

MASS INTENTIONS

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Margaret Dodsworth

-Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth

Int. Elizabeth Pritchard & George

-Anne Pritchard

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. & 7:00 pm. - For Parishioners and all those written in our flower memorial

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - For Parishioners and all those written in our flower memorial

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Stephen

9:00 a.m. +Michael & Milly Sauchuk

-Jane Brenner

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. +Letensa-Hamed

-Tebetú-Beraki

+Teresa & Czeslaw & Marysia Janiczak

-Grace, Kevin Grundy & Family

Int. Amanda & David Michaels

-Cathy Vanzieleghem

+Anna Maras

-Milana Maras

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni

-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Intentions for Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 4:30PM & 7:00PM

Christmas Day – 10:00AM

For the Parishioners of St. Francis and all those written on our Christmas Flower Memorial

Stewardship Report

December 13/14 \$5,227.00

2025 Total Collection \$261,747.60

2025 Total Budget \$293,562.50

What’s Happening this Week?

Monday

Church Decorating 1:00 pm

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Christmas Eve Mass 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Thursday

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Dec. 22: Rev. Richard Dordunu

Tues. Dec. 23: Rev. Robert Kiffman

Wed. Dec. 24: Consecrated Virgin Candidates

Thu. Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord

Fri. Dec. 26: Rev. Jason Kuntz

Sat. Dec. 27: Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

Office Hours During Christmas Season

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Closed

December 26<sup>th</sup> – Closed

December 31<sup>st</sup> – 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Closed

A Christmas Message from your St. Francis Parish Team

The St. Francis Parish Team wishes you, and those beloved to your hearts, a very Christ Filled Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Best Wishes Always!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed. December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thurs. December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY & NEW YEARS

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Season Masses Nearby

The Diocese of Hamilton has created a central location where all Parish’s Mass times for the holiday season can be found. Check it out at: <https://tinyurl.com/4njtex9a>.

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>.

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.

Closing the Jubilee Year

Advent is a time of preparation. As we prepare for Jesus’ birth Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of reflecting on our Jubilee year as a time of “genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’... our hope”. We are now preparing for the sealing shut of the world’s Holy Doors signifying the end of our Jubilee Year, our Jubilee of Hope. Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, **December 24, 2024** and it will be the last door to be closed by Pope Leo XIV when the Jubilee concludes on the Feast of the Epiphany, **January 6, 2026**.

St Mary Major: Dec 25, 2025

St Paul Outside the Walls : Dec 28, 2025

Cathedral-Basilica Notre-Dame de Quebec: Dec 28, 2025

St John Lateran: Jan 4, 2026

The Hamilton Diocese will end our Jubilee activities on **December 28, 2025** on the Feast of the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIV, celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception, reminds us that our call to be Pilgrims of Hope will continue as the Holy Doors close, “may other doors now open: doors of homes and oases of peace where dignity may flower again, where nonviolence is taught, where the art of reconciliation is learned.”

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.

## 2025 Donations

Donations for 2025 will be accepted up until **Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>**, in order to ensure that our parish books can be closed by the end of the year. Any donations received after this day will be included in the 2026 tax year. A very big thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

### Thank you to our Bakers!

A big thank you to everyone who baked and donated cookies for our homebound parishioners, family and friends! Fr. Paul and Fr. Murray have been visiting those who are unable to join us at Mass, and the cookies were greatly appreciated.

### Advent Charities Collection

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2,180.00 through this year's Advent charities collection! This money will be sent to the House of Friendship to continue its charitable work, assisting those in our community.

### Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

4th Sunday of Advent

The name given to the Child is Emmanuel — “God is with us.” Not was with us, not will be one day, but is with us: in the world's story, in the Church's journey, and in the hidden (and not-so-hidden) places of our own lives. Mary received this presence with her wholehearted “yes,” allowing God's Word to take flesh in her for the salvation of the world. Every vocation begins with the same openness: welcoming God's will, letting His presence shape us, and allowing that presence to take flesh within us, so that we may share Him with others. May we, like Mary, receive Emmanuel and give Him flesh through our lives.

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR;  
[resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

## Around Town

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**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](mailto:blessedsacrament1977@rogers.com). The position is set to begin in January 2026.

**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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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.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.

### Vocations Information:

[Hamilton Diocese](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)  
[Congregation of the Resurrection](http://www.congregationoftheresurrection.ca)

#### 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))

#### Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez  
([pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com))

#### Pastoral Minister:

Lei Ann Wade  
([lawade@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“The virgin shall be with child and bear a son; and  
they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us”.*

*-Matthew 1:23*

