

MASS INTENTIONS
January 20th – 25th

Tuesday 20th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Anne Matthews**
-Anna Eberl

Wednesday 21st – St. Agnes

9:00 a.m. **+Lorne MacDonald**
-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh

Thursday 22nd – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Anne Pritchard**
-Helen Shantz

Friday 23rd – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Maria Cabral**
-The Rocha Family
+Ildebrando Silveira
-Maria Silveira

Saturday 24th – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. **+Ambrose Montero**
-Julia Rodricks & Family
+Alice Preiditsch
-Anita Stalzer
+Jose Gouveia & Dec. Family & Friends
-Maria Gouveia
+Charlies Fehrenback
-Victor Thibeault
+Leo Duchesne
-Victor Thibeault & Collete Thibeault
Int. Alvina Bergamin
-St. Francis Choir

Sunday 25th – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. **+Tony Ianni**
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 a.m. **For Parishioners of St. Francis**

Stewardship Report

January 10/11	\$4,505.75
2026 Total Collection	\$10,683.90

What's Happening this Week?

Monday

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

Tuesday

1 st Communion Parent Meeting (C)	6:30 pm
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Sunday

Children's Liturgy	@9am Mass
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Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Jan 19: **Rev. Donald Wilhelm**

Tues. Jan 20: **Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico**

Wed. Jan 21: **Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.**

Thu. Jan 22: **Rev. Guillermo Diaz**

Fri. Jan 23: **Rev. Paul E Edmonstone**

Sat. Jan 24: **Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek**

Knights of Columbus

Being a Knight means more than fellowship - it's about serving the community, supporting the Church, and strengthening family life. Experience the joy of giving, as well as making a difference through faith and service. Members of Council 1504 will be available to answer questions and welcome new Catholic men to our brotherhood after Masses this weekend. For more information, visit:

<https://www.kitchenerkofc.ca>

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2025 Donation Tax Receipts will be available starting NEXT weekend, January

24/25 after Mass or in the parish office. Those that are not picked up will be mailed before the end of February. Thank you for your generous support this year.

1st Holy Communion –Parent Meeting THIS Tuesday

A reminder that the first parent meeting for all those with children in grade 2 or above, who wish to receive their Sacrament this year, is on **Tuesday January 20th at 6:30 PM** in the church. It is important that you attend so you are aware of the schedule that is required to properly prepare your child. If you have any questions, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - A message from Fr. Paul

This weekend we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year there will be no liturgical celebration between the Forest Hill area Churches. During this week let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, who share with our Catholic community our common concerns - locally, nationally and internationally. These include: homelessness and food insecurity, the environment and climate change, human trafficking, human rights, implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and immigration. We unite ourselves to others of faith in prayer and action, to bring the Kingdom of God closer to our lived reality. This week, let us each make an effort this to remember in prayer our neighbouring congregations of Forest Hill United, Calvin Presbyterian, St. George Anglican, Highland Road Baptist, and Faith Lutheran.

2026 Officially Declared a Special Year of St. Francis!

As one door closes another one opens. On January 6th, Pope Leo XIV closed the final Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, during the Epiphany celebrations, ending the Jubilee year of Hope. Just four days later, he proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. What an honour to have a year dedicated to our church's namesake!

This extraordinary Jubilee Year serves as a spiritual continuation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, focusing the world's attention on Assisi's message of universal brotherhood. Pope Leo XIV emphasized that St. Francis's life remains a relevant "authentic source of peace" in a time of modern conflict. The official inauguration was on January 10, 2026, at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi, 2026 and will continue until January 10, 2027.

There are six key themes from the Saint's testament, which will serve as a roadmap for the year: Mercy, Prayer, Fraternity, Work, Peace and Blessing. Throughout the year, we will take a look at what each one means and how it relates to us today in modern times. We will also have a look at how this extraordinary event will be celebrated throughout the world!

The Year of Saint Francis presents itself as a time of favor and grace, offered freely to all. The Holy Father expresses his hope that this jubilee will awaken in our hearts "feelings of Christian charity toward one's neighbor and an authentic desire for harmony and peace among peoples."

Eight centuries after his death, Saint Francis still calls the Church—and the world—to conversion. This Jubilee Year invites us not only to honor him, but to walk in his footsteps, rebuilding the Church through lives transformed by the Gospel.

From the Diocese

Prayer to Saint Francis for Peace

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. *Amen*



Leo P.P. XIV

Around Town

Thomas Toast - The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on Saturday, January 31st at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener, ON. Coffee will be available when the doors of the hall open at 9:30am. At 10:00am we will gather for Daytime Prayer and a talk by Dr. Peter Erb entitled: "Newman, Aquinas, and Pryzwara Revisited" followed by a toast to Thomas and a social until 12:00pm. For more information

visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

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

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus had a particular vocation to be the Word made flesh and by his "yes" to this calling, so much healing, forgiveness and direction was given to literally billions of people since his conception. I wonder if we realize the significance of our "yes" to God? How many lives does God want to change through the commitments and sacrifices we might make? And how much goes unchanged because of the times when we might say no. May we always be attentive to God's Word calling forth our gifts. And for the sake of ourselves and the world may our answer be more often a resounding "yes."

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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."

January 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Word became flesh, and lived among us. To all who received him, He gave the power to become children of God."

-John 1:14, 12

