

MASS INTENTIONS

March 10th – 15th

Tuesday 10th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Joseph Dao & Anna Pham

-Ninh Dao

+Ildebrando Silveira

-Maria Silveira

Wednesday 11th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Doug Fisher

-Marj Simon

Thursday 12th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Angela Chow

-Mary Anderson

Friday 13th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Betty Wendling

-Anne Darby-Watchorn

Saturday 14th – 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Int. Jenny Moulton

-Cathy Vanzieleghem

+Jennifer Haller-Buchanan

-Linda MacDonald

+Gaetan Marquis &

Int. Tanya & Jason Marquis

-Karen Rektor

Int. Alison O'Farrell

-Ruthann Fisher

Sunday 15th – 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. +Jim & Norma Hanley

-Patrick Hanley

11:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Francis

Stewardship Report

February 28/March 1 \$5,435.00
2026 Total Collection \$42,6

What's Happening this Week?

Monday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

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Thursday

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm

Christian Life Program (H) 6:00 pm

Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9am Mass

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar 9: Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

Tues. Mar 10: Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

Wed. Mar. 11: Society of African Missions,
S.M.A.

Thu. Mar 12: Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch

Fri. Mar 13: World Day of Prayer

Sat. Mar 14: Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis

Church Sketch Update



We're looking for someone who is able to help us update this sketch of our church--for our bulletin and letterhead! We're looking to replace the tree with perhaps a shadow, or sketch, of the St. Francis Statue that currently sits outside the main doors! If you, or anyone you know is able to volunteer some time to help, please call the office: 519-745-7301.



Daylight Saving Begins!

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving begins this Sunday! Time to "spring ahead" and change your clocks forward one hour!

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



The first meeting for those interested in being part of the St. Vincent De Paul Chapter of St. Francis of Assisi, will take place on **Wednesday March 18th, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall!** If you were interested, but had not yet signed up, you are invited to still come on out!

Easter Little Books are IN!

For those who ordered the Little Book Devotionals last year, your Easter booklets are now available. You can pick these up from the Parish office during the week.

Games Afternoon!

Games Afternoon is once again taking place on Thursday March 12th! All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 2-4pm, to play some board games, card games, whatever you feel like playing! Bring some friends and your favourite game, or try out some of ours. There is no cost, snacks are provided. For more info contact Jane & Veikko Kuronen at 519-745-6033

Third Reconciliation Meeting

THIS Sunday, March 8th, is the 3rd 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.

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 our choir!

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.

Listening and Fasting

Pope Leo XIV's Message For Lent 2026

As we head into week 2 of our Lenten journey, let's take a moment to pause and think about our Lenten promises.

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Pope Leo has some important words for us from his 2026 Lenten Message:

"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. If we do so, we will let words of hatred give way to words of hope and peace."

To read Pope Leo's message, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/88ctcz48>

Development and Peace

Share Lent Campaign

Women protecting the Earth



In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent. 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.**

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

3rd Sunday of Lent

It is unlikely if you are reading this that you have not had a taste of the "living water" that Jesus is speaking of, the deeper satisfaction that comes from encountering God. The clearest sign of such an encounter is our ability to leave our water jar behind, and share with others the living water we have received. When was the last time you had a sip of the living water of an encounter with God?

Fr. Raphael Ma,

CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Around Town

Fish Fry - The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a FISH FRY on **Friday, March 13, 2026** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday). Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to reupholstering the hall chairs.

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.

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.

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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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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 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never be thirsty".

- John 4:42, 15

