

**MASS INTENTIONS****January 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>****Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Teresa Jaiczak

-Grace, Kevin Grundy &amp; Family

+Joseph Dao &amp; Anna Pham

-Ninh Dao

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Andre Bessette**

9:00 a.m. +Anne Fisher

-Sandy Milne

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Real Bisailon

-Anna Eberl

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. Int. Matt, Jason &amp; Jordan Lucas

-Anne Pritchard

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. +Jules Rodricks

-Julia Rodricks &amp; Family

+Ildebrando Silveira

-Maria Silveira

+Alison O'Farrell

-Cathy &amp; Lucille Vanzieleghem

+Randy Hepditch

-Claude &amp; Sheila Matthews

+Zoila Escobar

-Marj Simon

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord**

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

11:00 a.m. +Maurgerite Buller

-Helen Shantz

**Stewardship Report**

Christmas Collection	\$9,727.55
December 27/28	\$5,255.00
2025 Total Collection	\$284,887.15
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**

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**Thursday**Senior Soup Lunch (H) 12:00 pm  
Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm**Sunday**

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**Mon. Jan 5: Rev. Mark Morley  
Tues. Jan 6: Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen  
Wed. Jan. 7: Diocesan Priests  
Thu. Jan 8: Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.  
Fri. Jan 9: Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz  
Sat. Jan 10: Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.**A BIG Thank You!**

To all our volunteers who helped and served at the Christmas and Feast of Mary, Mother of God Masses. Through your hard work and dedication, we were able to celebrate beautiful masses for all of our parishioners and guests. A special thank you goes out to those who came out to decorate our church for creating such a beautiful space; to our choir, and especially to Terrianne Moulton, our music minister, who always does such a marvelous job creating and choosing the music to make our celebrations magnificent; and to the mass ministers who helped at all of the services. A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up and shared their time and talent—we cannot do this without you all! Have a blessed New Year!

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

The Kitchener Conestoga Rotary Club has announced their fundraising results from this year's Turkey Drive Campaign! Through your generosity, St. Francis Church raised a total of **\$1,305.00**, which is \$305.00 over our parish's target! On behalf of the House of Friendship and the KCRC Annual Turkey Drive, thank you for taking the time to think of others and make a meaningful difference in our community. A special thank you to Melodie Mensch for organizing.

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS**

Your 2025 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in January. **When they are ready** we will invite you to pick them up after Mass or in the parish office, or mail them to those who cannot pick them up. Thank you for your generous support this year.

**Senior's Soup Lunch**

The annual Senior's Soup Lunch will take place on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at noon! Join us for a home cooked meal of soup, salad and fresh bread in the parish hall, prepared by our very own Gary Howell! There is no cost, however good will donations will be accepted at the event. All are invited! RSVP is not required, however please call the office and let us know if you're interested in attending so we can get an approx. head count.

**Games Afternoon!**

After a hearty meal, why not stay for our monthly Games Afternoon, taking place on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>! All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 2-4pm, to play some board games, card games, whatever you feel like playing! Bring some friends and your favourite game, or try out some of ours. There is no cost, snacks are provided. For more info contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033

**Canonization Corner****St. Jose Gregorio Hernandez**

**AKA: "Doctor of the Needs" or "Doctor of the Poor"**

**Born:** Oct 26, 1864 Isnotu, Venezuela

**Died:** June 29, 1919 Caracas Venezuela

**Beatified:** April 30, 2021 by Pope Francis

**Canonized:** Oct. 19, 2025 by Pope Leo

**Patron Saint:** Medical students, Diagnosticians Doctors, Medical patients

Dr. José Gregorio Hernández, a Venezuelan physician and member of the Secular Franciscan Order, is widely known, respected and venerated in many countries. A witness of holiness, he was a man full of virtue and performed exemplary medical services to patients from all walks of life. Throughout his career as a distinguished university professor, he made many contributions to the field of medical science and quenched his thirst for the charism of **Saint Francis of Assisi** through his commitment to the Franciscan Order. Between 1891 and 1916, Hernández taught medicine and practiced as a doctor. He tried twice to become a priest, however his health was too fragile. In true Apostolic zeal, although not able to fulfill his own aspirations of becoming a priest, he remained available to God's designs and plans for him.

He was known for helping poor people and dedicating hours serving those most in need, treating them for free. He died at the age of 55 in a car accident, while he was going to buy medicine for a poor sick patient.

In his beatification, Pope Francis recalled "... he was above all a doctor close to the weakest, so much so that he was known in his homeland as 'the doctor of the poor'. Not interested in

monetary wealth, he was drawn instead to the richness of the Gospel. In the poor, the sick, the migrants, the suffering, José Gregorio saw Jesus." His selfless giving to the world earned him many names: 'saint of the people,' 'apostle of charity,' and 'missionary of hope.'

### Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

#### Feast of Epiphany

The Magi are not content with staying where they are; they see a sign and embark on a journey to find the King. Similarly, discerning a vocation requires movement, leaving behind the comfortable and familiar to seek where God is revealing Himself in your life. Are you ready to offer your own life as a gift and follow the star that leads to Him?

Fr. Paweł Szymanowski, CR;  
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### 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).

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** - The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to*

*practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **January 22, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for a screening of **PUSH**. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. **PUSH** examines our increasingly unlivable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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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](https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
[Congregation of the Resurrection](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. <a href="mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com">pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com</a>
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<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Mrs. Amanda Michaels
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Lazaro Escobar
<b>Asst. Building Mgr.:</b>	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."**

## January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## The Epiphany of the Lord

*"We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay homage to the Lord".*

*-Matthew 2:2*

