

Mass Intentions – August 18 th – 23 rd			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday 18 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• Int. Virginia	
Wednesday 19 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Barbara Dunnungton	• Mary Liz Hearn & Colleen Little
Thursday 20 th 9:00 AM	St. Bernard	• +Ildenbrando Silveira	•Maria Silveira
Friday 21 st 9:00 AM	St. Pius X, Pope	• +Scott Hayden	• Sandy Milne
Saturday 22 nd 5:00 PM	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	• +Ken Fisher • +Paulo Cardoso • +Michael McDonnell • +Jennifer Haller-Buchanan • Int. Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.	• Gail & Ruthann Fisher • Laurentina Codeco •St. Francis Choir •Julie Wilkins
Sunday 23 rd 9:00 AM		• +Judy Van Ooteghem	• Jerry & Family
11:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Mon. August 17: **Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.**
Tues. August 18: **Very Rev. Paul Damian Panaretos, S.J.**
Wed. August 19: **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.**
Thu. August 20: **Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.**
Fri. August 21: **Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu**
Sat. August 22: ***The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

What’s Happening this Week?
Monday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 1:15 & 2:30 pm
OEA (H) 7:00 pm
Wednesday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm

Stewardship Report
August 8th/9th
Envelope & Loose \$2,439.25
Automatic Withdrawal \$1,338.75
Total Collection Last Week \$3,778.00
2026 Total Collection \$167,261.65

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**Message from the
Diocese of Hamilton**



**Charges Withdrawn against Reverend
Ranjan D’Sa, OCD-Priestly Faculties
Restored**

Fr. Ranjan D’Sa, OCD, a member of the Discalced Carmelite Order and a priest who serves in the Diocese of Hamilton, was charged with one (1) count of sexual assault on or about March 23, 2026.*
Fr. D’Sa has been maintaining his innocence since the beginning of the investigation. He was presumed innocent in the matter, and in fact, he was found innocent by the court on July 24, 2026. The case was withdrawn at the request of the Crown Attorney’s Office. Accordingly, Fr. D’Sa has no outstanding criminal charges. We wish to make public the withdrawal of the charge against Fr. D’Sa to assist in restoring his reputation and declare that he is a priest in good standing with the faculties necessary to continue to exercise his priestly ministry, according to the wishes of his Religious Community.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar
Planning Meeting**

There will be a BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING on **Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2:00 pm** in the church hall. If you are interested in helping to plan this year's bazaar please join us! Mark your Calendars: this year's St. Francis Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 14, 2026.
Questions? Email: marykdiemert@yahoo.ca

Updated Information?

Have you moved, or changed your phone number recently? Don’t forget to let us know, so we can ensure our registered parishioner information is up to date! This allows us to keep in touch and send out T4’s at the end of the year! To update your information, please contact the office.

Not yet registered? We welcome you to officially join our community by completing the form (found at the entrances of the church or on our website), and returning it to the office via: email, in person or in the collection basket.

Sunday Readings Reflection

First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7; Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel: Mt. 15:21-28

Catholic means “universal.” Everyone is called to salvation in Christ; everyone is called to his house of prayer, his Church, his family. The Church, at her core, is missionary, and all her efforts are geared toward an ever-wider expansion and growth, that she may embrace every human being. This universality, reflected in all of today’s readings, is rooted ultimately in the meaning of the Incarnation itself. "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, 22). This reality raises the dignity of human life beyond what it already had as God’s creation in his own image, and is also the basis for the urgency of the task to announce the Gospel to all people, that they may know the meaning and promise of the dignity they have. “The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable,” as today’s second reading tells us. That is why the Church is pro-life, and why, as Paul VI declared in Humanae Vitae and John Paul II repeated in Evangelium Vitae, “this tradition is unchanged and unchangeable” (EV 62). Our stance in favor of life, and in defense of life, does not spring from us, or from some inclination we have toward a particular philosophy, ideology, or political platform. It is based, rather, in “the gifts and the call of God,” which “are irrevocable” and universal. He has chosen to create and redeem us, and reserve a place for us on his throne. His choice is what makes human life sacred, and is

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the basis for our choices. Today's readings, therefore, provide a foundation for a strong affirmation of the essential and integral pro-life stance of the Church, of its meaning and origin, and of the need for that pro-life witness to be given to the whole world and to every culture.

**St. Francis of Assisi
Summer Corner**

On August 11th, we celebrated the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi. It's time to meet her sister: **St. Agnes of Assisi – The “Second Sister”**

“The biological sister of St. Clare, St Agnes followed her sister's path and joined the Poor Clares, embracing the strict communal life inspired by Francis. Saint Agnes of Assisi (born Caterina Offreducia) was a 13th-century Italian nun, the younger sister of Saint Clare of Assisi, and a key co-founder of the Poor Clares. She was born around 1197. She was inspired by her sister, Clare who, inspired by the example of Francis of Assisi, left their father's home in secret to become a follower of Francis. Only 16 days after Clare left her wealthy family home, St Agnes ran away and followed her to the Church of St. Angelo di Panzo. Her family was not pleased to lose a second high status young woman who could secure a political marriage. When armed family members tried to drag her away, her body miraculously became too heavy to move. Agnes' relatives, realizing that something divine protected her, allowed her to remain with Clare and live a life of celibacy and devotion to Christ. Her name was changed to Agnes when she became a nun, to reflect the Latin “agnus,” which means “lamb.” Francis later established an enclosed convent for Clare and Agnes at the rural chapel of San Damiano. They were soon joined by other noblewomen of the city, and the Order of Poor Ladies, later known as the Poor Clares, began, with Clare as its abbess.

After years of working together, Agnes was named abbess and sent to Florence in 1221 to lead the monastery of Monticelli. She continued to establish new Poor Clare monasteries across northern Italy, including in Mantua, Padua, and Venice. As one of the first women to be a Poor Clare and an abbess in several communities, she helped to shape the order and provided both an example and a space for the many women that would follow in her footsteps. Throughout her life Agnes taught us three things: To have the courage to follow God's plan, even if it is different from other people's plans; the power of family, friendship and faith as the sisters supported each other in their journey to holiness; and that even a quiet, gentle person can have a great impact. Agnes was called back to San Damiano in 1253 to nurse her dying sister Clare. Three months later, she followed Clare to her heavenly home. The sisters were interred together at the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi. St Clare was quickly canonized, just 2 years after her death with a rapid push for canonization by the early Poor Clares and Franciscan promoters. St Agnes' canonization took almost 500 years. She was formally canonized in 1753.

St Agnes' Feast Day is November 16.

Around Town

Epic: The Early Church - is a ten-session DVD study that explores the people, places, and events that shaped the Church's first five hundred years. Presented and authored by Steve Weidenkopf, Church historian from Christendom College and published by Ascension Press. Offered by St. Louis Parish in Waterloo either on Sundays from 12:30 – 1:40 PM with lunch, or on Mondays from 7:30 – 9 PM with refreshments in Large Hall from Sep. 20 or 21 to Dec. 6 or 7. For more details, or to reserve your spot, contact: 519-743-4101, or stlouiswaterloo@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

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— OUR PARISH TEAM —



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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.”



August 16th, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness”.

-Matthew 4:23

