

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## **Lord's Day Masses – with distancing**

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## **Weekday Masses – with distancing**

Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am

## **Reconciliation**

Saturday from 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

## **Funerals**

Please call the parish office.

## **Baptism**

Please call the parish office.

## **Marriages**

Please call the parish office.

**Pastor:**

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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:**

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



## September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**"God has called us through the good news,  
To obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

~ 2 Thessalonians 2: 14

## MASS INTENTIONS September 21 - 26, 2021

<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
9:00 am	+John Harder – the Card Group +Bill Adams – Joan Ferraccioli +Doris McMahon & Brian McMahon – Rose & Bernie Hanley +Anne Shoniker – Karin Manley
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Michael Roga – Anne Pritchard
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Robert & Sharon Megaffin – Gary Megaffin
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Larry Goodyear – Marj Simon
<b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Taylor Hurran – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR +Marija Vrljic – the Halladay Family +Katarina Medved – the Halladay Family +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh +Sai Wing Lai – Ruthann & Gail Fisher +Donna Renaud – Cathy Vanzieleghe
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of the Fraser & Fehrenback Families – the Fraser Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 11/12 Collection	\$4,421.75
<b>2021 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$166,732.55</b>
<b>2021 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$294,500.00</b>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

### Saturday

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal (C) 10:00 am

### Sunday

Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (C) 2:00 pm

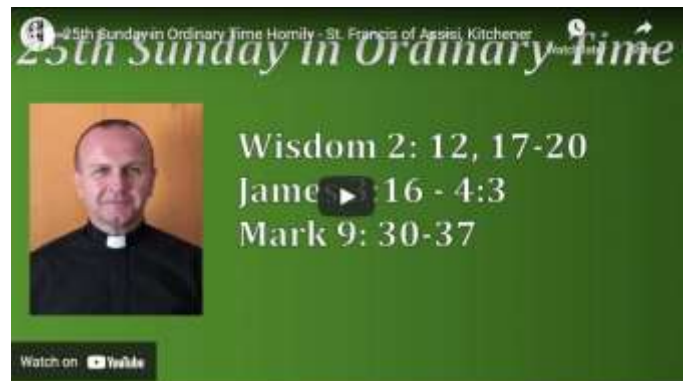
## LITTLE BOOKS DEVOTIONALS

We are very happy to again offer you the *Little Books*, a set of daily devotional booklets for Advent, Lent and Easter. Cost is \$5 per set of three seasons. **Last chance to order your set(s)**, please call or email the parish office by Sept. 24. \$5 cost will be collected when the *Advent Little Books* arrive.

**Children's Books** are again available on the black bookshelf inside the main doors of the church, for children to read or look through during Mass. If you borrow a book please return it to the basket on top of the shelf after Mass and it will be disinfected before the next Mass.

## FR. MURRAY, FR. STAN & 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. Sep. 20: **Rev. Bernard Carroll, SJ**

Tues. Sep. 21: **Rev. Eric Jensen, SJ**

Wed. Sep. 22: **Chancery Staff**

Thu. Sep. 23: **Rev. Rafal Dygula, S. Chr.**

Fri. Sep. 24: **Rev. Stan Kuczaik, S. Chr.**

Sat. Sep. 25: **Rev. Laszlo Amaszka**

**Check out our new website design**  
at [www.stfranciskw.ca](http://www.stfranciskw.ca).

## LAUDATO SI' ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

Pope Francis has launched a Laudato Si' Environmental Platform, with 7 goals to address climate change, asking that parishes worldwide commit to making real, practical and meaningful changes over the next 7 years, hoping that we can become better stewards of the Earth. We are pleased to announce that ***St. Francis of Assisi Parish has made a commitment to develop our own parish Laudato Si Environmental Action Plan***, to help each of our families individually and the parish as a whole come to appreciate God's Creation in a deeper way and to learn how to live as part of Creation. We have a small but dedicated team already in action and we want you to be involved!

- [Visit our parish website](#) for more information about this initiative, including Pope Francis' video message.
- Fill out our parish survey created by the Laudato Si' Team, either [by clicking here](#), or you can print a paper copy from our website and return it.
- Consider joining our team! You can contact the parish office for more information about this.
- Keep watching the bulletin and website for weekly information and projects we will be planning.

We are looking forward to a better future for all of God's creation, and we want to be part of making that future happen!

***1000 Parishioners of St. Francis  
X 1000 Small Changes  
= 1 Million Collective Differences***

## NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY

September 30<sup>th</sup> has been designated as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a solemn day to remember those affected by the residential school system and to pray for healing and reconciliation for us all. On Sept. 30 our 9:00am Mass will be offered for the intentions of Truth and Reconciliation, and from Sept. 22 to 30 we invite everyone in the parish to pray a Novena to the Martyrs for those hurt by residential schools. [Click here to access the Novena](#). Thank you for adding your prayers to ours for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Our Feast Day, October 4<sup>th</sup>, is fast approaching! We are looking forward to being able to celebrate our patron saint at all the Masses on the weekend of Oct. 2/3, with special readings, hymns and prayers. Unfortunately we are not able to have our Pasta Supper again this year, but we are very happy to be able to celebrate our annual:

**Blessing of Animals** on Mon. Oct. 4 at 7pm in the Peace Garden. We invite you to bring your pets to be blessed by Fr. Raphael. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.



As part of our Feast Day celebrations and to conclude our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "year" we are very happy to welcome **Bishop Crosby to preside at a special Mass on Sun. Oct. 3 at 2pm**. Bishop Crosby will bless our new statue, *St. Francis in Exultation*, following Mass and those attending are invited to stay to enjoy a cupcake and refreshments on the church grounds. Due to limited seating and COVID restrictions **you must call or email the parish office by Oct. 1 to register for the Mass**. All COVID protocols including mask wearing will be observed at the Mass, blessing and outdoor reception. If you can help with the reception please call the office.

## 1<sup>st</sup> EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

If your child is in Grade 2 and would like to receive the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist & 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, or if they are in Grade 7 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, **please register for the program by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**. [Click here to access registration forms on our website](#).

If your child wants to receive any of these sacraments, and they **DO NOT attend a Catholic School**, they need to complete the Diocese' Correspondence Courses. Please contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2238 or [register online with the Diocese' by clicking here](#).

# Is God calling you to become Catholic?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in partnership with St. Mary Parish, will be offering an RCIA program beginning this September for any adults who wish to become Catholic. Meetings will be each Sunday at 1pm, starting on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Some meetings will be held in person at both St. Mary's and St. Francis, but, until COVID improves, many meetings will be held virtually. If you or someone you know is exploring becoming Catholic please contact our parish office to speak with Fr. Raphael, 519-745-7301. We would love to join you on your faith journey, as we all seek to respond to God's call.

**40 Days For Life** campaign runs from Sept. 22 to Oct. 31. Please consider signing up for one hour per week, or whatever you are able to do. Sign up on-line at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call 519-589-2919 or email [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com)

## AROUND TOWN

**WHY@Breakfast** invites you to **A Day of Healing** with Sister Barbara Paleczny, SSND, on Sat. Sept. 25, online using the Zoom platform. Grief, resentment, fear, stress, anger may enfold us, but it is up to us to transform those experiences and heal from them. Sister Barbara has a doctorate in systematic theology and theological ethics. She will address healthy and unhealthy uses of anger and grief, method on healing from stress and trauma, and why the method works. Morning sessions from 9:30 to 11 am, afternoons from 1:30 to around 3 pm. For a complete schedule and to register visit [whyatbreakfast.com](http://whyatbreakfast.com).



## VACCINE NEWS

Anyone born in **2009 or earlier** can be vaccinated for COVID-19.

If you need your first, second or third dose you can **WALK IN** to any vaccination clinic in the region, or **BOOK AN APPOINTMENT** by calling 519-514-1499 or online at [regionofwaterloo.ca](http://regionofwaterloo.ca)

**Pope Francis** calls on everyone to get vaccinated against COVID 19. We encourage you to watch the [Pope's video message by clicking here](#).

## COVID - 19 SEPTEMBER UPDATE

### OPEN FOR MASS with distancing

This week the Province announced people will be required to show proof of double vaccination to enter some public places as of Sept. 22. At the moment this does not include attending Mass. However we echo Pope Francis in encouraging everyone who is able to get vaccinated. Please [visit the COVID-19 page on our website for all the current COVID protocols](#).

## 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

## COPING with COVID

### RESILIENCE - **Vitality**

**Vitality** is something we have already spoken about in this column, and it means taking care of yourself, physically, mentally and spiritually. **Vitality** is **Vital**! In order to be resilient and respond to life's challenges with dignity, strength and positivity it is **vital** that we feed our body, mind and soul with good food, exercise and relaxation. By taking care of ourselves our **vitality** will provide the support we need to live a life of resilience.

Thank you to Teresa Hartnett for sharing many of these ideas with us! NOTE: If you are concerned for your own or a loved one's immediate safety please consult with your doctor, counsellor, therapist, CAMH, Telehealth or call 911.

