

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Lord's Day Masses – 30% capacity

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm

Or 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)
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltondiocese.com)
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 OPEN by Appointment

Monday – Friday

8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Vocations Information:

www.vocationinfo.ca

www.vocationculture.ca



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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 14th, 2021

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3: 16



MASS INTENTIONS March 16 - 21, 2021

Tuesday, 16th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
Wednesday, 17th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Kay Warner – Anne Darby-Watchorn
Thursday, 18th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Bev & Steve Lucas – Anne Pritchard Intentions of Helen Shantz & Family – Eileen Cox +Ron Bernardo – Betty Corrigan & Family +Wayne Stecho – Jeff & Angie Bateman +Steven Ditner – Betty Hinsperger & Diane
Friday, 19th	- St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am	+Trovato Nicola – Angela Ianni
Saturday, 20th	- 5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Cabral – Cathy Vanzielegghem +Joyce Megaffin – Cathy Vanzielegghem +Dorothy & Leo Herzog – the Family +John de Viveiros – the Wintonyk Family +Carmel Gillis – Elizabeth MacKinnon +Mike Sauchuk – Gene Furtado +Eileen Plouffe – Jennifer White
Sunday, 21st	- 5th Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Jim & Carol Fraser
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 15: **Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic**
 Tues. Mar. 16: **Rev. Jerek Scherber, LC**
 Wed. Mar. 17: **Lay Parish Ministers**
 Thu. Mar. 18: **Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, LC**
 Fri. Mar. 19: **Rev. Pierre Caouette, LC**
 Sat. Mar. 20: **Rev. Issac Tharayil, CMI**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 6/7 Collection	\$6,738.00
2021 Total Collection	\$37,886.37
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Celebrating the Word (on zoom)	7:00 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm

Tuesday

Virtual Atrium (on zoom)	4:30 pm
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Wednesday

Virtual Atrium (on zoom)	1:00 pm & 4:30 pm
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Friday

Stations of the Cross (on website)	All Day
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Looking Ahead

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31: 31-34+
 Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33

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.](#)



God bless our campaign, and our parish

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail soon. If you have any questions once you've read the material, feel free to contact the parish office. Also, if you haven't already, go to our website, www.stfranciskw.ca/oneheartonesoul and watch the campaign videos. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make!

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ST. MARY'S
PARISH OUTREACH

*This week we invite you
to watch a video explaining the
fourth of our campaign projects,
supporting St. Mary's Parish Outreach*

[Click here for the
One Heart, One Soul
page of our website.](#)

Goal: \$300,000



Thank you! to all who have already made pledges and donations to the St. Francis campaign! **As of March 12th you have pledged a total of \$90,813.00.**



Share Love – Share Lent

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace? The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South. **Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday.** You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

Find more resources on the [Lent @ St. Francis webpage](#).

[Read the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' letter supporting Share Lent.](#)

Lent at St. Francis

CELEBRATING THE WORD

You can still join our **Zoom small group Monday evenings at 7pm**. We 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

Watch our website each Friday for a new video praying the Stations of the Cross, led by members of our parish. You can also view past Stations on our [Lent @ St. Francis website page](#).



LENTEN RETREAT AT HOME

For those who were unable to participate in our Lenten Retreat on March 6th, we have created a mini retreat you can do on your own at home, with reflections by Fr. Raphael Ma, CR. You can access this video on our [Lent @ St. Francis webpage](#), or [by clicking here](#).

Decree from Bishop Crosby

Bishop Crosby has issued a decree concerning the Easter Duty for Catholics during the Pandemic. [You can read the decree here](#), but in summary the bishop has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton from the Easter Duty of receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season. Bishop Crosby wants to assure us that the Catholic Church does not ask for the impossible, and right now it may not be possible for you to attend Mass due to the pandemic. Please be assured of our prayers for everyone in St. Francis Parish, whether joining us in person or at home.

AROUND TOWN



WE ARE HIRING! The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently **accepting applications for Occasional Teachers**. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

lectures in catholicexperience at St. Jerome's University

We are excited to sponsor a series of online lectures during the upcoming months called Hope in the Time of COVID! Our first lecture takes place on Wednesday, March 17th, at 4pm. To access the lecture [please click here](#).

David Perrin, PhD

THE COLLAPSE OF SELF-TRANSCENDENCE: COVID-19 AND MEANING-MAKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE Wednesday, March 17, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. As human beings we hunger for deep meaning and happiness in our lives and search for ways to attain both; this is called "self-transcendence." The centrality of self-transcendence in human happiness, whether one is a believer or not, opens the question of how the COVID-19 pandemic has diminished or even cut off access to self-transcending experiences (e.g., participation in social activities, art, sports activities, and volunteering opportunities) that are knit into our everyday lives. Professor David Perrin will explore the role of "self-transcendence" in our lives, how COVID-19 has impacted it, and ways to cope – and even flourish – during these challenging times.

TV & ONLINE MASSES

Televised Masses:

Vision TV daily: 8 am, Mon-Fri: 12noon

Joy TV Mon-Fri: 10:30 am, 4 pm, Sun: 10:30 am

Salt and Light Mon-Sat: 6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 3:00 pm, 10:30 pm, Sun: 11 am, 10:30 pm

Faith TV Mon-Sun: 2:30 pm

YES TV Mon-Sat: 1 pm, Sun: 10:30 am

On-Line Masses: www.dailytvmass.com

COVID – 19 FEBRUARY UPDATE

The Region of Waterloo is under RED restrictions. This means we have resumed our regular Mass schedule at 30% capacity. Masks are required unless you are medically exempt. You can learn more about what we are doing to keep you safe on [our website under the COVID tab](#). **Thank you for helping us keep St. Francis Parish a safe place to worship.**