

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## **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.

<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 – 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](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."*

# Ascension of the Lord

## May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*"Go make disciples of all nations, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28: 19, 20

## 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. May 17: **Rev. Rafal Tomon**

Tues. May 18: **Rev. David Mowat, CR**

Wed. May 19: **Seminarians**

Thu. May 20: **Rev. Florian Stasinski, CR**

Fri. May 21: **Rev. Harry Reitzel, CR**

Sat. May 22: **Rev. Patrick McKelvie, CR**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 8/9 Collection	\$2,947.40
<b>2021 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$77,699.09</b>
<b>2021 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$294,500.00</b>

## COVID - 19 MAY UPDATE

**The Provincial Stay at Home Order has been extended until June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**All churches in the Diocese of Hamilton remain 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.

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.

[Visit the COVID-19 page on our website for more info.](#)

## DO YOU HAVE A PYX AT HOME?

Over the years we have lent pyxes to parishioners who bring Communion to their loved ones. If you borrowed one and no longer need it we would be very happy to get it back so another family can use it. To return a pyx you can put it in an envelope or bag and put it through the mail slot of the office door. If you still need your pyx please keep it, this is just a reminder for those who may have forgotten they have one at home. ☺



# THANK YOU!

**Goal: \$300,000**

**As of May 14 you have pledged  
a total of \$345,644!**

Words cannot express our gratitude for your generosity in our One Heart, One Soul Campaign.

~ Fr. Raph C.R. and Fr. Murray C.R.



## ECUMENICAL PENTECOST VIGIL



Join us on Saturday May 22<sup>ND</sup> for an Ecumenical Pentecost Vigil. Similar to the Easter Vigil, this service combines scripture readings, hymns and prayers to keep vigil as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Due to the continuing pandemic members and leaders from the Ecumenical Churches of Forest Hill have been recording their pieces separately to create a prayerful video liturgy to share with all our congregations. [Join us on the main page of our website for this beautiful time of prayer on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.](#)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE BURSARY

This school year has been challenging for all our young people, and in a particular way for those graduating from high school and discerning their next steps. We are so grateful to all the teachers, parents and students who have stuck with it and made the best of a difficult situation.

Every year St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers a bursary to honour one of our graduates who has been active in the life of the parish, and to contribute to their continued education. This year is no different! To qualify for this award you must be graduating from Secondary School this year, you must be a registered member of the parish and be an active volunteer here, and you must be planning to enter a college, university or an apprenticeship program.

[Application forms can be found at on our parish website by clicking here.](#)

The form may be returned either via email to Ruthann Fisher ([rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)), or through the mail slot in the parish office door. **Please return them to the church no later than June 19, 2021**

## AROUND TOWN

**Development & Peace Hamilton Council** invites **YOU** to their Annual General Meeting **via zoom**, **Tuesday, May 18, 2021: 7:00pm–8:30pm**. Journey with us as we look at D&P from inception till now. Then be Inspired! Excited! Energized! Join us in solidarity as we learn and share stories from D&P's YOUTH! [Register for this event by clicking here.](#)

## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Community

**Breakfast** Interfaith Grand River presents **STORIES FOR A NEW DAY: HOPE IN A TIME OF COVID**, a digital collection of stories, prayers and music from the diverse faith communities of Waterloo Region. While we cannot gather around a table with delicious food and great company this year, we encourage everyone to “buy breakfast” for others: Donate what you can to the Food Bank Waterloo Region and/or Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank by following the link in your registration email. [To see the poster for this event click here](#), and to [register click here](#). “BYOBreakfast” to the premiere on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 7:30 a.m.

## Unpacking *Patris Corde* – With a Father's Heart

“WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph””. This opening line from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute zoom webinar** (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (on the home page go to Upcoming Events). For further information, contact Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



**Join the *Reel Justice Film Festival*, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for the screening of *The End of Immigration*. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. **Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford,** will offer a conversation about ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton.

RSVP at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com) or by email: [library@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:library@hamiltondiocese.com). Join the discussion! The *Reel Justice Film Festival* is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual KW Right to Life Walk for Life** is happening Sat. May 29<sup>th</sup>, with an independent walk option. For more information, pledge forms or to donate contact KW RTL at 519-746-5433.

**Augustine Institute Bible Conference** Join us for this **2-hour, virtual Bible Conference** on the weekend of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. But what does the Holy Bible have to say about it? Register to join us on **Saturday, June 5**, and learn from some of the nation's top Bible scholars! [Learn more and register by clicking here.](#)

## 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)



## VACCINE NEWS

Anyone in Waterloo Region

**12 or older**

can pre-register for a  
COVID-19 vaccine.

To register online visit

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

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

Or Call 519-575-4400

It may take 4-6 weeks for you to receive an appointment, people who are pre-registered will be contacted in order of priority groups.

The process works faster if you provide an email or number to text, you can have a friend or family member help with this.

Anyone in Ontario who is  
**18 or older** can register to receive their vaccine at a **pharmacy**.

[\(click here to find a pharmacy administering the vaccine near you\)](#)

## 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.