

**MASS INTENTIONS****January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>****Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Pia &amp; Bruno Jarczewski

-Anna Eberl

+Ildebrando Silveira

-Maria Silveira

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas**

9:00 a.m. +Randy Hepditch

-St. Francis CWL

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Marilyn Alston

-Marj Simon

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Anastasia Koebel

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. Int. Alvina Bergamin

-Michelle Krulicki

+Jim &amp; Norma Hanley

-Patrick Hanley

+Carol &amp; Richard Mayer

-The Binyon Family

+Carlos Fonseca

-Ilda Claro

+Charles Fehrenbach

- Victor Thibeault

+Leo Duchesne

- Victor &amp; Collette Thibeault

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 a.m. +Luann Mahn

-Bryan Mahn

**Stewardship Report**

January 17/18 \$4,998.75

2026 Total Collection \$15,950.65

**What's Happening this Week?****Monday**Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm  
OEA (H) 7:00 pm**Tuesday**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting (C) 6:30 pm**Wednesday**

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

**Thursday**

Christian Life Program (H) 6:00 pm

**Sunday**

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**Mon. Jan 26: **Rev. Timothy Higgins**Tues. Jan 27: **Very Rev. David Wynen**Wed. Jan 28: **Carmelites of Mary  
Immaculate, C.M.I.**Thu. Jan 29: **Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk**Fri. Jan 30: **Rev. Marko Stefanec**Sat. Jan 31: **Rev. Edward Mahony  
(St. John Bosco, Priest)****2025 TAX RECEIPTS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

Your 2025 Donation Tax Receipts are now available at the entrance of the church, or in the parish office during the week.

**NOTE:** In January 2025, the Canadian Government had charities issue donation tax receipts for the first two months of 2025, to accommodate the Canada Post strike. If you did NOT pick yours up at the beginning of the year, you'll have two receipts for pick-up. One is for the first two months of 2025, and

the other is for the remaining months. Please ensure you grab both.

Thank you for your generous support this year.

**Christian Life Program**

Sponsored by Couples For Christ and their  
Family Ministries.

Join us here at St. Francis Church Hall every Thursday, starting on January 29th and running until March 26th inclusive. Opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers and those who are separated or divorced. Be enriched by such talks as: God's Love (presented by Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.), Who is Jesus Christ, Transformation in Christ and more! Dinner 6 pm-- Program 7 pm to 9 pm. Child care provided for children 12 years and under. THERE IS NO FEE. If you have any questions, please contact: Ave/ Maricar Bagne at 226 978 9933 or 416 564 2239 or Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198.

**Valentine's Day Collection**

Once again, our children's liturgy ministry will be collecting items to donate to Forest Heights Retirement/Long Term Care home! A reminder that the long term care home also cares for adults in their 20s+, who suffer from debilitating illnesses, such as MS.

The children will also be making Valentine's Day cards that will accompany the items. The collections will take place after Masses on January 31<sup>st</sup> /February 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Items can be left in the entrance of the church by the St. Francis Statue.

Items that the home has asked for this year include: Kleenex (The residents LOVE

Kleenex!), LARGE print crosswords and word searches (no Sudoku please), ADULT colouring books and colouring pencils and chapstick. Thank you for your generosity.

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, one word has always stood out for me: immediately. When Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John, they leave their nets, their boat, even their father, and follow Him at once. Vocation does not begin with perfect clarity or detailed plans, but with a heart shaped by the Word and ready to trust. May we learn to hear God's Word and respond without delay.

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

**Mardi Gras Pancake Supper  
Volunteer Required**

Lent is right around the corner, and that means our parish's annual Mardi Gras Pancake Supper is coming up fast! This year, the event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday February 17th beginning at 5:30PM, however we are in need of a volunteer to spearhead this event, as well as others to fill various roles. Melodie is available to assist the volunteer who will coordinate, up until the week before. If you're able to assist, please contact the Parish Office by January 27th, 2026, 519-745-7301. Thank you ☺

**Knights of Columbus  
Maple Syrup Fundraiser**

The weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, the Kitchener Knights of Columbus, council 1504,

will be selling fresh, local Maple Syrup, to raise funds to aid them in their charitable work. The cost is \$15.00 for a 500 mL bottle. This is a great chance to get stocked up and get ready for Shrove Tuesday!

## Around Town

**When Life Changes Grief Program Part One -** Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. The program will be offered Feb. 18 – March 25th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **Year of St. Francis**

### **10 Facts You May Not Know!**

- He was a Prisoner of War:** As a young man, he fought against Perugia, was captured, and spent about a year in prison before his dramatic conversion.
- His Name Meant "Frenchman":** Born Giovanni, his wealthy father renamed him "Francesco" (Francis) due to his love for French culture and trade.
- He created the First Live Nativity:** In 1223, he staged the first nativity scene with real people and animals in Greccio, Italy, to help people feel closer to Jesus' birth.
- He Spoke to Animals (and Birds):** He's famous for preaching to birds, wolves,

and other creatures, seeing them as brothers and sisters in God's creation.

- He Received the Stigmata:** In 1224, while praying, he received the wounds of Christ (stigmata) on his hands, feet, and side, a rare phenomenon.
- He Wrote Early Italian Literature:** His "Canticle of the Sun," praising creation, is one of the first major works in the Italian language, not Latin.
- He Renounced His Wealth Publicly:** After hearing God's call to "repair my church," Francis stripped naked in the town square, giving up his inheritance for a life of poverty.
- He Met the Sultan of Egypt:** During the Crusades, he traveled to Egypt to meet the Sultan, promoting peace rather than war.
- He Founded a Major Religious Order:** His simple life and message of poverty, peace, and love led to the establishment of the Franciscan Order.
- He's the Patron Saint of Many Things:** He's the patron saint of animals, the environment, peace, merchants, and Italy, among others, reflecting his broad impact.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The tomb of St Francis of Assisi was hidden and rediscovered centuries later. To protect his remains from invasion, the Franciscans concealed his tomb. Its location was forgotten until it was rediscovered in 1818.



# **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:**

[Hamilton Diocese](http://HamiltonDiocese.org)  
[Congregation of the Resurrection](http://CongregationoftheResurrection.org)

<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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom curing every sickness among the people."*

*-Matthew 4:12-23*

