

Mass Intentions – August 11 th – 16 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday 11 th 9:00 AM	St. Clare	• +Charles Molnar	• Rita Molnar & Family
Wednesday 12 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +Luann Mahn • Ildebrando Silveira	• The Mahn Family • Maria Silveira
Thursday 13 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• Int. Maria Cabral	
Friday 14 th 9:00 AM	St. Maximilian Kolbe	• +Joao Pereira	• Rosalina Pereira
Saturday 15 th 5:00 PM	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	• +Doreen & Frances Hehn • +Lorne MacDonald • +Pat & Gloria Doherty • +Paulo Cardoso • +Louise Hogg • Int. Jeanne Delaney	• Brenda & Family • Aunt Marge & Dana Marsh • Kathy Doherty-Masters & Fred Masters • Laurentina Codeco • Julie Wilkins • Marg Irwin
Sunday 16 th 9:00 AM		• +Luigi Trovato	• Maurizio & Sharon Ianni
11:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. August 10: **St. Lawrence, Deacon**
 Tues. August 11: **Rev. Dirk Dunfee, S.J.**
 Wed. August 12: **Ursuline Sisters, o.s.u.**
 Thu. August 13: **Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.**
 Fri. August 14: **Rev. Franjo Sprajc**
 Sat. August 15: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Stewardship Report August 2nd/3rd

Envelope & Loose	\$3,678.90
Automatic Withdrawal	\$1,338.75
Total Collection Last Week	\$5,022.65
2026 Total Collection	\$163,483.65

Thank you for your generosity!

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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

Mark your Calendars

Our annual parish **Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday September 19th! Closer to the time, we will be accepting donations for this beloved event, so if you have any items you wish to donate, we ask that you please put them aside, and keep an eye on the bulletin for when you can drop them off! More details to come!

September is Coming Fast! Sacraments for Students

As we enjoy these August Summer days, it’s time to start turning our minds to our upcoming Sacramental Prep for students! 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.

Sunday Readings Reflection

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5; Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

St. Paul expresses profound anguish in today’s second reading for his people. He longs that they accept Christ, who is “God blessed forever,” and the only hope of the human family. For every disciple, Christ is everything. Each event and decision of life, each project and plan, finds its standard, meaning, and fulfillment in him.

Yet those events, projects, plans, and the circumstances of life under which they unfold, are very much like the tempestuous behavior of nature that we see in both the first reading and the Gospel. Wind, waves, earthquakes, noise, danger, and the confusion of constant change mark many chapters of life. Yet there isn’t a single chapter, nor a single moment, in which the believer cannot cling to Christ, find him present, and embrace his hand that saves them from drowning.

In the pro-life effort, this theme applies directly to those confused by a pregnancy they feel they cannot handle, those who have had an abortion and are suffering the storms

of anguish that follow – and risk drowning in despair – and those who are in the heat of the battle, defending life against numerous odds and attacks.

In all of this, we seek and cling to Christ, who gives us the strength to stand on the side of life and experience his forgiveness and strength for the battle.

Around Town

Pilgrimage to Italy - Still Time To Register -
There are still some spaces available for a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Saints Benedict and Scholastica, Saints Peter and Paul, and many more. Additionally this adventure will include wine tasting, pasta making, and enjoying the gastronomy of various parts of Italy. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Final numbers are needed in September so register soon.

**St. Francis of Assisi
Summer Corner**

In Honour of the Year of St. Francis of Assisi
*Keep an eye on the bulletin for activities, events
and facts with ties to St. Francis of Assisi!*

Franciscan Reflection in Honour of the
recently celebrated Feast of the
Transfiguration

“For St. Francis of Assisi, the way to God was the way of holy simplicity. He discovered that true freedom is found not in possessing more, but in needing less so that Christ may become everything. Francis climbed the “mountain” of prayer by emptying himself of worldly ambitions, and then descended to embrace lepers, preach peace and rebuild the Church. Like St. Francis, we are called not only to seek moments of prayer and contemplation but also to bring the light of Christ into our homes, workplaces, parishes and communities. The mountain is where God transforms us; the world is where we share that transformation.

Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, lead me up the mountain to
encounter your glory.
Strip away whatever keeps me from You,
and transform my heart with Your grace.
Like St. Francis, may I
embrace simplicity,
return joyfully to serve
others and reflect
Your light wherever
You send me.
Amen.”
-#friarsnotebook*



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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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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.”*



**August 9th, 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“I wait for the Lord; I hope in his word”.

-Psalm 130:5

