

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

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:

Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.
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Fr. Stanislaw Zaryczny, C.R.
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(rma@hamiltondiocese.com)

Pastoral Minister:

Miss Ruthann Fisher
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Music Ministry:

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."*



October 10th, 2021

28th SUNDAY in

ORDINARY TIME

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!"**

~ Matthew 5: 3

MASS INTENTIONS October 12 - 17, 2021

Tuesday, 12th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+John Harder – the Card Group
Wednesday, 13th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Antonia & Francesco Procopio – Angela Ianni
Thursday, 14th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Bill Adams – Joan Ferraccioli
	+Larry Goodyear – Anne Darby-Watchorn
	+Ann Kip – Helen Shantz
	+Paul Condon – Margaret Meyer
Friday, 15th	- St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
9:00 am	+Walt Runstedler – Sandy Milne
Saturday, 16th	- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+Margaret & Wilfred Coffey – the Family
	+Marija Vrljic – the Halladay Family
	+Katarina Medved – the Halladay Family
	+Edna & Frank Munro & Family – Barb & Donna Munro
	+Joan & Larry MacDonald – Don & Linda MacDonald & Family
	+Deceased Members of Long & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
Sunday, 17th	- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+Donna Burke – the Curran Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 2/3 Collection	\$4,509.40
2021 Total Collection	\$181,670.40
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Wednesday

OCDS (ER) 9:30 am

Laudato Si' Environmental Mtg (Zoom) 7:00 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 11: **Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, OCD**

Tues. Oct. 12: **Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino**

Wed. Oct. 13: **Chaplains**

Thu. Oct. 14: **Rev. Bradley Markus**

Fri. Oct. 15: **Very Rev. David Wynyen**

Sat. Oct. 16: **Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan**

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.](#)



LAST CHANCE! register or order by Oct 12th

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 offering Seasonal Children's Liturgy Activities as porch drops for any of our parishioners aged 3-7 who wish to receive them, beginning in Advent. Please contact the parish office **by Oct. 12** to register for these porch drops or for more info.

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.

Statement from the Canadian Catholic Bishops on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Catholic Bishops of Canada recently affirmed and acknowledged to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. They apologized for the Catholic Church's role in the schools and for the atrocities that were committed there. They gave an update on the Indigenous survivors, knowledge keepers and youth who will be meeting with Pope Francis in December. And they pledged \$30 million over five years to fund Indigenous led healing and reconciliation initiatives across the country.

You can read the entire statement on our parish website under Residential School Tragedies, or click the links below to read the Apology and Financial Pledge.

[Click here to Read
the Canadian Catholic Bishops'
Apology](#)

[Click here to Read
the Financial Pledge to Support
Healing & Reconciliation](#)

CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD "Virtual Atrium"

We are again pleased to offer Zoom prayer sessions in the style of a Virtual Atrium (no cost).

Level 1, ages 3-6

Weekly on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 4:00 pm (~15 minutes duration). Begins October 26 or 28 and continues until Pentecost. We will listen to scripture, pray, and sing!

Level 2, ages 6-9

Weekly on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm (~30 minutes duration). Begins October 26 and continues until Pentecost. We will focus on living the covenant with an emphasis on Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Level 3, ages 9-12

Weekly on Thursdays at 4:30 pm (~30-45 minutes duration). October 28 - December 16. An 8-week Bible study about the Prophets and the Messiah.

Interested parents should contact the parish office. A Zoom meeting will be set up prior to the start date to meet the child.

60th Anniversary Committee

Thank you to all those who helped celebrate our 60th anniversary this past weekend and all the volunteers who made this event possible. A shout out especially to our committee members: Marion Thomson Howell, Beani Watson, Fred Masters and Kathy Doherty Masters, Melodie Mensch and Ruthann Fisher. We were so pleased so many were able to come on Sunday to the special mass and blessing of our new St. Francis statue. We were very glad Bishop Crosby joined us for one of his first visits outside Hamilton since the pandemic began. We were especially pleased that the artist Timothy Schmalz was also on hand! ([check out our website for some pictures from the event](#)) And a shout out to the volunteers who helped distribute cupcakes at the reception especially Susan Schaefer, who helped co-ordinate that part of the event. Rain did not dampen spirits and thankfully took a break when it was time for the blessing! Let us continue to grow in faith at St. Francis parish for the next 60 years.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

This past week our Confirmation Candidates for 2022 began their preparations for the sacrament with a virtual gathering. Their meeting included a Commitment Ceremony where they committed to prayer, study and service as they prepare for Confirmation. Please keep these young people in prayer as they learn more about their faith!

oneROOF HOST HOMES

oneROOF Youth Services is committed to providing for the safety, support and overall well-being of youth who are experiencing homelessness, and youth who are at-risk of homelessness in Waterloo Region. One of the ways they do this is through Host Homes, a prevention and diversion program, where people in the community welcome youth aged 16-25 who are at risk of homelessness into their own homes for a temporary stay. Host Homes provide a safe place for at-risk youth to "land," giving them and Host Homes staff the time needed to sort through the barriers that led the youth to homelessness. oneROOF is currently looking for more Host Homes and reached out to the St. Francis community to invite anyone interested to learn more about the program. [To start you can read a brochure and FAQs on our website by clicking here](#), or contact the parish office and we will provide you with the information we have and/or connect you with oneROOF for more information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this vocation.

AROUND TOWN

Hiring Lunch Hour Supervisors St. Paul CES is looking to hire permanent and supply Lunch Hour Supervisors! You must be:

- 18 Years of Age or older
- Canadian citizen with Social Insurance Number or valid work permit to be eligible to work in Canada

Salary is between \$22.20 – \$23.46 per hour. You will be required to work one hour a day from 11:05-12:05. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the principal by email sharon.adie@wcdsb.ca or call the school at 519-743-4401.

Bach Vespers - Cantata 187 Sunday, Oct. 24 at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Kitchener Two performances, 3:30 pm and at 5:00 pm, each lasting about 40 minutes. Presented by Spiritus Ensemble, [please click here to read all the details](#) including COVID and Vaccine requirements.

Join us for a free webinar: **"Top 10 Ways to Save on Your Water Bills"** Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 to 8 p.m. [Click here to learn more and reserve your spot!](#) Webinar is presented on Zoom by the Region of Waterloo and Reep Green Solutions.

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

COVID – 19 OCTOBER UPDATE

OPEN FOR MASS with distancing

Although we are not required to be vaccinated to attend Mass, we echo Pope Francis & Bishop Crosby in encouraging everyone who is able to get vaccinated. Please [visit the COVID-19 page on our website for all the current COVID protocols](#).