

MASS INTENTIONS December 16th – 21st

Tuesday 16th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Mark & Jodi Pritchard & Family**
-Anne Pritchard

Wednesday 17th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Lorne MacDonald**
-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
+Rita Spiloway
-St. Francis CWL

Thursday 18th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Marilyn Alston**
-Anne Pritchard

Friday 19th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Mary Kubisewsky**

Saturday 20th – 4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. **+Frances & Doreen Hehn**
-The Hehn Family
+Bill Renaud
-Michelle Krulicki
+Chris Oei
-The Oei Family
+Hilda Tolgyesi
-Linda MacDonald & Family
+Angelo Maras
-Milana Maras

Sunday, 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. **For Parishioners of St. Francis**
11:00 a.m. **+Esther & Phillip Akondeng**
-Phyllis Akondeng

Stewardship Report

December 6/7	\$9,208.34
2025 Total Collection	\$256,520.60
2025 Total Budget	\$293,562.50

What's Happening this Week?

Monday

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

Wednesday

Penitential Service 2:00 pm
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Dec. 15: **Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino**
Tues. Dec. 16: **Rev. Stanley Nwokeji**
Wed. Dec. 17: **Voluntas Dei Institut, i.v.Dei.**
Thu. Dec. 18: **Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski**
Fri. Dec. 19: **Rev. Donald Sanvido**
Sat. Dec. 20: **Rev. David Weise**



CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed. December 24th
4:30 pm
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thurs. December 25th
10:00 am

Parish Office will be closed Thursday December 25th and Friday December 26th. There **WILL** be
Mass at 9 AM on December 26th

SOLEMNITY OF MARY & NEW YEARS

Wednesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 1st
10:00 a.m.



2026 Parish Envelopes

Are still available outside of the parish hall. For those who donate through automatic debit,

please be sure to pick up your special occasion envelope boxes as well.

Turkey Drive Fundraiser

This year, we are once again offering an opportunity for parishioners to participate in the Kitchener-Conestoga Rotary Club's Annual Turkey Drive, which benefits the House of Friendship's Christmas Food Program. With food costs higher than ever, many in our community face real challenges this season. We will be collecting donations for this program through our dedicated St. Francis of Assisi web page here: <https://tinyurl.com/wrzaxnhu>, or through envelopes which can be found at the main entrance of the church. Your generosity will help to ensure that thousands of local families experience a festive holiday meal! Here's how your generous donation can make a difference:

- **\$150** provides a family of four with a turkey and a grocery gift card for the Christmas season.
- **\$50** supplies a Christmas turkey to a family in need.

Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. For questions, please contact Melodie Mensch at mmensch@rogers.com

Decorating Church for Christmas

We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help with decorating the inside of the church for Christmas on December 22nd at 1:00 p.m. We have a volunteer who will coordinate, we just need some extra hands to set up and decorate the trees! If you're able to assist, please contact the church: 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

Sunday Missals

There are still a few Sunday Missals for the year 2025/2026 available for purchase. If you'd like one, please contact the office. If you can't make

it during the week, it can be left for you to pick up after Sunday Masses. The cost is \$4.00 each.

Bambinelli Sunday

This Sunday is Bambinelli Sunday, however the special blessing for your personal Baby Jesus Figurines will take place during Masses NEXT weekend, December 20th/21st. You will be instructed to place your figurines in various places throughout the sanctuary, and so will not have to hold them for the duration of Mass. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger and allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist had an intuition that profound things were about to take place. In every generation there are people being born who do not know who Jesus is. Part of our vocation in life is to pray for the same intuition that John had, so that we can help others to get excited about Jesus, because he continues to have great things in store for us all. In fact, some people are called to dedicate their lives in religious communities to the continued proclamation that Jesus has and will continue to perform miracles. Miracles that change our world for the better and remind us of the joy that radiates from everyone who chooses to keep God at the centre of their lives.

Fr. Toby Collins, CR
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Journey through Advent

Each Advent the National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis produces a four-

week series on the Sunday Gospels throughout Advent with reflections from one of our Canadian Bishops. This year, our very own Auxiliary, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the video series for us. Join Bishop Lobsinger as he shares reflections on the Gospel of Matthew here: <https://tinyurl.com/5xujhc9m>.

Advent Penitential Service

The Advent season is a time of preparation for us, to prepare for the Birth of our Lord. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the best ways to get ready, and so you're all invited to attend a special Penitential Service at St. Francis of Assisi on **Wednesday December 17th starting at 2:00 pm**. Confession is still offered regularly each Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Advent Penitential Services

- December 16th – 9:30AM-1PM – St. Agnes
- December 16th – 7 PM – St. Mark
- December 17th – 8AM-8PM- St. Michael
- December 17th – 5PM-8PM – St. Agnes
- December 17th – 6:30 PM – St. Anne
- December 17th – 7:30 PM – St. Teresa (Kitchener)
- December 18th – 10:30AM-12PM & 3:30PM-5:00 PM – St. Mary
- December 18th – 1PM-5PM- St. Agnes
- December 18th – 7 PM – St. Anthony Daniel
- December 18th – 7 PM – Blessed Sacrament

Concluding Mass for Jubilee Year

The Ordinary Jubilee of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis in the bull *Spes non confundit*, concludes in parishes worldwide on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**, when the Holy Doors in cathedrals and co-cathedrals close. The Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the closing Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 3 PM on Sunday, December 28, 2025. All are welcome. The Jubilee fully concludes with the closing of the Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on **January 6, 2026**, the

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Around Town

Maintenance Person - Blessed Sacrament Parish at 305 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener is in the process of hiring someone for daily maintenance and cleaning tasks. This position requires the ability to perform repairs and conduct maintenance and inspections of both the interior and exterior property. It is a part-time job with flexible hours. We welcome any recommendations. If you are interested, please email our office at blessedsacrament1977@rogers.com. The position is set to begin in January 2026.

Waiting for Jesus with Mary - Join us for these evenings of prayer, reflection, and discovery at Blessed Sacrament Parish, located at 305 Laurentian Drive. Prepare your heart for Advent with our special series, "Waiting for Jesus with Mary." Every Monday during Advent, starting December 1 and concluding December 22, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each week offers a unique opportunity to explore a different Marian dogma and reflect on its significance for our Advent journey, deepening our faith and understanding as we anticipate Christmas. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Parenting Tip - Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season.

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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."

December 14th, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor".

-Luke 4:18

