

Mass Intentions – September 22 nd - 27 th			
Date/Time	Feast Day	Intention	Requested By
Tuesday 29 th 9:00 AM	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael	• +Ildebrando Silveira	• Maria Silveira
Wednesday 30 th 9:30 AM	St. Jerome	• Int. of Staff and Students of St. Paul School	
Thursday 1 st 9:00 AM	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	• +Joao Pereira	• Rosalina Pereira
Friday 2 nd 9:00 AM	The Holy Guardian Angels	• Int. Jessie & Malla Drzewicki	
Saturday 3 rd 5:00 PM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	• +Meskela Beraki • +Irene Runstedler • Int. Anne Pritchard • Int. Maria Ferreira & Family	• Tebetu Beraki • Marj Simon • Michelle Krulicki
Sunday 4 th 9:00 AM		• For Parishioners of St. Francis	
11:00 AM		NO MASS	

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Mon. September 28th: **Rev. Anton Sebamalai**
Tues. September 29th: **Rev. Leszek Szczygiel**
Wed. September 30th : **Consecrated Virgins**
Thu. October 1st : **Rev. Mark Sullivan**
Fri. October 2nd: **Rev. David Wilhelm**
Sat. October 3rd: **Rev. Paul Patrick**

Stewardship Report
September 19th/20th
Envelope & Loose \$7,486.00
Automatic Withdrawal \$1,145.00
Total Collection Last Week \$8,631.00
2026 Total Collection \$197,110.35

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
Wednesday
St. Paul Opening School Mass 9:30 am
Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1:00 pm
Senior Gentle Exercise (H) 2:30 pm
Friday
First Friday Adoration 9:30 am
Sunday
Children’s Liturgy @ 9am Mass
St. Francis Feast Day Breakfast 10:30 am

St. Paul’s School Mass
On Wednesday September 30th, we will be joined by the students of St. Paul’s School to celebrate their opening school year Mass! This means that Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.



SPECIAL THINGS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi

✦ **NEW — JUST FOR OCTOBER!** ✦

- 🏰 MONDAY MASS**
- Every Monday • 9:00 AM
 - Adoration begins at 8:00 AM

Join us for Mass on Monday — a special addition for the month of October!

- 🙏 SATURDAY CONFESSIONS** - *Please note the new Saturday confession time for October.*
- Confessions begin at **3:45 PM**

- 🕯 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI NOVENA** - September 26 – October 4
- Nine days of prayer leading up to the Feast of St. Francis.
 - Will be said at the beginning of Mass
 - Booklets will be provided to follow along!

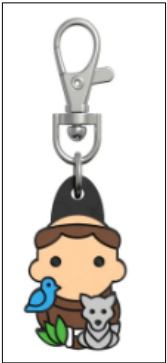
- 🐾 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - **Saturday, October 3 • 3:00 PM**
- Bring your beloved pet to the church parking lot for a special blessing.

- † FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** - **Sunday, October 4**
- 9:00 AM — Mass with Msgr. Kroetsch
 - 10:30 AM — Feast day Brunch (Tickets Required)
 - 11:00 AM Mass is cancelled.

See bulletin insert for more information



Tiny Saints Keychain of St. Francis
Now Available!



In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, we are selling Tiny Saint Keychains of St. Francis of Assisi! These 1-inch, rubber-constructed collectible charms feature a lobster claw hook that easily clips onto keychains, backpacks, or lanyard. Get your souvenir of this jubilee year while they’re available! The cost is \$10.00 each. If you’d like to purchase any, please contact the Parish Office: 519-745-7301.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi -
Hot Breakfast – Limited Tickets
Remaining

Following the 9 am Mass on Sunday October 4th, we will be hosting a Hot Breakfast buffet! **There are limited tickets available, and if you’d like to purchase some, please put your name, contact information and # of tickets on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Amanda will get in touch with on Monday.** 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!



ORDER NOW-Little Books Devotionals

Please call or email the parish office by **Sept. 30** if you wish to order a set of daily devotional booklets for Advent, Lent and Easter. The cost is \$20.00 per set of three seasons.

Garage Sale - Thank you

This year's garage sale was a great success, with **\$2,834.00** raised to support various Parish initiatives!

A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to run this event, including some of our students. A special thank you to Linda Carmichael and Mary Diemert for organizing everything from start to finish. This event could not happen without each and every one of you.

Thank you also to those who donated items and came out to the event.

Novena to St. Francis of Assisi

Beginning this Saturday September 26th, we will begin Mass by reciting together The Cantic of the Creatures, followed by the St. Francis of Assisi Novena prayer of the day. This will take place every day, ending on the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. The words to follow along are in the pews starting next week and everyone is encouraged to participate! For more information about what a Novena is, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/muhrrhf8>

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human

person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously.

Around Town

St. Agnes Education Cafe: It is easy to see the growing presence of evil today. War, crime, the growth in "us versus them", attacks on religious institutions, the family & the sacredness of human life. The bible refers to the devil by many names: the Accuser, the Scatterer & the father of lies, who seeks to deceive & divide us. We need not be afraid! Jesus' Resurrection brought victory over evil. With prayer & participation in the Sacraments, we are equipped for the spiritual battles in life. Attend **"The Many Faces of Evil ~ Wounded by Sin, Saved by the Sacraments"** with **Fr. Michael King. Sunday October 18th 2-3:30pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo.**

FALL BOOK CLUB: Into the Heart of Middle-Earth Step into the rich world of J.R.R. Tolkien and discover how his stories illuminate timeless truths about faith, hope, virtue, and the Christian life. Join us for a book club exploring *Into the Heart of Middle-earth* by Kaitlyn Facista, where together we'll uncover the spiritual themes woven throughout Tolkien's beloved works and reflect on what they can teach us about following Christ today. **Whether you're a lifelong Tolkien fan or simply curious about the deeper meaning behind Middle-earth, all are welcome!** Registration and more information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5hbnr6ez>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Purpose: To provide information and support to adults struggling with grief after a loss. **When:** 6 Weeks, Beginning Monday September 28 to November 9th from 6-7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Kitchener. **To Register:** whenlifechanges2026@gmail.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

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."

September 27th, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me".

-John 10:27

