

MASS INTENTIONS

June 9th – 14th

Tuesday 9th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Grazyna Knopinska
-Maria Ciomplik & Family

Wednesday 10th – Ferial

9:00 a.m. +Gerry & Monica Balm
-Gene Furtado

Thursday 11th – St. Barnabas

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

Friday 12th – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 a.m. +Joao Pereira
-Rosalina Pereira
+Albert Sauer Sr.
-Elizabeth Sauer

Saturday 13th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. +Alison O'Farrell
-Michelle Krulicki
+Angela Chow
-Joan & Robert Frank
+Jennifer Haller-Buchanan
-Anne Darby-Watchorn
Int. Tony & Marlen Fahel
-Joan & Jim O'Doherty
Int. Cathy Vanzielegem
-Lucille Vanzielegem

Sunday 14th – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. +Michael & Maureen McMahon
-Bernard & Rose Hanley
11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Francis

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. June 8: Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Tues. June 9: Rev. Michael Bennett
Wed. June 10: Comboni Missionaries M.C.C.J.
Thu. June 11: Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R.
Fri. June 12: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
Sat. June 13: Rev. Francisco Cruz

Stewardship Report

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| May 30/31 | \$4,621.90 |
| 2026 Total Collection | \$115,076.55 |
| 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

Friday
Retirement/Farwell Party 4-6 pm; 7-9 pm

Sunday
Children's Liturgy @9AM Mass

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.

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

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 Sunday June 21st, Father's Day. There will be a basket at the entrance of the church to put your donations in.

Development and Peace – Share Lent

Thank you for giving from the heart – Final

Donation Total



A HUGE thank you for your generosity supporting Caritas Canada- On Track for Justice with your Share Lent donations. After the closing of the campaign last weekend, I am proud to say that St. Francis raised a total of **\$6,150.00**, which is an increase of approx. \$1,800 from 2025. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

Body & Blood of Christ

What if someone offered us a piece of Bread that, once consumed, might give us unending life? To be called to share this bread as a priest and/or Religious is a remarkable thing - and hopefully a consideration for many as they think about their vocation in life! May God help those called to share this bread with others to have the courage to say yes to their vocation. And may we all become one with someone who is so blessed, broken, and shared so that all who believe may have eternal life!

Fr. Toby Collins,

CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

MARYHILL is 200 - Come Celebrate with us on July 1st from 11am- 2pm at the Maryhill Historical Society's Halter House (1338 Maryhill Road). Food, Music, Giveaways, Displays, and a Special Commemorative Beverage

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".

A Favourite Story



"Here is a statue, from Assisi, of St. Francis and the wolf of Gubbio. This wolf was terrorizing the people of a nearby village, Gubbio, threatening young children and livestock. The villages invited Francis to come and calm the wolf, which he did. A copy of this statue is in our Church, done by local sculptor Karl Rothammer." - Fr Paul

The Legend:

The Wolf of Gubbio is a famous legend from the life of St. Francis of Assisi, as recounted in the 14th-century Italian text *The Little Flowers of St. Francis*. According to the story, a ferociously large wolf was terrorizing the city of Gubbio, Italy, devouring livestock and killing people. St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of animals and nature, offered to meet the wolf. As the wolf rushed to attack him, Francis made the sign of the cross and commanded it to stop, calling it "Brother Wolf". Francis negotiated a peace treaty between the wolf and the townspeople: the town

would feed the wolf, and in return, the wolf would stop attacking them. To seal the deal, the wolf placed its paw in St. Francis's hand. The wolf lived in the town for two years, fed by the residents, until it died of old age.

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.

St. Agnes Education Café - As Catholics, we have the privilege of participating in the Mass ~ the sacred liturgy, supreme expression of Catholic liturgical life. Here we kneel side by side with one another, as one in Christ's mystical body. **Are we truly aware of what we enter into with our participation in the Mass?** Join this special event: "The Mystery of The Liturgy & The Eucharist". **Tuesday June 16th 7:00-8:30pm, St. Agnes Parish.**

St. Mary's and St. Jerome's Kitchener Class of 1986 - 40th Graduation Reunion – Students from the St. Mary's and St. Jerome High school, class of '86, are invited to a 40th reunion at Edelweiss Tavern on October 24th, 2026 from 7PM – 12:30AM! "Get ready to groove on like the good 'ol days with an 80s DJ Dance", and enjoy pub grub/snacks and a photo booth. Tickets are \$40.00/person. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdeaw3kh>

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.



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| 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."

June 7th, 2026

Corpus Christi

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats of this bread will live forever".

-John 6:51-52

