

MASS INTENTIONS

March 24th – 29th

Tuesday 24th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Sharon Robb

-Colin Westman & Marg Voll

Wednesday 25th – Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Int. Maria Cabral

Thursday 26th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Marilyn Kurt

-Gail Moir

Friday 27th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Ildebrando Silveira

-Maria Silveira

+Ron Pritchard

-Anne Pritchard

Saturday 28th – Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. +Reno Ianni

-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni

+Brian Krulicki

-Michelle Krulicki

+Andre Vanzielegem

-Lucille Vanzielegem & Family

+Doreen & Frances Hehn

-Brenda & Family

+Angela Maras

-Milan Maras

Int. Doug O'Farrell

-Michelle Krulicki

Int. Vera Oei

-Sean & Sheila Sage

+Mike Flynn

-The Flynn Family

Sunday 29th – Palm Sunday

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

11:00 a.m. +Rosemary Voll

-Marg Voll & Colin Westman

Stewardship Report

March 14/15	\$4,106.05
2026 Total Collection	\$52,068.40
2026 Total Budget	TBC

What's Happening this Week?

Monday

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

Wednesday

Sacrament of the Sick	9:30 am
Prayer Shawl Mtg.	1:00 pm
Senior Gentle Exercise (H)	2:30 pm
SVDP Mtg. (H)	7:00 pm

Thursday

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

Friday

Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
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Saturday

1 st Reconciliation	10:00 am
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Sunday

Children's Liturgy	@9am Mass
1 st Communion Teaching Mass	1:00 pm

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar 23: Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tues. Mar 24: Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wed. Mar. 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
Thu. Mar 26: Rev. Lajos Angyal
Fri. Mar 27: Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Sat. Mar 28: Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

Easter Little Books are IN!

There are still a few Little Book Devotionals ready to be picked up by those who ordered the set last year. You can pick these up from the Parish office during the week.

Stations of the Cross

Our final Stations of the Cross for Lent will be celebrated this Friday at 7 PM. The reflections this week will be led by the Knights of Columbus!

Holy Week at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Check out the upcoming schedule for Holy Week at our Parish!



Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday March 28th

5:00 PM

Sunday March 29th

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Holy Thursday Mass

Thursday April 2nd

7:30 PM

Followed by Adoration in the Resurrection Room until 10:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Friday April 3rd

11:00 AM – Family Liturgy

3:00 PM – Solemn Service



Easter Vigil

Saturday April 4th

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 5th

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation and Teaching Mass

Next **Saturday, March 28th**, the children preparing for First Holy Communion will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! This event begins at 10:00 AM. On **Sunday March 29th**, students are reminded that there is a Teaching Mass taking place at 1:00 p.m. for those preparing for 1st Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office: 519-745-7301.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

“Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances.”

-St. Vincent De Paul



Thank you to all who attended the first SVDP meeting this past Wednesday. For those who were unable to make it, there is a second meeting scheduled for this coming **Wednesday March 25th, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall!** All are invited.

Development and Peace – Share Lent Solidarity Sunday

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most

vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. “Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world.” — Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection. Thank you for your solidarity!

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

5th Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead by commanding him to come out of the tomb. But he also commands the crowd of people assembled around the tomb to roll the stone away from the entrance, unbind Lazarus, and let him go. God calls each one of us to personal transformation and to service to others. How is God calling you in both these ways?

Grant Hartley (Resurrectionist Vocations Office, USA); resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Message From the Diocese

**Protect Mental Health, Protect Life
Support Bill C-218**

Write your Member of Parliament Today!

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**.

This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is **NOT** extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague.

As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, offering hope and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Around Town

St. Agnes Education Café - In our noisy world, many voices compete for our attention. We are called go to that quiet place in prayer where God speaks to us. Do we listen? And act? Come away from the noise & join us for the next St. Agnes Education Cafe: *"God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness."* Sunday March 29th 2-3:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, with Fr. Raphael Ma, St. Mary's, Kitchener.

Tunes for Tiny Home Take-out – Save the Date: Saturday March 28th, 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.

The 7 Last Words - Special musical presentation by The Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga. **Palm Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener.** Hosted by St. Mark's CWL. We will experience a time of meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred time. All are welcome. A goodwill offering will be collected.

"The Eucharist in the Scripture"- a short, 3 session long Bible Study presented by Scott Hahn from St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. It will be offered at St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. E, Wat.) in April on Sundays April 12, 19 & 26 from 12:30 to 1:45 PM with lunch provided, or on Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27 from 7:30 to 9 PM with refreshments. You may come to any session that is convenient. It consists of three topics based on Scott Hahn's three books: *The Lamb's Supper*, *The Fourth Cup* and *Consuming the Word*. There is no fee and no need for any preparation. Contact St. Louis parish office at stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-743-4101 for more information or to register.

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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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Mr. Lazaro Escobar

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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."*

March 22nd, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die."*

- John 11:25, 26

