

# 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."*



## **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*"You believe, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

John 20: 29

## MASS INTENTIONS April 13 - 18, 2021

### Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### - **Easter Weekday**

Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Helen Shantz & Eileen Cox

Intentions of the Neufeld Family – Sandy Milne

+Luann Mahn – the Madlensky Family

+Marcella Eby – Ron Eby

+Beatrice Schefter – Joan Schefter

### Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### - **Easter Weekday**

+Kay Warner – Karin Manley

### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### - **Easter Weekday**

+Tom Logel – Janet Logel & Family

### Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### - **Easter Weekday**

+Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm

#### - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

+Irene Ruscetta – Patty Missere & Family

+Manuel & Ana Codeço – Laurentina Codeço

+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh

+Fr. Ernie Varosi, CR – Ruthann Fisher

+Edwin Balm – Gene Furtado

+Margot Solomon – Carol & Susan Schaefer

+Deceased Members of the Longo & O'Grady Families

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am

Intentions of Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Lillian Hildebrandt

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 12: **Rev. Francisco Sordo**

Tues. Apr. 13: **Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma**

Wed. Apr. 14: **Permanent Deacons**

Thu. Apr. 15: **Rev. James McSharry**

Fri. Apr. 16: **Rev. Francis Hubilla**

Sat. Apr. 17: **Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land \$1,465.00

Easter Sunday Collection \$5,185.00

**2021 Total Collection \$59,632.12**

**2021 Total Collection BUDGET \$294,500.00**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

### Tuesday

Virtual Atrium (on zoom) 4:30 pm

## Looking Ahead April 18, 2021

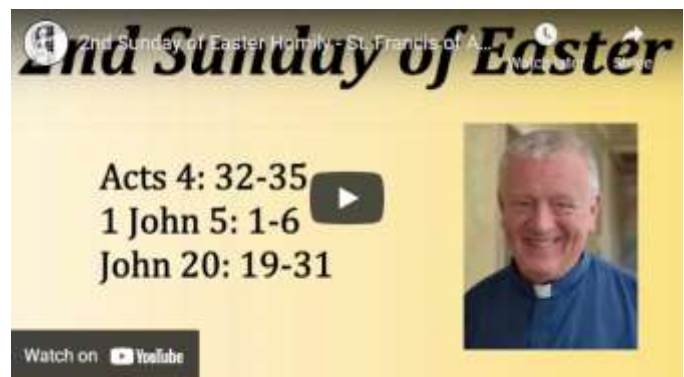
### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

1 John 2: 1-5a Luke 24: 35-48

## FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below for this Sunday's homily.



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

## NOTE OF GOOD NEWS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

I have three pieces of good news for you today that I would like to share before you hear them on the grape vine.

\* First of all, we offer our congratulations to **Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.** for being appointed the new **Vocations Director of our Ontario Congregation of the Resurrection**. We also congratulate him for being assigned as the **Priest in Charge of the Apostles of the Resurrection** for our Resurrectionist Community.

\* The second piece of good news is that Fr. Raph will continue to be with us here at St. Francis while he takes on these new roles.

\* The third piece of good news is that due to the fact that Fr. Raph's new roles will involve some time away for workshops, training and preaching, our Provincial Superior, Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. has appointed **Fr. Stan Zaryczny, C.R. as Associate Pastor** here at St. Francis. Needless to say, Fr. Tim wants to make sure that we are well looked after.

The bonus is that St. Francis will continue cover the salaries of only two priests. Our Resurrectionist Community will send a cheque to St. Francis monthly for the room and board of the third priest.

Fr. Stan will arrive on June 30, 2021. Please welcome him when he arrives and please congratulate Fr. Raph on his new ministries.

~ Fr. Murray C.R.



### COVID REFLECTIONS FROM FR. PAUL VOISIN, CR

Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, our former pastor and now Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, living and working in Rome, has been participating in a COVID reflection group online. Fr. Paul is now sharing four reflections that he wrote for this group, each based on a quote from Pope Francis. Every Thursday on our parish website, from April 8 – 29, we will feature one of these reflections. We hope they may help all of us who find the pandemic increasingly challenging to see how these times of darkness can lead to conversion and light. So check out [www.stfranciskw.ca](http://www.stfranciskw.ca) each Thursday for a new reflection by Fr. Paul.

**THANK YOU to all who donated to our Holy Thursday Food Drive.** You brought in 225lbs of food which has been taken by our St. Vincent de Paul Conference to the Food Bank to be shared with our neighbours in need. Thank you!

### EASTER FLOWERS were also donated in memory of:

Monica Fleming      Theresa Leahy  
Edward & Frank Longo      George Longo  
Michael D. Longo      Victoria & Dominic Longo  
Mary & John O'Grady      Monica Reilly



**Goal:**  
**\$300,000**

**THANK YOU!**

As of April 9th you have  
pledged a total of \$241,684.00.

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **Never the Same Again! A Virtual Ignatian Retreat from the Martyrs' Shrine, April 12-19**

A lot has happened in a year under COVID. Where is God in all this? Join Fr. Bert Foliot SJ on an 8 day virtual Ignatian retreat from wherever you are. Each day, there will be a 15-20 minute talk, and an invitation to pray on your own time for as long or as little as you wish. It won't be quite the same as praying in the same place, but if we make this walk together, we will never be the same again! Our world will never be the same again! Register now on the Martyrs' Shrine Website (link: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/virtual-retreats/>) A free will donation to help pay the bills for the Martyrs' Shrine during its second year of closure due to the pandemic is the first step in registering, but you can make it as minimal as you wish. The important thing is to register if this appeals to you.

**WHY@Breakfast** invites you to an online presentation "**The Call of Hope**," on **Saturday, April 17th, 2021, from 9:30 AM to noon**. Our speaker, **Sister Eileen Power, CND**, has years of experience working as school chaplain, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director. She will be offering her insights on our call of hope at this pandemic time, leading us into a discussion, and offering practical exercises and suggestions for self-healing and for our response to that call. The online presentation will be delivered via Zoom. Join us on April 17th! Please register via the following link.

[REGISTRATION FOR APRIL 17th WHY@BREAKFAST](#)

Registration for the presentation is free, but you may wish to consider donating to your favourite charity. You may also find additional info and may register through <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

## **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](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

## **COVID – 19 APRIL Stay at Home UPDATE**

As of Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Province of Ontario has issued a Stay At Home order for at least 4 weeks. You can see all the restrictions under this order on the [Province's website by clicking here](#).

***For churches this means we are still able to celebrate Mass at 15% capacity.***

We will continue to be open for Masses following the usual schedule of Tuesday – Friday at 9am, Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9am and 11am.

Alice & Ruthann are working from home during this time. We are checking emails and Alice will check phone messages every half hour during offices hours, so please leave a message or email when you need us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

You can learn more about what we are doing to keep you safe on [our website under the COVID tab](#).



## **VACCINE NEWS**

Anyone in Waterloo Region who is **60 or older** can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are **50 or older** and living in one of these high-risk neighbourhoods you can also pre-register:

Vanier/Rockway, Country Hills, Alpine/ Laurentian, Victoria Hills/Cherry Hill, Shades Mills.

There are several other high-risk groups of people who are eligible to pre-register, [please click here for a complete list](#).

To register online visit

[www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccineprereg](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/vaccineprereg)

Or Call 519-575-4400

### **MOBILE CLINIC FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If you cannot go out to get a vaccine the Region has a mobile clinic that will come to you. [Click here and scroll to the bottom of the page to email](#) the region your information, or call the number above and tell them you need the Mobile Clinic.