

MASS INTENTIONS
February 24th – March 1st

Tuesday 24th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Gary Megaffin
-Marj Simon

Wednesday 25th – Ferial

(Sacrament of the Sick)
9:00 a.m. +Marilyn Alston
-Karin Manley

Thursday 26th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Ildebrando Silveira
-Maria Silveira

Friday 27th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Jack Smith
-Peter & Christine Higgins

Saturday 28th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
+James Dodsworth
-Mary Ann Dodsworth
+Godofredo Masilungan
-Maria Bagnes
+Loretta Robertson & Donna Renaud
-Audrey, Adrienne & Maria Ball
+Joaquim Rodrigues
-Julia Rodricks and Family

Sunday 1st – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m. +Randy Hepditch
-Colin Westman & Marg Voll

Stewardship Report
Will Return Next Week!

What's Happening this Week?

Monday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
OEA (H) 7:00 pm
Wednesday
Prayer Shawl Mtg. (E) 1:00 pm
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Thursday
Christian Life Program (H) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
Sunday
Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Feb 23: Rev. Joonbin Lim
Tues. Feb 24: Rev. Ralph Diodati
Wed. Feb 25: Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
Thu. Feb 26: Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Fri. Feb 27: Rev. Kevin Upendran
Sat. Feb 28: Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

Second Reconciliation Meeting – THIS SUNDAY

THIS 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.

A BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a fun evening of pancakes and sausages! We'd like to thank all of our volunteers who

helped make the night a success. A special, HUGE thank you to our event organizers, Lei Ann Wade, and Gary Howell!!! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

Lenten Events

Stations of the Cross

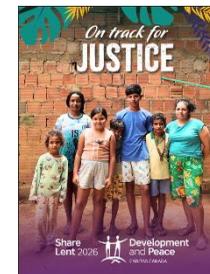
Will be celebrated every Friday at 7 PM during Lent. Each week, a different ministry at St. Francis will lead the reflections. The reflections this week will be led by Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.

Lent Penitential Service at St. Francis

Mark your calendars! This year, our Penitential Service will take place at 2:00 pm on Tuesday March 17th at St. Francis Church. There will be multiple priests available to hear confessions at this time.

Development and Peace

This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice.



"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." — Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, \$75) Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How? 1. By donating online at www.devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world! 2. Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at www.devp.org/lent/resources.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul



"The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians we:

- See Christ in anyone who suffers
- Come together as a family
- Have personal contact with those in need
- Help in all possible ways."

The values of the St. Vincent De Paul society (listed above) forms the foundation of each initiative performed by this ministry. Through humble acts of charity, participants work together to bring hope and relief to those struggling in our communities.

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**. This 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're looking for parishioners who would be interested in learning more about how they could be a part of this ministry, and encourage you stop at the back of the church after Mass for more information!

"An old man walks along a beach and sees a young boy throwing something into the water. As he approaches, he sees hundreds of starfish lining the beach washed in from the tide.

The young boy is rushing around, throwing the starfish back into the water one by one.

The old man asks why he bothers, it's pointless. There are too many starfish to help them all.

As he flings a starfish deep into the water, the young boy replies,

"It mattered to that one."



-Apostolic Mama (Adapted from the original story by Loren Easley)

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.

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.

Diocesan Announcements

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL brings you an insightful exploration of the dangers of book banning and the loss of intellectual freedom with a screening of *The Librarians* on **February 26, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM**. The film is told through the personal experiences of librarians under siege as they fight for democracy alongside everyday people who join their ranks in defense of books. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3843ts>. 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.

SPRING BOOK CLUB: “ON LOVE OF THE POOR”

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV’s first Apostolic Exhortation, *“On Love of the Poor.”* Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father’s message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://tinyurl.com/c764mbsh>.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski 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 is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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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.

Pastor:

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Priest in Res.

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Lei Ann Wade

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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.”

February 22nd, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”.

- Matthew 4:4

