

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: www.resurrectionists.ca

Lord's Day Masses

No Public Masses during the lockdown.

Weekday Masses

No Public Masses during the lockdown.

Reconciliation

Available by appointment.

Sunday Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy at this time

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Baptism

Please call the parish office.

Marriages

Please call the parish office.

Pastor:	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
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Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

Parish Office CLOSED during the lockdown. We are checking phone and email messages.

Vocations Information:

www.vocationinfo.ca

www.vocationculture.ca



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

**6th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
February 14th, 2021**

*"A great Prophet has risen among us;
God has looked favourably on his people."*

Luke 7: 16





Thank you to our campaign volunteers

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is so grateful for parishioners who are working on preparations for the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign, which kicks off here next weekend. With their help and yours we believe the campaign will strengthen our parish in important ways and help build a culture of stewardship. For the next few weeks

we'll feature Frequently Asked Questions about the Diocesan campaign, beginning with questions related to COVID-19. For the full list of FAQs and much more visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

Q. What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?

A. The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Pastors and parish leaders are encouraged to further review request amounts and their use to be sensitive to parishioners' changing situations. Also, options have been expanded on how we communicate with prospective donors. Face-to-face meetings have been an important piece of the campaign, but safety is paramount, and a number of alternatives, such as phone calls, will be utilized so that every parishioner's situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

Q. Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?

A. The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the bad. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.

Q. Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

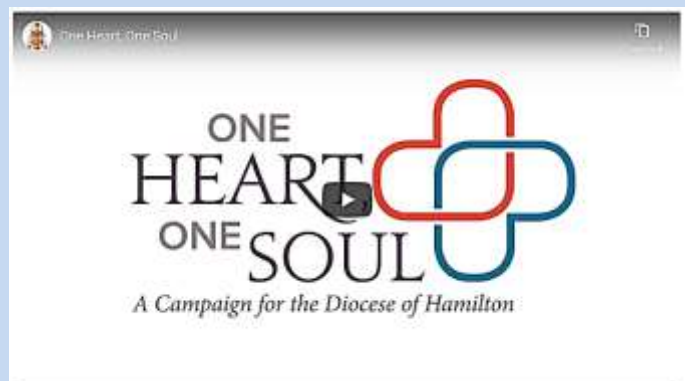
A. Yes. This applies to all parishes in the fall 2020 and winter 2021 waves that designate the funds for that purpose. Parishes that had already completed the campaign prior to COVID can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes' challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

Q. Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

A. Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

We invite you to
watch the campaign video
prepared by Bishop Crosby
→

You can learn more about
the campaign at St. Francis
on our website, COMING SOON



Lent at St. Francis of Assisi

Mardi Gras at Home

Attached to the bulletin email this weekend, and on our website on Tuesday you can find a DIY guide to Mardi Gras. We hope you have a fun family celebration!



Journey Through Lent

Attached to the bulletin email this weekend you received a copy of this weekly reflection booklet. If you need a printed copy and don't have a printer please email the office and we will print one for you.

Ash Wednesday

We will be open for Mass on Ash Wednesday! at 30% capacity.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm.

More Information about how to attend will be available on our website as soon as possible.

For those who are not able to join us in person, there are many ways you can celebrate Ash Wednesday at home using our parish website, www.stfranciskw.ca. The Diocese has prepared a service you can use at home with your family, including a reflection by Bishop Crosby. There will also be a link to a reflection by Bishop Bergie of St. Catherine's. Finally Fr. Murray has recorded his homily which you can listen to by clicking on the picture here. →



Celebrating the Word

We invite you to a **Zoom small group Monday evenings at 7pm** for about an hour, beginning Feb. 15. We will use Celebrating the Word to discuss the readings for the following Sunday and how they apply to our lives. [Please email](#) or **call the parish office to register.**

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent we invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross on www.stfranciskw.ca. Every week a new video will be posted on our website, you can pray with the video whenever your schedule allows.



Lenten Retreat with Fr. Raphael

On Saturday March 6th, we invite you to participate in a Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Raphael Ma, CR. We will use Zoom for the retreat, and material will be sent to you ahead of time, including suggestions for preparing yourself before we gather on Zoom at 10am. The retreat will include talks by Fr. Raph as well as sharing time, and will end by noon. If you have questions or wish [to register please email the parish.](#)

**HOW DO I
USE ZOOM?**

We would be happy to help you feel more comfortable using Zoom for these Lenten ministries. If you have a computer, tablet or phone with access to the internet, or even just a phone, you can use Zoom. [Please email](#) or call Alice in the parish office for more information.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 15: **Rev. Thomas Vermiglio MCCJ**

Tues. Feb. 16: **Rev. Stephen Murrin**

Wed. Feb. 17: **Ash Wednesday**

Thu. Feb. 18: **Rev. Toby Collins, CR**

Fri. Feb. 19: **Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR**

Sat Feb 20: **Rev Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 6/7 Collection \$3,055.61

2021 Total Collection \$13,929.49

The 2021 Budget will be added once it is finalized.

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below for this weekend's homily.



[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)

AROUND TOWN

The Hamilton Diocese Office for Family Ministry is offering sessions on **“Diving Deeper into *Fratelli Tutti*”** (Pope Francis’ most recent Encyclical). The sessions are offered twice on the Mondays of March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. AND 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The sessions will look into the writings of the Pope and his statements conveying how we are created to be relational, to be in communion with God and one another. For more information [check the Diocesan website.](#)

Father Scott Lewis, S.J., Renowned Jesuit Scripture Scholar, will present a series on *New Interpretations of the Holy Week Stories*, in light of recent theological trends and issues. Topics such as

How to Read the Bible, difficult passages, violence, and the meaning of the Resurrection will be explored. When: Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m., February 23rd, March 2nd, and March 9th. [Register here.](#) Another good Lenten exercise!

The Diocesan Partnership with Dayton University Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) has seen an increase in enrollment over the months of lockdown. Currently we have two cohorts of Diocesan Youth Ministry Leaders engaged in a two-year certificate program, as well as Priests, Deacons, Parish Catechists, and lay volunteers all exploring adult faith formation courses for personal interest. The next cycle of courses is set to begin on Sunday, February 21, 2021. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to learn more about Dayton and course availability, [please contact Christina Mines](#) in the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.

St. Jerome's University is Seeking Volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors commencing in the Fall 2021 for a three-year period. Familiarity with Catholic values and traditions is expected of all Board members. The Board benefits from members familiar with working in diverse and complex environments: finance and accounting, law, not-for-profit organizations, post-secondary education, and communications. Applications must be submitted to the Governance and Nominations Committee for consideration before March 2, 2021. More information about the University can be found at www.sju.ca

Marriage Enrichment Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: www.wwme.org

February Potato Blitz

This year's House of Friendship February Potato Blitz is going to look a little different. We're inviting you to play a vital role in the fight against hunger, because the need for food in our community has not gone away. Your neighbours need you! Please go to the [House of Friendship website](#) to learn more about how you can donate. Your generous and caring support will ensure families in K-W don't have to worry about where their next meal will come from.



Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Diocesan Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.



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COVID - 19 FEBRUARY UPDATE

The Region of Waterloo will move into RED in the COVID-19 framework on Tuesday February 16th. We are still learning what that will mean for us, and as soon as we have more information it will be posted to [our website under the COVID tab](#).

For now we know that we will be open for Mass on Ash Wednesday at 30% capacity, and masks will be required unless you are medically exempt.

As soon as we have more information we will make it available on our website and in subsequent bulletins. Thank you for your patience.

TV & ONLINE MASSES

Televised Masses:

Vision TV (Channel 27, Rogers Cable)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

Salt and Light (Channel 240, Rogers Cable)

Monday to Saturday: 6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am, 10:30 pm

On-Line Masses: www.dailytvmass.com

Joy TV (Channel 173, Rogers Cable or Channel 656, Bell Satellite)

Monday to Friday: 10:30 am, 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

Faith TV (Channel 591, Bell Satellite)

Monday to Sunday: 2:30 pm