

**MASS INTENTIONS  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Philip Neri**

9:00 a.m. +Marg Beckner  
-Marj Simon

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Anne Fischer  
-Sandy Milne

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Marilyn Alston  
-Pat Poole & Family  
+Ildebrando Silveira  
-Maria Silveira

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>–Ferial**

9:00 a.m. +Gary & Patrick McMahon  
-Bernard & Rose Hanley  
+Joao Perreira  
-Rosalina Perriera

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – The Most Holy Trinity**

5:00 p.m. +Angela, Reno & Tony Ianni  
-Maurizio & Sharon Ianni  
+Randy Hepditch  
-Linda & Gerard Carmichael  
+Debbie Williams  
-Annette Shantz  
Int. Cathy Vanzielegem  
-Helen Shantz

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – The Most Holy Trinity**

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis  
11:00 a.m. Int. Irene Runstedler  
-The Huryk Family

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar**

Mon. May 25: *Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*  
Tues. May 26: **Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.**  
Wed. May 27: **Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, R.P.B.**  
Thu. May 28: **Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan**  
Fri. May. 29: **Rev. David Lewis**  
Sat. May 30: **Rev. Sunil D’Souza, O.C.D.**

**Stewardship Report**

May 16/17	\$5,025.15
2026 Total Collection	\$105,671.90
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 9:30 am  
Prayer Shawl Mtg. (E) 1:00 pm  
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm  
**Sunday**  
Children’s Liturgy @9AM Mass

**Supporting St. Francis Parish  
For the Next 100 Years**

Please remember St. Francis Parish, Kitchener, when creating or updating your will. Thank you for your consideration.



**Retirement and Farewell**

**PARTY FOR FR. PAUL AND FR. MURRAY**

June 12 from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm

Come drop in and thank Fr. Paul and Fr. Murray for their outstanding leadership of our parish over these many years and congratulate Fr. Paul on his retirement! Light refreshments will be served.

**Appreciation Projects – To Honour our Church’s History and Legacy**

As part of our celebrations, we will be doing three projects as a sign of appreciation to the Congregation of the Resurrection for providing such wonderful service to our community for over six decades:

1. Updating the outdoor signage on the church to “St. Francis of Assisi”, to accurately reflect our name (currently it is “St. Francis Church”)
2. Installing a plaque on the statue of St. Francis of Assisi outside our main church doors. This will let people know about the statue and the Congregation of the Resurrection who served this community for so long.
3. Mounting a plaque in the church foyer which honours the service of the Congregation of the Resurrection from 1959 – 2026.

A mock-up of each of these upgrades/additions can be found at the back of the church, and additional information in this week’s bulletin insert.

There is an opportunity to make a financial donation toward covering the costs of these projects (tax receipt will be issued). See the insert for more information.

If you have any questions/comments, please contact the parish office.  
Thank you!

**This Wednesday - Sacrament of the Sick**

This coming Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick after the 9 a.m. Mass. This special sacrament is celebrated on the last Wednesday of every month, after the 9 a.m. Mass, providing an opportunity for individuals and families to approach the Sacrament in their illness and before surgery. It continues to be a misunderstood (and unused) Sacrament, as many still see it as ‘Last Rites’. Its name and its theology proclaims it is for the sick, for healing, and to be celebrated in family/community

**Funeral Ministers Required**

Funeral Masses celebrated here at St. Francis is a Sacrament, full of grace that is bestowed upon the deceased and their grieving families. In order to ensure that these run smoothly, we require ministry volunteers to assist with the different elements of the Mass (same as is done on Sundays). If you are a registered adult Altar Server or Hospitality Minister who is able to assist, please call or email the office. Commitment is minimal. Thank you.

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute**

Pentecost Sunday

The disciples in the Upper Room were paralyzed by fear. It was the presence of the Risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit that transformed them. Pentecost announces that the Spirit does the same today. Many people hesitate to respond to a call to religious life because of fear: fear of the unknown, fear of sacrifice, fear of what others will think. But the Spirit was given precisely for this - to replace fear with the peace and courage of Christ. What fear is the Spirit asking you to surrender today?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski,  
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## 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. To continue the celebration of the Year of St. Francis we will be sharing with you some of Fr. Paul Voisin's photographs, along with key information about St. Francis' life in a column we like to call "Fr. Paul's Pics".

### Where It All Began



*"The courtyard of St. Damian Convent. The Church here was the first one restored by Francis and his followers, as I 'heard' God calling him to 'Rebuild my Church'. It is now a convent of the Poor Clares Community of Sisters. When I go to Assisi, I ask the cab driver to take us here first, and then to the Basilica. This is where it all began for St. Francis!" - Fr Paul*

In 1205, not long after his return to Assisi, Francis was praying before an ancient crucifix in the forsaken wayside chapel of St. Damian's below the town, when he heard a voice saying: "Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin."

Taking this request literally, as referring to the ruinous church where he knelt, Francis went to his father's shop and impulsively sold a load of colored drapery to raise the money needed to restore St. Damian's. The priest refused the donation. Following a conflict, Francis was brought before the Bishop of Assisi. He stripped off all his clothes—representing his earthly

inheritance—renounced his wealth publicly and gave up his inheritance for a life of poverty. Francis finally understood how to "rebuild the church". Within a year, he attracted 11 companions, mirroring the 12 Apostles of Christ and formed the early Franciscan community

### Around Town

**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>**

**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 on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6PM – 9PM at the Saint Clement's Church (745 Duke Street, Cambridge, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton : <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

# 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.



<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com">pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love".*

