

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.
(mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com)

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Fr. Stanislaw Zaryczny, C.R.
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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:

[Hamilton Diocese](#)

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



October 24th, 2021
30th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

**"Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death
and brought us life through the Gospel."**

~ 2 Timothy 1: 10

MASS INTENTIONS October 26 - 31, 2021

Tuesday, 26th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Madeline Haller – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 27th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Anne Jamieson – Sandy Milne Intentions of Mary Adams – Joan Ferraccioli +Jim Scherrer – Anne Darby-Watchorn +Bill Haffner – Anita Stalzer
Thursday, 28th	- Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
Friday, 29th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Irene Ruscetta – Patty Missere & Family
Saturday, 30th	- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Stella Struthers – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegem +Anne Shoniker – Eileen & Mary Longo +Mia Ferkul – Gary & Marion Howell +Willie D'Souza – Francis & Remy D'Souza +Peter, Rose, Robert & Mary Bergamin – Alvina Bergamin +Michael Kelly – Don & Linda MacDonald & Family
Sunday, 31st	- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Mavis Chan – Anita Stalzer

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 16/17 Collection	\$3,847.85
2021 Total Collection	\$190,966.71
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Wednesday

Parish Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 25: **Rev. Joseph Abiola Akanbi**

Tues. Oct. 26: **Rev. Charles Jordan**

Wed. Oct 27: **Consecrated Men & Women**

Thu. Oct. 28: **Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, OMI**

Fri. Oct. 29: **Rev. Archange Kebe**

Sat. Oct. 30: **Rev. Jarek Pachoki, OMI**

Thank You Erin Marlatt for the beautiful Fall decorations in our church. You gave us a warm and inviting worship space which truly shows thanksgiving for the bounty with which our parish is blessed!

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.](#)

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS



On Tuesday November 2nd at 7pm we will celebrate our annual All Souls Memorial Mass, in memory of our loved ones who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to join us for the mass please call or email the parish office to RSVP, since we have limited seating due to the pandemic.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PLANET

The 2021 UN Climate Change Conference, COP26 (<https://ukcop26.org/>) will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from October 31 to November 12. We'll be seeing a lot about this important meeting in the news over the next few weeks. Pope Francis gathered scientists and faith leaders on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, in advance of the conference. You can see the report [here](#).

The St. Francis of Assisi Laudato Si Environmental Team invites you to participate spiritually in the conference in a couple ways:

- There is an online prayer service, [Lament for the Earth](#) on Thursday evening, October 28, using Zoom. If interested please click the link above to register.
- Development and Peace has provided a number of prayers that we invite you to pray daily during the conference. [Click here to find those prayers](#).

Let us pray together that our political leaders make good decisions at COP26.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend in your parish envelope boxes you will see an envelope for the Evangelization of Nations, or World Mission Sunday, celebrated by every Catholic community throughout the world. Today we show that all Catholics have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifice, for our brothers and sisters around the world.

- \$40 helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of the missions
- \$80 provides for the work of Religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia, Latin America
- \$100 assists poor children in boarding school in the Amazon, Africa and Asia

Any donation you are able to offer will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing and peace. As always your prayers are the most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating in World Mission Sunday. www.missionsocieties.ca.

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.



PICKUP IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Several items are now ready for pickup in the parish office. You can visit the office window any time during office hours, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to noon and 1 – 4:30pm. If these times do not work for you please contact the office and we can make other arrangements. Thank you!

Advent Little Books – For those who ordered them, please bring your \$5 for the full set.

Christmas Cards – For those who ordered them, please bring cash or cheque.

2022 Parish Envelope Boxes – If you do not currently have envelopes and want some please call the parish office and we will get you some. Automatic Givers you also have a small box of special envelopes to pick up.

Please consider switching to **Automatic Giving**, as this saves a lot of paper and time for our volunteers and staff. You can choose to donate weekly or monthly and you can change the amount you donate very easily if your situation changes. For more information call Alice in the parish office.

IN SEARCH OF A WOODWORKER

We need to replace the rose arbour in our Peace Garden here at St. Francis, and we are wondering if there are any woodworkers in the parish who would like to build one for us? We would of course cover your expenses. If you are interested please contact the parish office so you can discuss design with our Building Manager Gary. Thank you!

LETTER FROM BISHOP CROSBY

Bishop Crosby has written a letter to all parishioners in the diocese on this Year of the Family Amoris Laetitia. [You can read the letter by clicking here.](#)

AROUND TOWN

Hiring Lunch Hour Supervisors St. Paul School is hiring permanent and supply Lunch Hour Supervisors! 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.

Ecumenical Taizé Services (October 24) All are invited to attend these ecumenical Taizé Services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Each service takes place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kitchener at 4:00 pm and is followed by an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and pizza from [Tiny Home Takeout](#). People who would like to participate in the choir are invited to arrive at 3:00 pm for a short choir practice. See the [KW Ecumenical Services with Taize Songs](#) Facebook page for info.

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.

Employment Opportunity Breslau Mennonite Church is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. For details, view the posting at www.breslaumc.ca/job-posting. To apply email a cover letter, resumé and three references to Mark Epp, Council Chair at: markus.epp61@gmail.com by November 4th.

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 or second 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

Those with very specific health concerns may be eligible for a **third Booster shot**, [learn more by clicking here](#) and speak with your doctor.

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.](#)

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