

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)



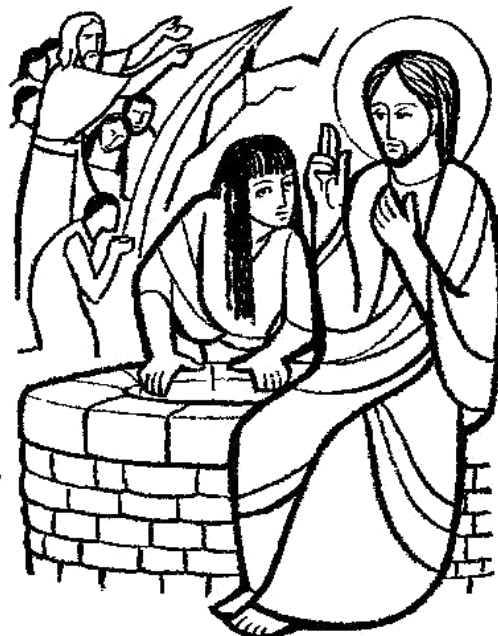
*"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

### **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 9 - 14, 2021

<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Douglas Scheffer – Joan Scheffer
<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Ann Hutter – the Family
<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of the family of Rita Young – Sandy Milne +David Milne – Eleanor Buchana +Anne Shoniker – Marj Simon +Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren +Roy Wey – Ron Eby
<b>Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family Intentions of Eileen Longo – Cathy Vanzielegghem +Antonio & Candida Cardoso – Laurentina Codeço +Arthur Sidell Jr. & +Arthur Sidell III – Carol Smith +Theresa Kelly – Helen Waechter +Slavko Steinbacher – Karl & Judy Svab +Donna Renaud – Gerard & Linda Carmichael
<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	+Josephine Bohnert – Stan Prudnikowicz
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 8: **Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam**

Tues. Mar. 9: **Rev. Stephen Gilbert**

Wed. Mar. 10: **Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (SJC)**

Thu. Mar. 11: **Rev. Marko Puljic, OFM**

Fri. Mar. 12: **Rev. Robert Kavelj, OFM**

Sat. Mar. 13: **Rev. Ilija Petkovic**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 27/28 Collection	\$6,918.25
<b>2021 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$31,118.37</b>
<b>2021 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$294,500.00</b>

## 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23

Ephesians 2: 4-10     John 3: 14-21

## 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](http://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!

*This week we invite you to watch a video explaining the second of our campaign projects, Bathroom Renovations*



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



## Bathroom Renovation project



## Share Love – Share Lent

### The Passion of Youth

Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast? The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global South.

**Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace.**

Learn how at [devp.org/chainletter](http://devp.org/chainletter).

**Follow our solidarity calendar at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).**

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

## 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](#).



## **Conscience Rights in Ontario**

*"As Catholics, we are called to protect the most vulnerable members of our society and to see the inherent value in every human life... We need to be ... concerned about... conscience rights for healthcare workers. Many healthcare professionals have moral convictions that do not allow them to participate in assisted dying. They are being pushed out of their professions by provincial health regulators that insist healthcare providers must participate in MAID. No one should be forced to go against their conscience".*

This is an excerpt from a letter Bishop Crosby sent to us, address to all Catholics in the Diocese. [You can read the entire letter here.](#)

**Bishop Crosby is calling on all of us to take a stand and protect the conscience rights of our healthcare providers, people like the nurses and doctors at St. Mary's Hospital, our neighbours, who are being forced to abandon their vocations in healthcare because they cannot go against their consciences.**

Please, go to the [Canadians for Conscience website](#). Watch the video, read the material and learn more. And please, write to our MPP and ask them to protect the conscience rights of healthcare providers in Ontario. **You can write to our MPP by filling in the form on the Canadians for Conscience website, it takes less than a minute!** Or click on your MPP below for contact info and send them a letter.

- [Kitchener Centre: Laura Mae Lindo](#)
- [Kitchener South – Hespeler: Amy Fee](#)
- [Kitchener Conestoga: Mike Harris](#)
- [Waterloo: Catherine Fife](#)

Coalition for  
HealthCARE  
and Conscience

When an elderly  
patient asks for  
assisted death, I can't  
be certain it's not a cry  
for help.

*I can't take that chance.  
I can't be involved.*

Protect a healthcare professional and you protect a patient.  
Tell the Ontario government that we need conscience legislation at  
[www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario)

## **Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Let us pray that we may experience  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
with renewed depth, to taste the  
infinite mercy of God."*

~ Sunday Missal, p. 582



## **AROUND TOWN**



This year has been challenging for the Kitchener Knights of Columbus. Our normal programs and fund-raising events have been severely restricted or cancelled. Council 1504 is able to conduct our monthly Executive and General Meetings via ZOOM which allow us to function on a reduced basis. We remind the community; Kitchener K of C endeavours to maintain their support to parishes. To uphold momentum of the works of the Kitchener K of C, we invite any Catholic man over 18 years of age to consider becoming a member. Please visit our website at [kofc1504.org](http://kofc1504.org) for current info, the latest edition of our newsletter The Echo and email or phone contacts for Council 1504.

## **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

**On-Line Masses:** [www.dailytvmass.com](http://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.