

## MASS INTENTIONS

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.**  
*-Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem*

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Ildenbrando Silveira**  
*-Maria Silveira*

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Jennifer Haller-Buchanan**  
*-Marj Simon*

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

#### (First Friday)

9:00 a.m. **+Alison O'Farrell**  
*-Anne Darby-Watchorn*

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. **Int. Maria Ferreira & Family**  
  
**+Brian Krulicki**  
*-Michelle Krulicki*

**Int. Krista Smithers**  
*-Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem*  
  
**+Ellen Dietrich**  
*-Cathy Vanzielegem*

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. **For Parishioners of St. Francis**  
  
11:00 a.m. **+David J. Buchanan**  
*-The Buchanan Family*

## Stewardship Report

February 14/15 \$4,236.30  
February 21/22 \$3,769.25  
2026 Total Collection \$37,217.95

### What's Happening this Week?

#### Monday

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

#### Wednesday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

#### Thursday

Christian Life Program (H) 6:00 pm  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

#### Friday

Adoration 9:30 am  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

#### Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar 2: **Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba**  
Tues. Mar 3: **Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk**  
Wed. Mar 4: **Society of African Missions, S.M.A.**  
Thu. Mar 5: **Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch**  
Fri. Mar 6: **World Day of Prayer**  
Sat. Mar 7: **Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis**

### Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi Message from the Hamilton Diocese

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

## Third Reconciliation Meeting – Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, is the third 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.

### Society of St. Vincent De Paul



*"All beginnings are somewhat strange; but we must have patience, and little by little, we shall find things, which at first were obscure, becoming clearer."*

- St. Vincent De Paul

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to help plan the revitalization of the St. Francis of Assisi Society of St. Vincent De Paul Conference (The SFSSVPC!!! Haha, we will have to get shirts). The generosity of our parish community never disappoints!

Next steps: A meeting will occur towards the end of March to begin initial discussions on how we can get this off the ground. We will announce the official date and time once it is determined. If you missed last week's sign up, the opportunity is still available! Please leave your name on the sheet by our poster at the back of the church.

### Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Like Abram, the sacrifices we embrace out of love are not losses, but the very path by which God transfigures our hearts. This Lent, what are you willing to work on or surrender, "relying on the power of God," to respond better to your holy calling "according to His own purpose and grace?"

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

## 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 some of our intermediate St. Paul students!

### Lent Penitential Service at St. Francis

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

### Listening and Fasting

#### Pope Leo XIV's Message For Lent 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/88ctcz48>

### Around Town

**Carmelites of St. Joseph** - The Carmel Guild have added the 2026 Newsletter to the Carmel of St Joseph Web Site: <https://thecarmel.ca/guild-newsletter-2026/>. In addition, we will be placing copies of our 2026 Newsletter in the Deanery of Waterloo Churches starting the week of February 14, 2026.

**Parish Lenten Mission** - St. Anthony Daniel Parish invites you to their Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Lobsinger, March 14 to March 17. Bishop Lobsinger will be focusing on the theme: "Being Saints Today" as he preaches at our weekend Masses March 14/15, as well as at a special 7PM Mass on Monday, March 16 and our regularly scheduled Tuesday, March 17 Mass @ 7PM. A light reception will follow Mass on March 17.

**Tunes for Tiny Home Take-out** – Save the Date: Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM at St. Mary's Church (56 Duke St. W. Kitchener). Enjoy a wonderful blend of classical, jazz & pop music pieces performed on a variety of musical instruments presented by the Wilfrid Laurier Faculty of Music. Tickets: Pay What you Can.

### Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign



During Lent we turn our hearts to fasting, prayer and alms. As a parish we have annually supported Development and Peace

— Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in [Catholic Social Teaching](#). Caritas Canada is the Canadian member of [Caritas Internationalis](#), a global confederation of over 160 Catholic organizations around the world.

Lent is an opportunity for Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, to call on your generosity in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Your contributions will create a bridge between our mobilization in the Global North and our partners' transformative work in the Global South.

This year Caritas Canada is partnering with Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails, JnT) to support communities in Brazil that are affected by the Carajás railway, which connects one of world's largest iron ore mines in the state of Pará to the port of São Luis in the state of Maranhão.

We are invited to join On Track for Justice, walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South that are mobilizing so that their rights and the environment may be respected. Calendars, booklets and prayer cards will be at the front of the church for you to learn more.

Our Solidarity Sunday collections will be on the weekend of **March 21/22**. You are welcome to donate anytime during Lent. If you are paying by cheque, **please make the cheque payable to St Francis Church.**

Enjoy reading our first letter from Bishop Dabrowski (<https://tinyurl.com/5anpvb2z>) in which he reminds us to follow St Francis' inspirational example to respond generously to those in need. Thank you.



### Diocesan Announcements

**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES: THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** - The Synod on Synodality is not over! The Universal Church has entered the "Implementation Phase" (2025-2028), inviting a careful reading of the final document of the Synodal journey to help shape a more listening, participatory church. You are encouraged to read the final document of the Synod on Synodality, described by Pope Francis as a 'Gift to the People of God.' Learn how we can better walk together in communion, participation, and mission. Access it at [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

**WHEN LIFE CHANGES GRIEF PROGRAM-** 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. **Part two** (for those who have completed part one), The Ongoing Journey, will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West on Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13 from 7:00-8:30pm. All are welcome. To register look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

# 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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com">pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<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."*

## March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him".*

- Luke 9:35

