

Mass Intentions –July 7 th – 12 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday July 7 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Joseph Dao & Anna Pham	• Ninh Dao
Wednesday July 8 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Maria Ciomplick & Family	
Thursday July 9 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Ildebrando Silveira	• Maria Silveira
Friday July 10 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Branka Stimac	• The Molnar Family
Saturday July 11 th 5:00 PM	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	• Doreen & Frances Hehn • Paulo Cardoso • Michael Fernbach	• Brenda & Family • Laurentina Codeco • Vic Thibeault
Sunday July 12 th 9:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	• Helen Shantz
11:00 AM		• +Herb, Rita and Nancy Westman and Int. Pendergast Family	•Colin Westman & Marg Voll

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
 Mon. July 6: **Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo**
 Tues. July 7: **Rev. Ireneusz H. Koziak, S.A.C.**
 Wed. July 8: **Society of Christ, S.Ch.**
 Thu. July 9: **Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.**
 Fri. July 10: **Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru**
 Sat. July 11: **Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos**

Stewardship Report	
June 20/21	\$3,914.00
2026 Total Collection	\$137,742.50
2026 Budget	\$304,099.95

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



Venezuela Earthquakes

“At 6:04 p.m. local time on June 24, 2026, there was a magnitude 7.2 earthquake at San Felipe, in the state of Yaracuy, followed by another of magnitude 7.5, just 39 seconds later. The quakes, the strongest to strike Venezuela since the year 1900, have caused widespread damage across much of the country, especially in the La Guaira region and the capital, Caracas.

By Friday morning, Venezuelan authorities were reporting 589 people killed and 2,980 people injured. Media reports indicate that tens of thousands of people are unaccounted for, indicating that the ultimate death toll will likely be much higher. Statistical modelling by the United States Geological Survey pegs the probability of 10,000 people dying at 59 per cent, with a 17 per cent chance of the toll surpassing 100,000.

Following the devastating earthquakes, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has contributed \$50,000 to support emergency relief efforts through Caritas Venezuela and is inviting Canadians to give generously. **Until July 14th, every dollar donated will be match the Government of Canada (up to a maximum of \$4 million), doubling your impact.”**

If you’d like to make a donation, visit: https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_1953

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

Mark your Calendars – Sacraments for Students Next School Year

We are excited to welcome our young people into the church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation! Traditionally, students in grade 2 receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, and students in Grade 7 receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. However, we invite ALL interested young people, above these ages, to also prepare for their First Communion or Confirmation.

Confirmation will take place in the Fall of 2026! We will have an initial student and parent meeting on ***Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St Francis of Assisi Church*** to outline the preparation and dates.

Reconciliation and **First Communion** will take place in the spring of 2027. More details to follow.

If your child requires the sacrament of Baptism, please contact Lei Ann at lawade@hamiltondiocese.com.

Adults wishing to further their faith journey and become Catholic are welcome to join our RCIA (Rite Christian Initiation of Adults). Please contact the Parish Office.

Frassati Leadership Program
 Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/hf5s49tk>

Receiving a Plenary Indulgence During the Year of St. Francis

What is a Plenary Indulgence? - "Imagine you break your neighbor's window. Even if you say sorry and they completely forgive you, the window is still broken, and someone has to fix it. In the Catholic faith, a **plenary indulgence** is like God completely wiping away the remaining consequences of your sins. [1]

A plenary indulgence is the total wiping away of all the "damage" or "punishment" caused by your sins, leaving you with a totally clean slate. [1, 2]

Think of it step-by-step:

1. **The Mistake (Sin):** You do something wrong.
2. **Saying Sorry (Confession):** You tell God you are sorry. He forgives you and welcomes you into His family, but there is still the "damage" to clean up (which is why people go to Purgatory to get spiritually polished before Heaven).
3. **The Plenary Indulgence:** This is a special gift from the Church that takes away *all that leftover clean-up work.*" [1,2,3,4]

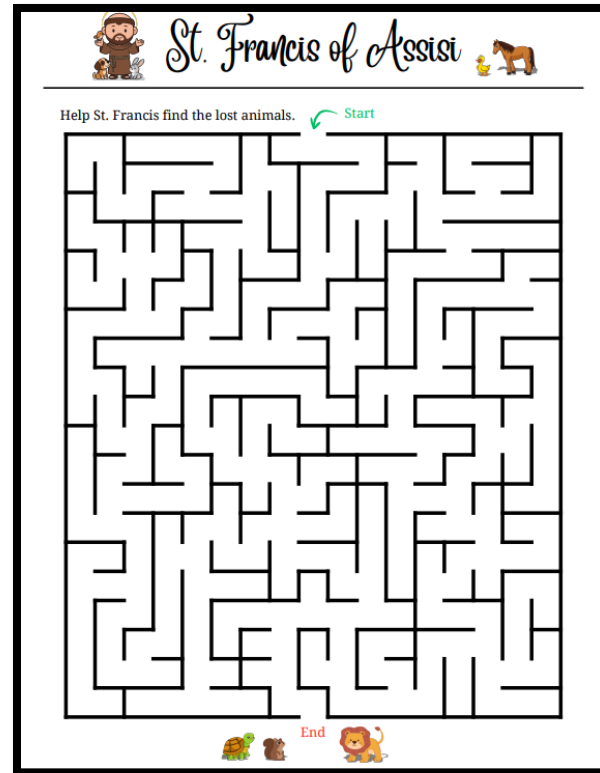
As part of the special year of St. Francis of Assisi, you can receive a plenary indulgence, which requires the following steps:

1. Make a pilgrimage and visit a Franciscan church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis **(THAT'S HERE!)**
2. Spend time in meditation and prayer
3. Pray the Our Father, Creed, invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare and Saints of the Franciscan family, and the intentions of Pope Leo XIV.
4. Go to Confession
5. Receive the Eucharist
6. Detach from all sin, including venial sin.

Kid's Summer Corner

In Honour of the Year of St. Francis of Assisi
Keep an eye on the bulletin for fun activities or facts all summer long!

Help St. Francis find the Lost Animals!



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.

— OUR PARISH TEAM —



Pastor: Fr. Stephen Gilbert
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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."



July 5th, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom"

-Matthew 11:25

