

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."*

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 28th, 2021

*"Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross.
Therefore God exalted him
and gave him the name above every name."*

Philippians 2: 8-9



MASS INTENTIONS March 30 – April 4, 2021

Tuesday, 30th	- Tuesday of Holy Week
9:00 am	+Ron Pritchard – Anne Pritchard +Michael Sauchuk – Bill Jeffrey +Debbie Alamenciak – Madeline Haller +Nancy Jozsa – the Kostyan Family +William Arsenault - Anne
Wednesday, 31st	- Wednesday of Holy week
9:00 am	Intentions of Sherry Coman – Sandy Milne +Richard Mayer – the Binyon Family +Sai Wing Lai – Anne Darby-Watchorn +Georgette Crowell – Marj Simon +Kay Warner – Marj Simon
Thursday, 1st	- Holy Thursday
7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, 2nd	- Good Friday
11:00 am	Family Service
3:00 pm	Solemn Service
Saturday, 3rd	- Holy Saturday
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 28th	- Easter Sunday
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 29: **Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD**

Tues. Mar. 30: **Rev. Maria Joseph Ahilan
Alphonse, CRSP**

Wed. Mar. 31: **Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 20/21 Collection	\$4,725.50
2021 Total Collection	\$47,804.87
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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Good Friday

Office Closed

Thursday - Sunday

Easter Triduum Homilies posted online each day.

Visit www.stfranciskw.ca.

Looking Ahead April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10: 34a, 37 – 43

Colossians 3: 1 – 4

John 20: 1 - 18

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below for Fr. Raphael's Palm Sunday homily.



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

Share Love – Share Lent

Did you know that Development and Peace has organized a Lenten campaign every year since 1968?

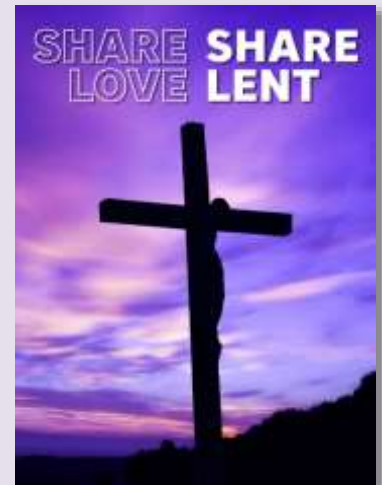
Keeping up with the tradition, this year's campaign, *Share Love, Share Lent*, invites you to a final week of family fun, communal reflection, global solidarity and prayer.

Don't miss our special campaign Way of the Cross!

Catch the details and contribute at devp.org/lent.

Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

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



Easter & Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Changes you will notice this year: We will not process the Holy Oils in, but Father will receive the new oils at the Chrism Mass and will place them in the Ambry on Holy Thursday. Unfortunately we also will not be able to do the practice of Mandatum, or Washing of the Feet, this year. Finally, at the end of Mass there will be no Solemn Procession or time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, it will be taken simply from the Sanctuary by the priests to be reserved for the services on Good Friday.

FOOD DRIVE: We invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items to drop off as you enter the church for Mass. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference will take them to the Food Bank to be shared with our neighbours in need.



GOOD FRIDAY – April 2nd

Family Service - 11:00 am

Solemn Service - 3:00 pm

Changes you will notice this year: The cross will not be processed in as usual, but will be unveiled at the front of the church while the chant is proclaimed. Father will venerate the cross on behalf of the whole congregation; you will not be able to come forward and venerate the cross individually.

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3rd

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Changes you will notice this year: We will not gather outside the church around the New Fire, but will instead gather in the church in our pews. There will be a small fire lit at the entrance of the church when Mass begins and the Paschal Candle will be lit there. You will find your own candle in your pew when you arrive, and as the Paschal Candle is processed in Father and Ruthann will light your candles from it. We ask you to please take your candle home with you at the end of Mass. As we have no candidates for RCIA this year we will not celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion. The Baptismal Font will not be blessed, and unfortunately we will not be able to have the Sprinkling Rite this Easter Season.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4th

Easter Sunday Masses

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Easter Masses will be celebrated as we celebrate Sunday Mass.

Holy Thursday Homily



Good Friday Homily



Decree from Bishop Crosby

Bishop Crosby has issued a decree dispensing the faithful of Hamilton Diocese from the Easter Duty of receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season. [You can read the decree here.](#) Please be assured of our prayers for everyone in St. Francis Parish, whether joining us in person or at home.

AROUND TOWN

John B. Miller and Friends (JBMAF) present a Lent program at 7pm on Wed. March 31 at this link: www.johnbmiller.ca/JBMAF-Theatre/ Due to current limitations, we will be performing as a trio, instead of a 5-piece. The concert will remain viewable until Tuesday, April 6. If you're able to take in our concert, we would ask you to consider making a small donation by: **Interac e-transfer** to john@johnbmiller.ca or by **mail** to: John Miller, 520 Country Clair Place, Kitchener, ON N2A 4M7.



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

Prayer Vigil Thurs. April 1st, from 9 - 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



VACCINE NEWS

Anyone in Waterloo Region who is 70 or older can register for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccineprereg

Or Call 519-575-4400



Goal:
\$300,000

THANK YOU!

As of March 26th you have pledged a total of \$190,143.00.

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.