

MASS INTENTIONS December 16th – 21st	
<u>Tuesday 16th – Ferial</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mark & Jodi Pritchard & Family <i>-Anne Pritchard</i>
<u>Wednesday 17th – Ferial</u>	
9:00 a.m.	+Lorne MacDonald <i>-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh</i> +Rita Spiloway <i>-St. Francis CWL</i>
<u>Thursday 18th – Ferial</u>	
9:00 a.m.	+Marilyn Alston <i>-Anne Pritchard</i>
<u>Friday 19th – Ferial</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mary Kubisewsky
<u>Saturday 20th – 4th Sunday of Advent</u>	
5:00 p.m.	+Frances & Doreen Hehn <i>-The Hehn Family</i> +Bill Renaud <i>-Michelle Krulicki</i> +Chris Oei <i>-The Oei Family</i> +Hilda Tolgyesi <i>-Linda MacDonald & Family</i> +Angelo Maras <i>-Milana Maras</i>
<u>Sunday, 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent</u>	
9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	+Esther & Phillip Akondeng <i>-Phyllis Akondeng</i>

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

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

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



Wednesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st
10:00 a.m.



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

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.

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

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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:

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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. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Mrs. Amanda Michaels
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."*

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

