

## MASS INTENTIONS

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.**  
-Anne Darby-Watchorn

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **Int. Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R.**  
-Anne Pritchard

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+Eileen Cox**  
-Gail Moir

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> –Ferial

9:00 a.m. **+J.J. Hansen**  
-Lei Ann & Bruce

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. **+Leonito Medina**  
-The Medina Family  
**+Joao Pereira**  
-Rosalina Pereira  
**+Debbie Williams**  
-Annette Shantz  
**+Marth Monteiro**  
-Julia Rodricks & Family  
**+Augusta Rodrigues**  
-Julia Rodricks & Family

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. **For the Parishioners of St. Francis**  
11:00 a.m. **+Angela Chow**  
-Maria Cabral

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. May 18: **Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.**  
Tues. May 19: **Rev. Christopher Tracey**  
Wed. May 20: **Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P.**  
Thu. May 21: **Single Catholics**  
Fri. May. 22: **Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.**  
Sat. May 23: **Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.**

## Stewardship Report

May 2/3 (incl. extra Mass) \$4,943.75  
2026 Total Collection \$100,646.75  
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

Office Closed  
OEA (H) 7:00 pm

### Wednesday

Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

### Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9AM Mass

## Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday May 18th for the Victoria Day Holiday.

## Welcome to the Family!

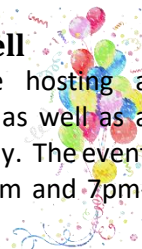
A big congratulations to Kiari Wickland, Amelia Vazquez, Mya Saz, Lena Saz, Arlo Lavigne, Sophie Lavigne and Anna Collins who were Baptized over the weekend! With joy, we welcome them into the Catholic faith and pray that they may grow in God's grace, surrounded by the love and support of their families and parish community.



## Save the Date

### Retirement and Farewell

On Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Development and Peace – Share Lent Next Weekend Last Opportunity

Next weekend is the last opportunity to make a donation to the Share Lent Campaign. Envelopes are still available at the entrances of the church.



### Roses for Life

This weekend, the Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be distributing small embroidered roses after masses. 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.



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians



This weekend, 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 your help and for your prayers."

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

[www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

Ascension of the Lord

In my travels, I have come to see that parts of the Congregation of the Resurrection in places like Brazil and Tanzania have men in formation because they are willing to take a risk. You can say that it is because they are poorer, or less educated and do not have as many options as we do – and there is some truth to that. But like Aesop's fable of the fox and the cat, although the fox claims to have many ways of escaping – while the cat only has one – when it is time for action, the cat does what needs to be done, while the fox does nothing, paralyzed by its inability to choose between its options.

Fr. Raphael Ma,

CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

## Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place!



There are still some bottles left at the main entrance of the church. Join us as we support Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother's Day (May 10<sup>th</sup>) to Father's Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>)! 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](http://www.marillacplace.ca).

## Year of St. Francis "Fr. Paul's Pics"

Pope Leo XIV proclaimed 2026 as a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. We are the only church in the Hamilton Diocese to bear the name St Francis of Assisi. We also have a Facebook Famous "renowned photographer" (Fr. Paul) in our midst! To continue the celebration of the Year of St Francis we will be sharing with you some of his photographs, along with key information about St Francis' life in a column we like to call "Fr. Paul's Pics".

### God Knows the Plan He Has For Us



*"Facing the Basilica of St. Francis, in Assisi, is this statue. Francis, before choosing to lead a life of prayer and service, was a soldier. He thought that would be his future." Fr Paul*

Francis had a wealthy upbringing. He was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, his wealthy silk-merchant father renamed him Francesco ("Frenchman") due to his love for French culture. In his early twenties, Francis lived a luxurious, carefree lifestyle, spending money lavishly on fine clothes and parties. As a young 19-year-old man, Francis fought in a conflict against the city of Perugia. He was captured, imprisoned for nearly a year and suffered a severe illness—an experience that deeply shaped his spiritual conversion as he realized the emptiness of his worldly life.

While praying in the ruined chapel of San Damiano, Francis heard a voice from the crucifix

say, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down". In a dramatic gesture, he returned his clothes and money to his father, declaring he now belonged only to God.

### Around Town

**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](http://stmattskw.com) for more information.

**Mount Mary – Celebrating 50 years-** This year the Mount Mary Retreat Program is celebrating its 50th anniversary. As you know, the young people of our churches have the opportunity to attend this retreat in their Grade Eight year. It has made a lasting impact on generations of students. To commemorate this milestone anniversary, a celebration is being held at the Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Ave, Ancaster, ON) on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1PM- 4PM. All former students and teachers and their families are invited to attend. There will be time for fellowship, worship and touring the grounds to recall fond memories

### Diocesan Announcements

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** - Join us on **May 28 at 7PM** 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. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3843ts>**

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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."*

## May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### The Ascension of the Lord

*"Go make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the end of the age".*

- Matthew 28:19, 20

