

MASS INTENTIONS
May 5th – 10th

Tuesday 5th – Ferial

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

Wednesday 6th – St. Francois de Laval

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

Thursday 7th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +David Milne
-Sandy Milne

Friday 8th –Ferial

9:30 a.m. +Marta Mantero &
+Augusta Rodrigues
-Julia Rodricks & Family

Saturday 9th – 6th Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. +Carol & Richard Mayer
-The Binyon Family
+Doreen & Frances Hehn
-Brenda & Family
+Ken & Mildred Fisher
-Gail & Ruthann Fisher
+Vera Oei
-David & Amanda Michaels
+Ross Abbott
-Michelle Krulicki

Sunday 10th – 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. + Members of D'Souza Family
-Roshan & Kirthi

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

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. May 4: **Rev. Bradley Markus**
Tues. May 5: **Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger**
Wed. May 6: **Congregation of the Resurrection,**
C.R.
Thu. May 7: **Rev. Khalid Karomi**
Fri. May. 8: **Rev. David Reitzel**
Sat. May 9: **Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam**

Stewardship Report

April 25 th /26 th	\$4,438.25
2026 Total Collection	\$89,217.25
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

Friday May 8th - Mass Time Change

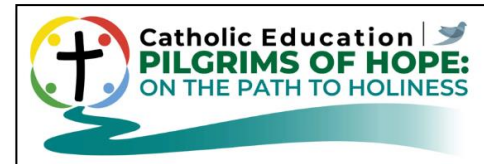
This Friday, Mass will be led by some of our students from St. Paul. This means that the start time will be at **9:30 AM**. This is not a school Mass. All are invited to attend! We hope to see you there.

Development and Peace – Share Lent

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to all our young students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend! We look forward to continuing this faith journey with each and every one of you. Please continue to pray for the children on this special occasion.



Catholic Education Week 2026 in Ontario runs from May 3rd to May 8th, 2026, themed "Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness". This week celebrates the contributions of Catholic schools to students, families, and society, focusing on faith, service, and the Jubilee Year theme of hope. The theme is inspired by the Pope's *Pilgrims of Hope* Jubilee year, focusing on prayer, service, and evangelization. We are proud to be celebrating Catholic Education week with the two schools in our parish, St. Bernadette and St. Paul. To see a message from Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, for a special prayer and more visit: <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com>

"As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves." (1 Peter 1:15–16).

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.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

5th Sunday of Easter

What is heaven like? By Jesus's description in the gospel this Sunday it seems like there are plenty of rooms for everyone. Perhaps the same is true for the Church? With each person given a particular vocation or "room" to serve with their gifts. But that doesn't mean that we're always able to find it or enter. It requires discerning a call and responding freely with our "yes." If you are thinking about discerning what your "room" is in the Church please contact your parish and request to talk to people who can help. There are many vacancies these days and we want you to find the "room" made just for you!

Fr. Toby Collins,
CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of 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



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.

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.

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.

THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE - Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Watch the video celebrating the week as a family here: [National Family and Life Week 2026 \(May 10-17\) | Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](http://NationalFamilyandLifeWeek2026(May10-17)|CanadianConferenceofCatholicBishops)

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. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. For more information about WYD and how to join our delegation please visit: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

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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:	Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. (pvoisin@hamiltondiocese.com)
Priest in Res.	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez (pfernandez@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Lei Ann Wade (lawade@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Mrs. Amanda Michaels
Building Manager:	Mr. Lazaro Escobar
Asst. Building Mgr.:	Mr. Gary Howell

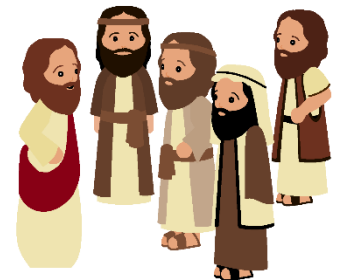
Parish Office
Monday – Friday 8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

"We are a Christ-centered faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me."



- John 14:6