

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Lord's Day Masses

There are no public Masses at this time.

Weekday Masses

There are no public Masses at this time.

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

Sunday Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy at this time

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Funerals

Please call the parish office.

Baptism

Please call the parish office.

Marriages

Please call the parish office.

Pastor:	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. (mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)
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Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

Parish Office – Working From Home

Please call or email the office Monday – Friday
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm if you need us.

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 EASTER

April 25th, 2021

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own and my own know me."*

John 10: 14

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

We have heard in the news and perhaps have seen it in our own lives, or the lives of our loved ones, this third wave of the pandemic is hitting people harder than the past waves. We feel even more isolated and hopeless, and in the face of this despair, unfortunately many of God's children are unable to go on.

We are asking you today to pray for those who have lost hope. Please, as we worship together but apart, keep this prayer intention close to your heart. And if you are feeling lost and hopeless please know we are praying for you, and please reach out to someone for help. Even just someone to talk to can make a huge difference and ignite a small flame of hope. We are a people of the Resurrection, let us bring hope to all we meet.

Heavenly Father,

This pandemic is weighing heavily on me. Life has changed so much; I can barely remember life before masks and social distancing, and I need your help to get through this.

When I feel overwhelmed, Lord, remind me that the most important things in life have not changed. Your love still supports me. I still have my family and friends. I still have my faith family at St. Francis of Assisi who pray for me. The pandemic cannot stop love!

Please keep my family and friends safe, especially all those who have lost hope. Open their hearts to your love and peace, and the hope of the Resurrection. I pray for the world to heal and thank you for my blessings.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Amen



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.](#)

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

April 17/18 Collection	\$3,502.67
2021 Total Collection	\$63,394.79
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



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pope Francis declared Amoris Laetitia Family Year from March 19, 2021 to June 26, 2022. 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*. The guided reflection was produced by the CCCB 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!



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Mother's Day is just around the corner. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is proud to once again participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to support mother-led families in need of assistance. Due to ongoing social distancing restrictions, we will not be delivering baby bottles this year. Please provide your support through our virtual campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. When you donate online, you have the option to **send an e-card to someone special on Mother's Day**. Visit www.marillacplace.ca/donate/ Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help us make an immediate impact on residents. For more information on Marillac Place visit www.marillacplace.ca

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



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

WORDS OF GRATITUDE from our Parish Team

Your Parish Team is extremely grateful for the participation of so many parishioners in the One Heart, One Soul Campaign. We are enthusiastic about the success of the Campaign allowing us to achieve the goals that our community has identified as important at this time. Thank you to all who participated in support of our Parish Campaign and those who are discerning their participation. Just a reminder that next weekend is COMMITMENT WEEKEND. It is our hope that pledges will be made on or before that weekend. Our Parish Team congratulates all of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for your bountiful generosity and your commitment to our future!

~ Your St. Francis of Assisi Parish Team

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 Friend, May 7-9, \$125. 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 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 AND ALSO Occasional Teachers**. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

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.**

This means there are no public Masses until restrictions are lifted, but Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael will continue to say Mass privately for the intentions of all St. Francis Parishioners. Mass intentions will be rescheduled when public Masses resume.

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 phone messages all the time, so please leave a message or email when you need us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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.



VACCINE NEWS

Anyone in Ontario who is **40 or older** can pre-register for an AstraZeneca vaccine.

These are available at **Pharmacies**
([click here to find a pharmacy administering the vaccine near you](#))

And at **Doctors' Offices**
([click here to find a doctor's office administering the vaccine near you.](#))

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 workers who cannot work from home, 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.