

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection:

www.resurrectionists.ca

Lord's Day Masses – 15% capacity

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses – 15% capacity

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

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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."

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18th, 2021

*"Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak."*

Luke 24: 32



COVID – 19 APRIL Stay at Home UPDATE

As of Monday April 19th, 2021

all churches in the Diocese of Hamilton are closed until further notice.

(We will still have Mass as scheduled for 15% this weekend, April 17/18)

This means there will be no public Masses until restrictions are lifted, but Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael will continue to say Mass privately for the intentions of all of the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. If you had a Mass intention booked during the weeks we are closed we will reschedule it when public Masses resume; until then Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael, and all of the St. Francis Staff will be keeping all our parishioners in prayer.

We are still able to celebrate weddings, grave-side services and Funerals/Baptisms in emergencies, with strict restrictions.

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](#).

Watch for Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael's Homilies published on our website each weekend, and check the website every weekday for new content. We have prayers, videos, podcasts, articles, and more. Although we are staying home to keep everyone safe, we can still worship and praise our Risen Lord together through the blessing of technology.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 19: **Rev. Christopher Tracey**

Tues. Apr. 20: **Rev. Mark Morley**

Wed. Apr. 21: **Jesuit Fathers (SJ)**

Thu. Apr. 22: **Rev. George Nowak, CR**

Fri. Apr. 23: **Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, SAC**

Sat. Apr. 24: **Rev. Charles Galea**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Easter Sunday Collection (updated)	\$5,285.00
April 10/11 Collection	\$3,187.25
2021 Total Collection	\$62,919.37
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below for this Sunday's homily.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sunday

Virtual Children's Liturgy (on zoom) 10:30 am

Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

Virtual Atrium (on zoom) 4:30 pm

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



***If you want to re-watch
the campaign project videos
we showed at Mass,
visit our website,
www.stfranciskw.ca***

Rounding the Bend

As we come around the final bend of our Campaign and into the final stretch, our One Heart, One Soul Leadership Team would like to extend words of gratitude to all Parishioners who have made a Pledge thus far. Needless to say, we welcome Pledges from Parishioners who have yet to make a Pledge. Our goal of raising \$300,000.00 is within sight. Our Commitment Weekend is May 1/2, 2021 and our hope is that all Pledges will be made on or before that date. Our team will be sending a note as a reminder. Once again, our heartfelt thanks for your generosity!

~ Your ONE HEART, ONE SOUL Leadership Team



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pope Francis declared a Year of the Family beginning on March 19, 2021 (the 5th anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*) and ending on June 26, 2022 (the 10th World Meeting of Families). During this special year Pope Francis wants to remind us of all that he said in *Amoris Laetitia*; of the importance of families in the mission of the Church, of the precious value of the Sacrament of Marriage, truly, of the *Joy of Love*. [You can learn more on the official website by clicking here.](#) Throughout the year we hope to offer several initiatives focused on the family, beginning with a focus on Mothers in May, and on Fathers in June.

MOTHERS in MAY

This May we invite you to reconnect with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. Each Tuesday in May on our website you will find a short article to read about the Blessed Mother, as well as a video to pray the Rosary with.

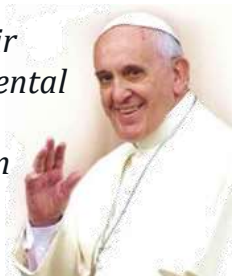
FATHERS in JUNE

During the month of June we invite you on a guided video reflection of Pope Francis' apostolic letter *Patris Corde, With a Father's Heart*. This letter focuses on the many attributes of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The guided reflection was produced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and can be used for personal reflection, family prayer time or small group discussions. Each Tuesday in June a new reflection will be posted on our website, so mark your calendars!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April Fundamental Rights

*We pray for those who risk their
lives while fighting for fundamental
rights under dictatorships,
authoritarian regimes and even
democracies in crisis.*

~ Sunday Missal, p. 583



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

AROUND TOWN

Loyola House Virtual Retreats The Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph is offering some wonderful virtual retreats. Here are just a few you might be interested in, you can see the whole list and learn more by [clicking here to visit their website](#).

- **[The Little Prince Retreat](#)**, A Weekend with a Childhood Friends, May 7-9, \$125.
This retreat uses *The Little Prince* by Antoine Saint-Exupery and is facilitated by Dr. Greg Kennedy, SJ. Revisit your young self, and learn to “gently to inhabit the deserts of our lives with a little more beauty, friendship and grace.” Uses videos and optional spiritual direction and sharing. Register by April 30th.
- **[Jesuit Ignatian & Buddhist Traditions Retreat](#)**, Inter-Spirituality & Comparative Mysticism, May 15-16, \$125
Led by Dr. Greg Kennedy, SJ & Norman Feldman, this retreat is one in a multi-faith series and includes live talks and optional one-on-one sessions, all using zoom. Introductory session on May 8th, register by April 30th.



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



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, including some essential caregivers, frontline staff, and those with high-risk or highest-risk medical conditions. [Please click here for a complete list](#).

To register online visit

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.

