

# 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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Ms. Alice Soeder

**Building Manager:**

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## **Parish Office**

Open by Appointment Monday – Friday

8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## **Vocations Information:**

[Hamilton Diocese](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)



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

## September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

**"Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
sanctify us in the truth."**

~ John 17: 17



## MASS INTENTIONS September 28 – October 3, 2021

<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
<b>Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Saints Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Mary Adams – Joan Ferraccioli
	+Sandy Wey – Sandy Milne
	+David Milne – Catholic Women's League
	+Leo Reitzel – Madeline Haller
<b>Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> <b>Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Truth and Reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> <b>First Friday</b>
9:00 am	+Walt Runstedler – Heather & David Buchanan
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
	+Emil & Anne Rose Rektor – Karen Rektor
	+Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegheem
	+Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family
	+Deceased Members of the Boyle Family – the Family
	+Deceased Members of the Clemente & Fonseca Families – Leonor & Carlos Fonseca
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</b>
9:00 am	+Joseph Fulep – Gene Furtado
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
2:00 pm	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Closing Mass with Bishop Crosby – call office to register for Mass

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 18/19 Collection	\$6,362.70
<b>2021 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$173,095.25</b>
<b>2021 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$294,500.00</b>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

### Wednesday

Parish Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10 – 11 am

### Thursday

Office Closed - National Truth & Reconciliation Day

### Sunday

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with Bishop Crosby 2:00 pm

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sep. 27: <b>Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma</b>
Tues. Sep. 28: <b>Rev. Gregory Merkley</b>
Wed. Sep. 29: <b>Sisters Adorers of Precious Blood</b>
Thu. Sep. 30: <b>Rev. Wallace Metcalf</b>
Fri. Oct. 1: <b>Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman</b>
Sat. Oct. 2: <b>Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman</b>

## 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.](#)

**Children's Books** are again available on the bookshelf inside the main doors of the church, for children to read or look through during Mass. Please return borrowed books to the basket on top of the shelf after Mass and it will be disinfected before the next Mass. Our **Parents & Babies Corner** is also again available at the main entrance if you need a private spot to console a child during Mass.

## 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, including Pope Francis' video message.
- Fill out our parish survey about environmental projects [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 information and projects we will be planning.

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

## 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.](#)

**Thank You** to all who donated sets of sheets for the Tiny Homes residents. All are in use with a couple sets to spare for future needs, and the residents are thrilled and very grateful for them!

## 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, we invite you to join us. The Parish Office will be closed.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS TO ORDER!

We are happy to once again offer boxes of Christmas Cards that you can order through St. Francis. This year we have six new designs for you to choose from, in boxes of 12 cards for \$8 or 20 cards for \$10. You can view the designs on our [website by clicking here](#), or at the main entrance of the church. Call or email the parish office to **place your order BY OCTOBER 12** so we can get them in time.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Although our CWL has not been able to meet during the pandemic there is a small but dedicated group of ladies who are eager to get the council running again. They plan to meet early in the New Year 2022 and ask all their members to prayerfully consider this fall joining the executive, as more leaders are needed to keep our council going. For more information please contact the parish office.

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – October 4<sup>th</sup>

Next weekend we will celebrate our patron saint at all the Masses. We also invite you to our:

**Blessing of Animals** on Mon. Oct. 4 at 7pm in the Peace Garden. Bring your pets to be blessed! Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass** We welcome **Bishop Crosby to preside at a special Mass on Sun. Oct. 3 at 2pm**. The Bishop will bless our new statue after 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.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to the continuing pandemic we still cannot have in-person Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9am Mass but we are very happy to provide Seasonal Children's Liturgy Activities as porch drops for any of our parishioners aged 3 -7 who wish to receive them. Please contact the parish office by Oct. 12 to register for these porch drops or for more info. The first activities will be for the Season of Advent!

## Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

The Bishops of Canada continue their work on relations with Indigenous peoples, doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; social justice; responsible ministry, and developing a culture of life and family. The CCCB includes the Latin Bishops and the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Archbishop Richard Gagnon of Winnipeg and CCCB President, shares his gratitude for the continued support of the Church's pastoral mission through prayers, encouragement, and generosity. [Subscribe to CCCB news](#) or [follow us on twitter](#).



On the weekend of October 9/10 we invite you to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Carts will be available at the entrance of the church for your donations, thank you for sharing with our neighbours in need.

## A VACCINE MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CROSBY

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

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](https://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

As of Sept. 22 we are now required to show proof of vaccination in some public places. 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](#).

## COPING with COVID

### RESILIENCE - Engagement

**Engaging** in our lives means being mindful, taking time to stop and critically think about how you are feeling, what's happening in your life, what your strengths and weaknesses are, and then deliberately responding.

**Engage** in your vitality and relationships, **engage** in your achievements and finding meaning, **engage** in embracing positivity. **Engage** in your life and you will become more resilient, and better able to Cope with Stress!

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.

