

MASS INTENTIONS**February 17th – 22nd****Tuesday 17th – Ferial**

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

Int. of Family of Friends of Chinh & Thi Nguyen

-Chinh & Thi Nguyen

Wednesday 18th – Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. +Gregory Fixter
-The Fixter Family

7:00 p.m. Int. Peggie Holland Graham

-Molly Worden

Thursday 19th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Gary Megaffin
-Ruthann Fisher

Friday 20th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Pat Turan
-Marj Simon

Saturday 21st – 1st Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. +Gaetano Garasto
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
+Donna Renaud
-Michelle Krulicki
+Ildebrando Silveira
-Maria Silveira

Sunday 22nd – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m. +Marguerite Boller
-Helen Shantz

Stewardship Report

February 7/8	\$4,791.75
2026 Total Collection	\$29,212.40

What's Happening this Week?**Monday - Office Closed**

OEA (H)	7:00 pm
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Tuesday

Pancake Supper (H)	5:30 pm
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Wednesday - Office Closed

Ash Wednesday Mass	9:00 am & 7:00 pm
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Senior Gentle Exercise (H)

Christian Life Program (H)	2:30 pm
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Thursday - Office Closed

Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
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Friday - Office Closed

Children's Liturgy	7:00 pm
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Sunday

1 st Reconciliation Mtg. #2	@9am Mass
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	1:00 pm
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Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Feb 16: **Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.**

Tues. Feb 17: **Rev. Robert Love**

Wed. Feb 18: **Ash Wednesday**

Thu. Feb 19: **Rev. Jeffery Oehring**

Fri. Feb 20: **Rev. Francesco Cucchi**

Sat. Feb 21: **Rev. Mark Gatto**

Office Closures this Week

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this coming week, and emails will not be monitored. If you require urgent assistance, please call the parish office and leave a message: 519-745-7301.

Second Reconciliation Meeting

Next Sunday, February 22nd, is the second meeting for those children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year. The start time is 1:00 PM however we ask that you come a little earlier (12:45) so that we can get everyone signed in and organized and begin at 1:00. If you have any questions, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office: 519-745-7301.

Flowers Donated this Weekend

The flower arrangement in front of the altar this weekend has been donated in memory of Jack Cottenie, by his family, in honour of the anniversary of his passing. May his soul rest with our Lord in Heaven, Amen.

**Knights of Columbus
Maple Syrup Fundraiser**

THIS WEEKEND, the Kitchener Knights of Columbus, council 1504, will be selling fresh, local Maple Syrup, to raise funds to aid them in their charitable work after all Masses. The cost is \$15.00 for a 500 mL bottle. This is a great chance to stock up and get ready for Shrove Tuesday!

**Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Tickets on Sale**

This is it! Your final chance to purchase tickets to our annual Pancake supper this coming Tuesday February 17th beginning at 5:30PM.

With this cold winter hitting us hard, why not treat yourself, and the family, to a pancake feast, complete with real maple syrup and yummy sausage! What a great way to usher in the Lenten Season! Tickets are available after Masses at \$12.00 per person. Everyone is invited!

Lenten Events**Ash Wednesday Mass**

Mass for Ash Wednesday will take place on Wednesday February 18th at 9 AM and 7PM. Ashes will be distributed during this time.

Stations of the Cross

Will be celebrated every Friday at 7 PM during Lent. Each week, a different ministry at St. Francis will lead the reflections. The reflections this week will be led by Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

"To Live the Gospel message by serving Christ in those in need with love, respect, justice and joy."

Doesn't it seem like the plights of the world are continuously bombarding us on a daily basis? Sometimes it can seem like the problems facing us are so big, that we become paralyzed, wanting to help, but unsure of how. Well, to quote Martha Kent, when a young Superman cried, "The world's too big, mom" ----- "Then make it small".

The **St. Vincent De Paul Society** is an organization that offers help to those in our own communities; individuals we may interact with on a daily basis. They provide "material support in the form of non-perishable food, clothes, household items and furniture to individuals and families, whether in their homes, on the street, in shelters, in hospitals or in prison". In Canada alone, the St. Vincent De Paul Society helps more than 350,000 people a year.

In honour of the official Year of St. Francis of Assisi, declared by Pope Leo XIV, our parish is looking to **re-instate our St. Vincent De Paul chapter**. We're looking for parishioners who would be interested in learning more about how they could be a part of this ministry.

There are SO many ways one could be involved with this internationally recognized organization. Your commitment level can vary, but EVERY MOMENT spent makes a difference.

Next weekend, we will have a member of our congregation speak after Masses about the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and its potential comeback at St. Francis. We encourage you to prayerfully consider joining, and gathering more information.

If you'd like more information about the organization, visit: <https://ssvp.ca>.

Choir Practice

Will resume on Thursday February 26th at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Valentine's Day Collection

A big thank you to all who donated items to the Children's Liturgy Valentine's Day collection, for the Forest Heights Retirement/Long Term Care home! The gifts were greatly appreciated by residents and staff!

Development and Peace

Join the On Track for Justice Campaign launch webinar

To learn all about Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, join the launch webinar on February 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET. We will learn about the work of our Brazilian partner, Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails), in the company of Padre Dario Bossi, a Comboni missionary and Lenten solidarity visitor, and a member of a community along the Carajás railway that is affected by industrial agriculture. Interpretation will be provided in French, English and Portuguese.

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/mtywmfpc>

Christian Life Program

Sponsored by Couples For Christ and their Family Ministries.

The Christian Life program continues this Thursday, here at St. Francis Church Hall, open 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 Bagnes at 226 978 9933 or 416 564 2239 or Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Invited to reflect on God's wisdom this Sunday, Sirach reminds us that our capacity to choose right from wrong — our capacity to discern — comes from God's boundless wisdom. A call to the Congregation of the Resurrection — a calling first experience 190 years ago by spiritually, emotionally, and materially destitute young men — starts by recognizing God's unconditional love. By all counts, such boundless love characterizes God's boundless wisdom.

Fr. Eric Wagner,
CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Around Town

Carmelites of St. Joseph — Upcoming Events - The Carmelite Sisters would like to inform you of the special events taking place this year. All are invited to attend at the Monastery (1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0).

- Thursday March 19 -10:30 am - Mass in honour of St Joseph .
- Sunday, July 12 – 2:00 pm - Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- Thursday, October 01 - Holy Hour @ 6 pm, Mass @ 7 pm

To reserve seating, <http://www.thecarmel.ca> or 519.884.6700.

Regina Caeli Academy Gala - The independent Catholic school opening in Guelph in September 2026 will host a gala on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each. A portion of the ticket price may be eligible for a tax receipt. For more information, to order tickets, to pay by e-transfer, or to donate a prize, please contact info@reginacaeliacademy.ca.

Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy.

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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."

February 15th, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

- Matthew 11:25

