

MASS INTENTIONS

May 12th – 17th

Tuesday 12th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Ildebrando Silveira
-Maria Silveira

Wednesday 13th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Int. Maria Cabral
+John Fischer
-Sandy Milne

Thursday 14th – St. Matthias

9:00 a.m. Int. Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.
-Anne Pritchard

Friday 15th –Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Ambrose Montero
-Julia Rodricks & Family

Saturday 16th – The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. +Theresia Bauer
-Mary Ann Dodsworth
+Lorne MacDonald
-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
+Bill & Donna Renaud
-Michelle Krulicki
+Debbie Williams
-Annette Shantz

Sunday 17th – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. +Ildebrando Silveira
-Maria Silveira
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. May 11: Rev. Michael McHugh
Tues. May 12: Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur,
S.A.C.
Wed. May 13: Seminarians
Thu. May 14: Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Fri. May 15: Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.
Sat. May 16: Rev. Peter Meyer

Stewardship Report

May 2/3 (incl. extra Mass)	\$6,485.75
2026 Total Collection	\$95,703.00
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

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9AM Mass

Save the Date Retirement and Farewell

On Friday June 12th, we will be hosting a Retirement Celebration for Fr. Paul, as well as a Farewell to both Fr. Paul and Fr. Murray. The event will have two drop-in times: 4pm-6pm and 7pm-9pm. More details to follow.



Next Weekend - Roses for Life

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.



Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place!



Join us as we support Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother's Day (May 10th) to Father's Day (June 21st)! Baby bottles are available at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to take one home. By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place's programs, offering housing, education, counseling, and more to those in need. Together, we are helping ensure that no baby starts life homeless. For more information or to make a donation online, visit : www.marillacplace.ca.

National Family and Life Week May 10th-17th



"I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). These words of Christ at the time of his Ascension have been chosen as the theme for **National Family and Life Week 2026**, observed from Sunday May 10th to 17th. Throughout the week, families, parishes, parish groups, ecclesial movements, associations, and Catholic schools are invited to pause and reflect on the gift of family life. It is a time to give thanks, extend forgiveness, and share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. In doing so, we are reminded of the dignity of every human life and our call to love one another within our homes, our communities, and the wider world. May the constant presence of Christ be a source of comfort, hope, and renewal for us all, as we walk with him in prayer and through the Sacraments, trusting in his promise that we are never alone, but accompanied always, "to the end of the age." For more information, activities, a video and a prayer, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5n84d2ur>

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

6th Sunday of Easter

As He prepares to leave this world and ascend to the Father, Jesus does not leave us on our own. He gives us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom we can call upon (ad vocare) at any time, and who remains with us always. In a world that can feel hopeless, often marked by violence, suffering, and death, this same Spirit keeps alive in us the hope of the Resurrection and new life. This hope is not meant to be hidden; as Saint Peter urges, we must be ready to give an account of it - not only with words, but above all with our very lives. How is the Spirit calling you to make that hope visible in your life?

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR;
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Handicraft Holy Land Christians



Next weekend, May 16-17, we will welcome our special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". After all the masses she will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian family in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

www.HolylandChristians.ca

Around Town

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.

Seasons of Love – From Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber – St. Matthews Choral Scholars, with Sanctuary choir and friends, will be presenting a concert of Broadway and Opera selections from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, including hits from West Side Story, Sound of Music, The Magic Flute and more! The event will take place on Saturday, May 23 at 7:30 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener. Visit stmattskw.com for more information.

Diocesan Announcements

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>.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 - Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. For more information about WYD and how to join our delegation please visit: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - Time is running out to register to join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski in celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm.** (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us on **May 28, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season with **War for the Woods**. The film follows journalist Stephanie Kwetásel'wet Wood as she underscores the impact of clearcut logging and the devastation of old growth forests. Clayoquot Sound, B.C, the site of protests against clearcut logging 30 years ago, serves as the backdrop as the film explores how First Nations and environmentalists are again taking a stand to balance environmental stewardship with economic needs, as protecting these ancient forests becomes ever more complicated. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3843ts>**

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:00pm-7:00 pm), social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, **June 6th** at the Saint Clement's Church (745 Duke Street, Cambridge, ON). For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.



Pastor:

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Priest in Res.

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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."

May 10th, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

"All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them".

- John 14:23

