

MASS INTENTIONS

March 31st – April 5th

Tuesday 31st – Holy Week

9:00 a.m. +Carlos Fonseca
-Ilda Claro

Wednesday 1st – Holy Week

9:00 a.m. +Czeslaw Janiczak
-Grace, Kevin Grundy & Family

Thursday 2nd – The Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

7:30 p.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday 3rd – Good Friday

11:00 a.m. NO INTENTIONS
3:00 p.m. NO INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th – Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis
and all those written in our Easter
Flower Memorial

Sunday 5th – Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis
and all those written in our Easter
Flower Memorial

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis
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Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar 30: Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

Tues. Mar 31: Rev. Gregory Merkley

Wed. Apr. 1: *Oblates of Mary Immaculate,*
O.M.I.

Thu. Apr. 2: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. Apr. 3: The Passion of the Lord

Sat. Apr. 4: Holy Saturday

Stewardship Report

March 21/22 \$5,238.00
2026 Total Collection \$57,306.40

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
Holy Thursday Mass 7:30 pm
(Followed by Adoration)

Friday- Office Closed
Good Friday Family Service 11:00 am
Good Friday Solemn Service 3:00 pm

Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Note regarding the Passion Sunday and Good Friday Gospels

Every year during the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we hear references to "the Jews". It is important for us as Christians to remember and to honour the close connections that we have with the Jewish people. Jesus was a Jew, as were Mary and Joseph. The words we hear must not lead us to hatred, persecution or anti-Semitism directed against Jews. As *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, teaches, "neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during Christ's passion."

Let us repent our sins and recommit ourselves to opposing any and all forms of anti-Semitism.

Chrism Mass

All are invited to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton, on Monday, March 30th at 2 p.m.

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



Holy Oil Presentation

At the Chrism Mass, taking place this Monday at the Cathedral of Christ the King, the Holy Oils used for the sacraments throughout the year are blessed by the Bishop and presented to each parish. On Holy Thursday, these oils are presented to our pastor and kept in the Ambry until they are needed. Each oil has a special purpose. This year we will have volunteers with ties to one of the oils present them.

The Oil of the Sick, used for anointing those who are ill, will be presented by **Abby White**, a 3rd year nursing student. The Oil of Catechumens, used in the sacrament of Baptism, will be presented by **Matthew Hallady**, who will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil. And the Oil of Chrism, used in the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders, will be presented by **Tolani Olatunde** who will be baptised and also be received into the church at this year's Easter Vigil. Join us on Holy Thursday evening at 7:30 pm to witness our receiving of these Holy Oils.

Holy Thursday Food Drive!

Bring non-perishable food items to the church on Holy Thursday, for our annual Easter Food drive.

Items will be donated to the House of Friendship, and will be collected in the foyer of the church. Items needed include: pasta, sauce, soups, canned fish and meat, peanut butter and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!

Good Friday Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. This collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

-Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

Palm Sunday

The first Principle of Resurrection Spirituality is that God loves unconditionally. As we begin Holy Week perhaps this Principle could become a meditation for us all. That in his surrendering to God's will to the degree of giving his life, Jesus demonstrates the depth to which we are loved and how much new life can come from making sacrifices for others. May his example continue to inspire us to surrender more of our lives to God's will in a way that always gives thanks for the profound and unmerited gift of God's love in our lives.

Fr. Toby Collins,
CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Around Town

Available Confessions Before Easter - St. Michael Parish (Waterloo) is offering the Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday April 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Agnes Parish (Waterloo) is offering Confession on Wednesday April 1st from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser - Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.) **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd 12 noon to 7 p.m.** Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. **Service in order of arrival.** First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon and gravy. 1 pc. - \$17; 2 pc. - \$20. Children 12 & under 1 pc - \$8.00 in house dining only! Hot Dogs \$3, French Fries \$3. Desserts \$1 & \$2. Refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. **CASH ONLY PLEASE!** Call ahead takeout

orders **ARE MOST WELCOME.** For takeout call (519) 648-2939. Wheel Chair friendly.

"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*. The Eucharist in Scripture examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. The first half an hour is available at this link: <https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/the-eucharist-in-scripture>. 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.

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.

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.

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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:

Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.

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Priest in Res.

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Mrs. Terrienne Moulton

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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."

March 29th, 2026

Passion (Palm) Sunday

"Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name above every name."

- John 8:12

