

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:

Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.
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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:

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



October 3rd, 2021 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



MASS INTENTIONS October 5-10, 2021

Tuesday, 5th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Joseph Lawrence MacDonald – Eleanor Buchanan & Family
Wednesday, 6th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Eileen Cox & Helen Shantz Intentions of Duaa Al-Aghar – Sandy Milne +Mike Roga – Bob & Jean Balahura +Anne Shoniker – Paul & Julia Shoniker
Thursday, 7th	- Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
Friday, 8th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Deceased Members of Apolinario & Pereira Families – Leanor & Carlos Fonseca
Saturday, 9th	- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren +Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Lillian & Bruno Hildebrandt +William, Loretta & Matthew Hanson – Margaret Boshart & Family +Donna Renaud – Eleanor Buchanan +Fr. Edwin Lapinski, CR – Ruthann Fisher +Filomena Rocca – the Bateman Family
Sunday, 10th	- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+David Milne – Terrienne & Peter Moulton
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 25/26 Collection	\$4,066.75
2021 Total Collection	\$177,162.00
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Animal Blessing (Peace Garden)	7:00 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm

Tuesday

Confirmation Zoom Meeting	7:00 pm
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Saturday/Sunday

Thanksgiving Food Drive	At All Masses
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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 4: Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Tues. Oct. 5: Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Wed. Oct. 6: Felician Franciscan Sisters (CSSF)
Thu. Oct. 7: Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Fri. Oct. 8: Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
Sat. Oct. 9: Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Bring your pets to our Blessing of Animals on Mon. Oct. 4 at 7pm in the Peace Garden. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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.](#)

Congratulations to our parishioner Steven Lubczuk who is the recipient of the 2021 Chancellor John R. Sweeney Award from St. Jerome's University, which recognizes an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary accomplishment in the fields of leadership, education, and service to others. [You can read all about Steven and the award by clicking here.](#) We are very blessed to have you in our parish and our community Steven!

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

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca.

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

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



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. Please consider bringing your donation in a box or reusable bag.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL HOPE AND HYGIENE DRIVE

This is our last chance to donate hygiene products for patients at St. Mary's General Hospital. **You can drop off any packaged, unopened items in the blue bin in the foyer of the church beside the St. Francis statue.** Thank you for helping support the most vulnerable in our community.

PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

This is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new campaign! In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. This climate of insecurity is often fueled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian. This year, Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with those who defend their rights, land and environment and celebrate their work!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is looking for someone who would represent us at the Hamilton Diocese campaign workshop on Tuesday October 5th from 7 - 9 pm on Zoom. Please contact the parish office if you would like to represent the parish, or if you simply want to attend for yourself you can [click here to register](#). Learn more at www.devp.org.

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.

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 joining the executive as more leaders are needed to keep our council going. For more information please contact the parish office.

LAUDATO SI' ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

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, 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.

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](#).