like hotcakes....except they're pies. If you're interested, call the church office and Gary will come and pick/collect them!

Pie Making Bee

Do you like to bake? We are again holding a 'Pie Making Bee' to get one of our most popular Bazaar items ready! The 'Bee' will take place on **Tuesday, October 14**th at 9:30 AM in the church hall. All you need to bring is your best apple peeler and rolling pin. If you are able to help, please call Linda at 519-742-0656.

Donations for Raffles

One of the most popular attractions at our Bazaar is the high value raffle prizes! We're looking for donations for this event, in items or gift cards, valued at \$100 dollars! If you're able to contribute, please contact Linda at 519-742-0656. Thank you!

IN CASE OF FIRE

As part of the Diocesan process to ensure our parishes are protected, St. Francis has been asked to run a fire drill! This will take place in October during one of the Sunday Masses, and more details will be provided.

Why – Fire drills save lives – we need to be prepared.

How – We will start from the front and back pews, and divide the church into four quadrants. Those in the front half of the church will exit out the side door closest to them. Those in the back half will exit through the main doors of the church. Once outside everyone will proceed to the North end of the school parking lot, nearest Queen St.

Notes:

 If you require assistance, please remain seated and the ushers will be available as required.

- Do not go to your vehicle or attempt to move your vehicle – someone could get hurt
- Go slow, be respectful of children and the elderly.

More information will be presented closer to the date of the fire drill.

Blessing of the Animals

In honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be offering a blessing of animals THIS Saturday October 4th at 11AM. Please bring your pet to the parking lot near the peace garden, in front of the rectory house for the blessing.

Welcome Fr. Gomi Divakara Fernando

In August, Fr. Gomi from the Diocese of Kuranegala in Sri Lanka was scheduled to visit, however he was not able to make it at the last minute. So he will be visiting us next weekend, October 11/12, to talk about his Diocese's work dedicated to empowering marginalized communities, providing unconditional care, and raising health awareness for an inclusive and improved society. There will be an opportunity to donate financially to this mission if you desire, and envelopes will be provided. If you have already donated to this missionary co-op, please be assured that Fr. Gomi's Diocese will receive your generous donations.

Diocesan Vocations Month

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: https://tinyurl.com/y3whrkmp.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul's letter to Timothy this Sunday might make us more bold in our efforts to follow Jesus. "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." Am I willing to take the next step with someone who has already saved the world?

Fr. Toby Collins, CR: resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Supporting St. Francis Parish For the Next 100 Years

Please remember St. Francis Parish, Kitchener, when creating or updating your will. Thank you for your consideration

Diocesan Announcements

those currently in Grade 10! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. Registration for this year's cohort closes on October 24th! For more information and to register please visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/

NOVENA TO SAINT CARLO ACUTIS Join the Office of Youth Ministry and young people around the Diocese in praying the Novena to Saint Carlo Acutis, towards his first feast day as a canonized saint. The Novena is available to download by visiting: https://bit.ly/3WaUTQx

STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE — Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. Join us for our upcoming weekend Oct. 17 (evening), 18 and 19th because no marriage is beyond hope. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org, or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org, or call 905-664-5212.

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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.

Vocations Information:

Hamilton Diocese
Congregation of the Resurrection

Pastor: Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.

(pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com)

Priest in Res. Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.

(mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez

(pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com)

Pastoral Minister: Lei Ann Wade

(lawade@hamiltondiocese.com)

Music Ministry: Mrs. Terrianne Moulton
Admin. Assistant: Ms. Amanda Sage

Building Manager: Mr. Lazaro Escobar

Asst. Building Mgr.: Mr. Gary Howell

Parish Office

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



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

October 5th, 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom" -Matthew 11:25

