St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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



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)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.

(rma@hamiltondiocese.com)

Pastoral Minister: Miss Ruthann Fisher

(rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)

Music Ministry: Mrs. Terrianne Moulton

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:

Hamilton Diocese Congregation of the Resurrection



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

June 6th, 2021



View behind the altar at Dominus Flevit, the church on the spot where Jesus cried as he entered Jerusalem. (Luke 19: 41)

MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

Tragedy on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation

As with all Canadians we have been following the tragic discovery of the unmarked children's graves at the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia, and we are keeping all those affected in prayer. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have both issued statements on this and we have posted those on our website. You can read both statements by clicking here.

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 done their best all year long. Again this year St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering 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. 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), or through the mail slot in the parish office door.

Please return the form no later than June 19, 2021 ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS LEFT TO APPLY!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. June 7: **Rev. George Stortz**Tues. June 8: **Rev. Robert Hetu**Wed. June 9: **Parish Staff**Thu. June 10: **Rev. Robert Stainsby**Fri. June 11: **Rev. Mark Sullivan**

Sat. June 12: Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

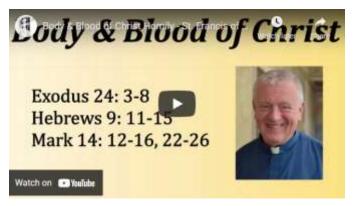
 May 29/30 Collection
 \$1,877.40

 2021 Total Collection
 \$85,591.29

 2021 Total Collection BUDGET
 \$294,500.00

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.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

A novena to *The Sacred Heart of Jesus* has been published by the Institute for Catholic Education for use by families, in classrooms, or privately. The ninedays of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th, gives us an opportunity to "find our sure comfort and rest in the Sacred Heart of Christ's love for each and every one of us." St. Francis of Assisi Parish invites you to pray this novena with us in solidarity with all our young people in school and all the teachers and staff supporting them, by visiting our website each day from **June 3rd to 11th**. The daily prayer will only take a few minutes and will unite us even while we cannot yet gather together. You can also access the entire novena by clicking here.



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!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE

As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021. If you would like to receive the certificate from the Bishop that you would have received at the Mass, you can register for one by clicking here. Perhaps your parents or grandparents are celebrating one of these special anniversaries, you can register them for a certificate! Congratulations to all who have reached these milestones in the vocation of Marriage, your love for each other is a reflection of God's love for each one of us, and an inspiration for us all.

COVID - 19 JUNE UPDATE

Under the Reopening Ontario Plan, churches can have indoor services in Step Two. So until we reach Step Two there will be no Public Masses.

Until then Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael will continue to say Mass privately for the intentions of all St. Francis Parishioners and their loved ones.

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.

AROUND TOWN





at St. Jerome's University

NO POWER HIGHER: 12-STEP RECOVERY WITHOUT GOD June 11, 2021 | 7:30 p.m. | Online Like other 12-step recovery programs, Alcoholics Anonymous is described as a spiritual, rather than religious, program. However, its literature frequently mentions reliance on God or some other "Higher Power." Recently, a growing number of AA and 12-step groups have adopted a nonreligious program of recovery that does not mention God, a Higher Power, or even spirituality. Through (anonymous) interviews with members of these groups, Zachary Munro examines this secular movement's attempt to open AA and 12-step recovery to the growing demographic of people without religion. Learn more about this lecture by clicking here.

The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship was established through the generosity of a benefactor in the Diocese and will be accepting applications for 2021. The purpose of this scholarship is to afford Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, the opportunity to pursue medical education. The scholarship has a value of \$10,000. Eligible Students are practicing Catholics who:

- Attend a parish in the Diocese of Hamilton
- Are enrolled in a Canadian medical school
- Intend to practice medicine in Canada.

Application deadline is June 30, 2021. Award date is July 22, 2021. You can find the application form on the Diocesan website by clicking here.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 8th to 16th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

For more information visit www.thecarmel.ca

Guelph Virtual Walking Pilgrimage

July 31 – Aug 7 The Walking Pilgrimage Is About: nourishing your spirituality & enjoying the great outdoors. Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. This year, like last summer, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as we have for the last 18 years but instead will join for a Virtual Walking Pilgrimage. As a pilgrim, you decide where and how much you want to walk, and you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you can in the day's activities. You will receive daily emails including links to:

- 1. Morning Liturgy at 7 a.m.
- 2. Morning reflection to set the tone for your day.
- 3. Some suggestions for activities for each day.
- 4. Pictures, reflections, music from past years.
- 5. Sacred Circles on Zoom at 7pm for sharing the experiences of your pilgrimage that day.

Join us, as we cast off routine and for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!

To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) Registration fee \$75



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



VACCINE NEWS

Anyone in Waterloo Region

12 or older

can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine.

To register online visit

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.

Anyone **80 or older** can request to rebook their Second Dose of the vaccine at an earlier date. It can take up to 4 weeks to receive a new appointment, so if your Second Dose is currently scheduled in the next few weeks you may wish to simply keep that date. Click here to learn more & rebook.

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. <u>Click here and scroll to the bottom of the page to email</u> the region your information, or call the number above and tell them you need the Mobile Clinic.