

Mass Intentions – September 15 th – 20 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday 15 th 9:00 AM	Our Lady of Sorrows	• +Shirley Raetsen	•Anne Pritchard
Wednesday 16 th 9:00 AM	St. Cornelius and Cyprian	• +Mike McKelvie	•Anne Darby-Watchorn
Thursday 17 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• Int. Maria Cabral	
Friday 18 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	• +John Harder	• Elizabeth Harder
Saturday 19 th 5:00 PM	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	• +Doreen & Frances Hehn • +Lorne MacDonald • +Tesfalem Beraki • +Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R	• Brenda & Family • Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh • Tabetu-Beraki • Lucille Vanzielegthem & Family
Sunday 20 th 9:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	
11:00 AM		• +Dave Hanley	•Patrick & Marianna Hanley

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Mon. September 14th: ***The Exaltation of the Cross***
Tues. September 15th: **Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP**
Wed. September 16th: **Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, C.S.M.A.**
Thu. September 17th: **Rev. Ignatius Saiki, O.P.**
Fri. September 18th: **Rev. Romelito Guillen**
Sat. September 19th: **Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.**

Stewardship Report
September 5th/6th
Envelope & Loose \$4,116.45
Automatic Withdrawal \$1,145.00
Total Collection Last Week \$5,261.45
2026 Total Collection \$184,312.35

Thank you for your generosity!

What’s Happening this Week?
Monday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 1:15 & 2:30 pm
OEA (H) 7:00 pm
Tuesday
Confirmation Mtg. (C) 6:30 pm
Wednesday
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Ministry Leaders Mtg. (H) 7:00 pm
Thursday
Garage Sale Donation Drop-off (H) 4pm-6pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm
Friday
Garage Sale Donation Drop-off (H) 12pm-7pm
Saturday
Garage Sale (H) 8am-12pm
Sunday
Children’s Liturgy @ 9am Mass

NO CONFESSION ON SATURDAY
Fr. Stephen will be away this weekend, and there will be no Confession on Saturday September 12th at 4 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at the regular time.

Welcome to the Family!
This weekend, we welcome: Addison Diaz, Arla Diaz, Eliora Okoye, Hailey Franklin and Charlotte Christensen into our faith family and church community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their families.

THIS SUNDAY- 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

THIS TUESDAY - Confirmation Meeting
The first parent/student meeting for those children in grade 7 and up, looking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall will take place on Tuesday September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office: 519-745-7301.

THIS WEDNESDAY
Ministry LEADERS Meeting
Just a reminder for all Ministry **LEADERS** that there is a meeting on September 16th at 7 pm in the church hall. If you have not yet RSVP’d, please contact Lei Ann at the parish office.

THIS THURSDAY - Choir Practice
Please note, there will be a choir practice on September 17th at 7:30 pm in the church.

GARAGE SALE NEWS!
Our Parish Garage Sale is
NEXT Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Do you have any new or gently used household items to donate for our sale? Things that are very popular are books, puzzles, toys, jewelry, dishes, decorative items, bikes, working electronics etc. etc.! Your summer cleanout might be someone else’s treasure find!

Drop off times for donations:
Thursday, September 17 --- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Friday, September 18 --- 12:00 pm-7:00 pm
Donations can be brought to the church hall during the scheduled donation times. Thank you so much for all your generous donations! All proceeds will go to support various parish projects. Every little bit helps!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Hot Breakfast! – TICKETS ON SALE
Following the 9 am Mass on Sunday October 4th, we will be hosting a Hot Breakfast buffet! Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend at the back of the church. Ticket prices are: \$15/adult, \$8.00/children (under 12), and free for children 3 and under, and includes: scrambled eggs, ham, roasted home fries, buns with butter and jam, fruit trays and assorted Danish. You must have a ticket to attend the breakfast. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Save the Date - Sunday October 4th
This year, we have a special celebration planned to celebrate the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, in honour of his special Jubilee year!
On Sunday October 4th, we will have ONE Mass at 9 a.m., celebrated by Monseigneur Kroetsch **(There will be NO 11 a.m. Mass)**. Following Mass will be hosting a special Hot Breakfast Buffet, catered by Conestoga Catering. All are welcome.

Job posting – Housekeeper

St. Francis of Assisi Church is looking to hire a housekeeper for the rectory! This position will be approximately 5 hours per week, and duties include: cleaning of all rooms including bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, and living areas; dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping floors; laundry care of bed linens and making beds; maintaining cleanliness of household items and storage areas and monitoring and restocking cleaning supplies as needed. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

Thank you!



From **September 23rd to November 1st, 2026** we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Free port Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7 pm, seven days a week. You can sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/Kitchener or by emailing/calling Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-598-1588. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up before coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. You are also invited to join us for the **OPENING RALLY** which will be held on **Monday September 21st, 2026** at Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7PM, with

refreshments and signups to follow. Please come to pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of all live in our country!

Around Town

ST TERESA OF AVILA'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on **Friday, September 18th, 2026** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old - penny table, silent auction, bouncies, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities, and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Fall Retreat At The Carmel - The Carmel of St Joseph is hosting their Fall Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The theme of our Retreat, given by Fr Peter Turrone, is The Little Way of St. Therese. The Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, September 07, 2026 and closes Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat Schedule, and a Registration form. Enjoy a day of quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

THE VIRTUES OF THE SAINTS - Please join us at the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother (The Cemetery Chapel - 1820 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha) at **2 pm on Sundays in September** (September 6, 13, 20 and 27). We will be hosting a series of talks on "The Virtues of the Saints" presented by Joseph Goodwin. Each 30 minute talk will be followed with the prayer of The Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome. The Shrine in St. Agatha is open for viewing each Sunday in June through September from 1 - 4 pm.

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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
(sgilbert@hamiltondiocese.com)



Deacon: Rev. Mr. Philip Fernandez
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Pastoral Minister: Lei Ann Wade
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Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Amanda Michaels



Building Manager: Mr. Lazaro Escobar



Asst. Building Mgr.: Mr. Gary Howell

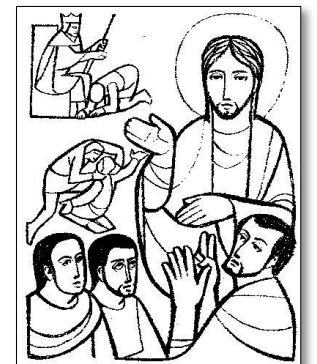


PARISH OFFICE

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.”



September 13th, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you”.

-John 13:34