

MASS INTENTIONS

April 28th – May 3rd

Tuesday 28th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Lisa Reitzel

-Gene Furtado

Wednesday 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

9:00 a.m. +Ildebrando Silveira

-Maria Silveira

Thursday 30th – St. Marie De L'Incarnation

9:00 a.m. +Bernie Miller

-Marj Simon

Friday 1st –Ferial

(First Friday)

9:00 a.m. +John Bauer

-Mary Ann Dodsworth

+Randy Hepditch

-Linda & Gerard Carmichael

Saturday 2nd – 5th Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Don MacDonald

-Linda & Family

+Ken Fisher

-Gail & Ruthann Fisher

+Stegne & Hudak Families

-Maria Stegne

+Frank & Danny Cemas

-Maria Stegne

Int. Maria Ferreira & Family

Int. Tony & Carmen Vaz

Sunday 3rd – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. +Wilber Voll & Int. John

Pendergast & Rose Mastnak

-Colin Westman & Marg Voll

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Apr 27: Rev. Robert Kiffman

Tues. Apr 28: Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.

Wed. Apr. 29: Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A.

Thu. Apr. 30: Rev. Alberto Ferreira

Fri. May. 1: Rev. Michael King

Sat. May 2: Rev. Gary Schlack

Stewardship Report

April 18 th /19 th	\$4,432.25
2026 Total Collection	\$84,779.00
2026 Budget	\$304,100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

To make a donation online, scan the QR code. (note: under "Donation", select "Other" from the drop down and enter \$0 to avoid paying donation fee).



What's Happening this Week?

Monday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 1:15 pm & 2:30 pm

OEA (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Sacrament of the Sick after 9:00 AM Mass

Prayer Shawl Mtg. (E) 1:00 pm

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Saturday

1st Communion Retreat 10:00 am

Sacrament of 1st Communion @ 5PM Mass

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9AM Mass

Sacrament of 1st Communion @ 9AM, 11AM, 1PM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS Annual Garage Sale

This year's annual garage sale at St. Francis will take place in THE FALL on SEPTEMBER 19th, 2026.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

First Holy Communions Next Weekend

Our young students have been working hard to prepare for their Sacrament of First Communion, and next weekend they will join us at all Masses to receive the Eucharist for the first time! We have a large number of students this year, and so in order to accommodate them, we have added a 1:00 PM Mass next Sunday May 3rd. All parishioners are welcome to join at this time (counts as your Sunday obligation).

Please pray for the children on this special occasion.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

4th Sunday of Easter

We rejoice on Good Shepherd Sunday over the amazing care that Jesus extends to us – as shepherds care for their sheep, so he watches over us his flock. Along with commemorating Christ's role as our shepherd, we celebrate and pray for shepherds in the Church. Accordingly, the Church joins together this Sunday to pray in a special way for priests and vocations to the priesthood. You may notice in your parish special announcements and see posters displaying faces of young men who are accepting the Lord's invitation to discern a call to the priesthood in the Congregation of the Resurrection. Consider praying for them. Also, consider your own calling. Might the Lord be inviting you or someone you know to be a priest, to shepherd Christ's flock, to share in the care of Christ the Good shepherd?

Scan the QR code or visit www.resurrectionists.ca for a special video message this Good Shepherd Sunday.



www.resurrectionists.ca;
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Development and Peace – Share Lent

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2026!

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Development and Peace, Share Lent campaign! You are still able to make donations to this worthy cause up until Pentecost Weekend – May 24th! Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

Knights of Columbus Spring Clean-up NEXT WEEKEND



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus announces the return of its Annual Spring Clean Up on Saturday May

2nd from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the St. Anthony Daniel Church parking lot at Ottawa St N and Franklin St N, Kitchener
Bring your old electronics, televisions, computers, laptops and cell phones. We also accept any scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel and brass; even your old kitchen sink. Also on hand for purchase will be our popular locally produced Maple Syrup, as well as the ever popular Girl Guide cookies. Donations to the Waterloo Region Food bank are welcomed. All funds raised go in support of local charities.



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be distributing small embroidered roses after the weekend masses May 16th & 17th. The funds raised from your donation in the **Roses for Life Campaign** will assist our Council in providing financial support to local Pro-Life agencies. They can be attached to jacket lapels, coats, or purses. Your support is most appreciated.





CHANGE OF DATE
Handicraft Holy Land
Christians



Unfortunately, Handicraft Holy Land Christians is not able to visit our parish this weekend, due to a delayed delivery of items from the Holy Land. The new date for their visit is May 16th and 17th. Watch the bulletin for a reminder closer to the date.

Visit them at www.HolylandChristians.ca

Around Town

Mother's Day Lunch – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish invites you for lunch in honour of Mother's Day on Sunday May 10th at 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each and include hot lunch, served buffet style (roast beef, scalloped potatoes, veggies), coleslaw, cake, coffee and tea. Tickets are on sale now and are limited. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 x101- lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. The whole family is invited!

Retreat at the Carmel - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 30, 2026. The theme of our Retreat given by Fr. David Reitzel is "Our Lady-The Visitation" This Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, April 20, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat schedule and a Registration Form. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo -Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who

have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm** in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **Registration is not required.**

Part 1 - 6 week Program-theory and sharing - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7pm** - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required by May 4** by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Diocesan Announcements

For those whose Mothers have passed - Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. **Join this special tea on Sunday May 10, 2026** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at 667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, ON. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; www.cardinalconnection.ca; or call (905)-537-9638.

March for Life - The 29th National March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, in Ottawa. This year's theme, "Follow Me," is an invitation for all to bear witness to the dignity of life through a visible presence on Parliament Hill. For information about local bus trips, please contact your local Right to Life office. Additional details can be found at: <https://marchforlife.ca>.

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.



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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."

April 26th, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me."

- John 10:14

