

## MASS INTENTIONS

June 16<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Chris Buda, C.R.  
-Friends of Father Chris

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +John Sexsmith  
-Marj Simon

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Ferial

9:30 a.m. Int. Of Staff and Students of St. Paul  
School

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>–Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Anastasia Koebel & John Gyimoti

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. +Ildenbrando Silveira  
-Maria Silveira  
+Doreen & Frances Hehn  
-Brenda & Family  
+Lorne MacDonald  
-Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh  
+Bill Renaud  
-Michelle Krulicki  
+Sevrine, John & Sr. Agnetta  
-Gene Furtado  
+Jules Rodricks, Ambrose  
Monteiro & Joaquim Rodrigues  
-Julia Rodricks  
+Remy D'Souza  
-The D'Souza Family  
+Hebtemaryam Beraki  
-Tabetu

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis  
11:00 a.m. +Scott Hayden  
-St. Francis Choir

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. June 15: Rev. Roque Concepcion  
Tues. June 16: Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.  
Wed. June 17: Congregation of the Sisters of St.  
Anne, s.s.a.  
Thu. June 18: Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.  
Fri. June 19: Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.  
Sat. June 20: Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

## Stewardship Report

June 6/7 \$5,104.75  
2026 Total Collection \$115,076.55

### 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

### Thursday

St. Paul School Mass 9:30 am

### Sunday

Children's Liturgy @9AM Mass

## Daily Mass Time Change -Thursday

Daily Mass on Thursday June 18th will be  
celebrated at 9:30 AM, as we welcome St. Paul  
Staff and Students for their Year End Mass. All are  
welcome.

## Please Return Hymn Books

We are missing quite a number of the Gather and  
Catholic Book of Worship hymn books from our  
pews. If you have accidentally taken them home  
please return them as soon as possible so all may  
participate in singing at Mass.

## 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.

There is an opportunity to make a financial  
donation toward covering the costs of these  
projects (tax receipt will be issued) online, or  
using envelopes available at the entrances of the  
church. For more information, please visit our  
website: <https://stfranciskw.ca/st-francis-of-assisi-church-legacy-projects/>.

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

## Marillac Place – Baby Bottles RETURN NEXT WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this  
year's baby bottle fundraiser in support of  
Marillac Place. Just a reminder that the bottles  
are due back by NEXT Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>, Father's  
Day. There will be a basket at the entrance of the  
church to put your donations in.

## Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are  
few." Jesus speaks these words after seeing the  
crowds who were "harassed and helpless, like  
sheep without a shepherd." Priestly and religious  
vocations begin when a person allows his or her  
heart to be moved by the spiritual needs of others  
and asks, "Lord, how do you want me to serve?"  
Jesus first tells us to pray: "Ask [therefore] the  
Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his  
harvest." He then invites those who have  
received freely to give freely and make of their  
lives a gift to others. Listen attentively - perhaps  
in today's Gospel you will hear your name among  
those whom Christ is calling to be His apostles.

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR;  
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## World Refugee Day

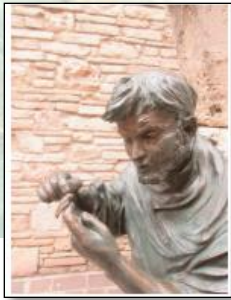
As we prepare to observe World Refugee Day on  
June 20, we are reminded of Christ's call to  
welcome the stranger: "I was a stranger and you  
welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). For decades,  
the Diocese of Hamilton, through its Office for  
Refugees and in partnership with its parishes, has  
helped refugee families build new lives in Canada  
with dignity, compassion, and hope by providing  
protection through the private sponsorship  
program. Learn more about this life-saving  
ministry. <https://tinyurl.com/5dn4ybnd>

**World Youth Day 2027- The** Diocese of Hamilton  
is blessed to have **80 young pilgrims** preparing to  
travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a  
part of the 45<sup>th</sup> International Celebration of  
World Youth Day. To learn more about this  
pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the  
young people of our Diocese, visit us at:  
[wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

## 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".

### Patron Saint of Animals



*"I have taken many pictures over the years of statues with St. Francis and a variety of animals including the wolf, rabbits and birds. His appreciation and love of nature is one of his hallmarks as he is so deeply associated with nature. Continuing in this Year of St. Francis, this is a statue of the Saint at the Basilica of Mary of the Angels in the 'new' part of Assisi." - Fr Paul*

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226) is the patron saint of animals and ecology. He famously viewed all of creation, from birds and wolves to the sun and moon, as his "brothers and sisters," embodying deep respect and stewardship for the natural world. St. Francis famously preached a sermon to a flock of birds, urging them to praise God and preached to them about their connection to all that is and their duty to sing their praises. According to the legend, the birds stood perfectly still and listened attentively until he gave them permission to leave. Although he is

recognized as the primary patron, he shares his patronage of birds with St. Milburga of Wenlock, St. Tryphon, St. Gall and St. Kevin. His Feast Day is celebrated globally on October 4. A Blessing of the Animals honours his love for all creatures. Churches worldwide host ceremonies on or near his feast day where people bring their pets to be blessed. October 4 is also globally recognized as World Animal Day, a tradition inspired directly by his legacy.



### Around Town

**Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother**- located in the historic St. Agatha Cemetery Chapel in St. Agatha and built in 1857, welcomes visitors for prayer and reflection throughout the summer season. The shrine features a beautiful collection of relics of the saints, along with sacred paintings, statues, and religious artwork that inspire devotion and peace. The chapel will be open **every Sunday beginning June 7th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and continuing each Sunday until September 27th.** All are warmly invited to come for a spiritual visit and to experience the beauty, history, and prayerful atmosphere of this special place of devotion.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass** - Mark your calendars! All are invited to attend a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 2 pm at the Carmel Monastery (1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0).

# 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."*

## June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The kingdom of God has come near: repent and believe the good news!"*

-Mark 1:15

