

Mass Intentions – September 1 st – 6 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday 8 th 9:00 AM	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	• Maria & Dominic Nhat Nguyen	•Chinh Thi Nguyen Children
Wednesday 9 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	NO MASS	
Thursday 10 th 9:00 AM	Ferial	NO MASS	
Friday 11 th 7:00 PM	Ferial	• +Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.	• Cathy & Lucille Vanzieleghem
Saturday 12 th 5:00 PM	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	• +Leonito Medina • Int. Stephanie Hong & Family • Int. Madeline Wooton	• The Medina Family • Sandy Milne • Tim Hudspeth
Sunday 13 th 9:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	•St. Francis Choir
11:00 AM		•+Ildenbrando Silveira	•Maria Silveira

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Mon. September 7th: **Rev. Andrew Czarny**
Tues. September 8th: ***The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Wed. September 9th: **Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.**
Thu. September 10th: **Catholic Teachers**
Fri. September 11th: **Rev. Jerzy Tomon**
Sat. September 12th: **Rev. Livinus Okamgba**

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 30th/ September 1st
Envelope & Loose \$2,715.00
Automatic Withdrawal \$1,338.75
Total Collection Last Week \$4,053.75
2026 Total Collection \$179,050.90

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).



Thank you for your generosity!
Office Closed on Monday
The office will be closed on Monday September 7th for the Labour Day Holiday. Regular Hours will resume Tuesday.

Indigenous Vests – Will Be Back
The Indigenous Vests, left to the parish by the late Fr. Murray, were taken home by his family after his funeral celebration last Wednesday. They will be bringing them back to our parish in the coming weeks, so that they can remain with the parishioners of St. Francis in Fr. Murray’s memory.

Baptisms Next Weekend – September 12th/13th
Next weekend, at the 9 am and 11 am Masses, Addison Diaz, Arla Diaz and Eliora Okoye will be welcomed into our faith family and church community through the Sacrament of Baptism. All are invited to witness this joyous event and celebrate with the children and their families.

Cancelled Masses – Wed/Thurs
Next weekend, Fr. Stephen will be away on retreat with other Priests in the Diocese. The schedule for Daily Mass is:
• Tuesday 8th – 9AM
• Wednesday 9th – NO MASS
• Thursday 10th – NO MASS
• Friday 11th – **7:00 PM**
Intentions scheduled for the 9th and 10th will be moved to the next available weekday.

Children’s Liturgy
Children’s Liturgy will start back up on Sunday September 13th at the 9 AM mass. We hope to see the children there!

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.

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

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

GARAGE SALE NEWS!
Our Parish Garage Sale is **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!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!
Volunteers are needed to take shifts to help unpack donations on donation days or to help on Garage Sale day! If you are interested in volunteering to help out at our Garage Sale fundraiser, please contact Linda Carmichael at carmichaellinda7@gmail.com or (519)-742-0656. Questions? Email: marykdiemert@yahoo.ca

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.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Hot Breakfast!

Following the 9 am Mass on Sunday October 4th, we will be hosting a Hot Breakfast buffet! Tickets will be on sale starting NEXT weekend after Masses. Ticket prices are: \$15/adult, \$8.00/children (under 12), and free for children 3 and under. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

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.

Around Town

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.

Journey to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Five Famous Franciscans

Saint Joseph of Cupertino – He was not educated or, frankly, very smart. He was known as very slow-witted and couldn't learn a trade because of his deficiencies. But beginning as a young child, he saw visions and had ecstasies. His most famous being that he would levitate – sometimes even during Mass. Ironically, being that he was unintelligent, he is the patron saint of students taking tests.

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi – He was a gifted scholar who spoke dozens of languages and his powerful writings were a major influence in the Counter-Reformation. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint John XXIII.

Saint Benedict The Moor – He was the son of former slaves, taken from Africa. Despite being publicly ridiculed for his skin color, he accepted the insults with patience and dignity. He was extremely generous to the poor, was known as a healer, and was sought out for his deep, intuitive understanding of theology and Scripture. However, late in life, despite having gained rank and reputation, he chose humble kitchen duty as his daily work, as he enjoyed cooking for others.

Saint Marianne Cope – She, along with 6 others sisters, moved to the remote Hawaiian leper colony of Molokai, along with Saint Damien of Moloka'i to care for the outcast and dying lepers there. Despite being in direct contact with patients of the highly infectious disease for many years, she never contracted the illness.

Saint Thomas More – The Lord Chancellor of England and martyr, who famously confronted King Henry VIII about the King's divorce, was a member of the Third Order of the Franciscans. He is the patron saint of lawyers and politicians.

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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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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 6th, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us".

-2 Corinthians 5:19

