

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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Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
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](#) [Congregation of the Resurrection](#)



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

November 28th, 2021

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

~ Luke 3: 4, 6



MASS INTENTIONS November 30 – December 5, 2021

Tuesday, 30th	- St. Andrew, Apostle
9:00 am	Intentions of Marg Irwin – Sonya Fitzpatrick
Wednesday, 1st	- Advent Weekday
9:00 am	+Jane Jackson – the Jackson Family
Thursday, 2nd	- Advent Weekday
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Mary Anne Lenio & Family
Friday, 3rd	- St. Francis Xavier, Priest First Friday
9:00 am	+Dr. Jim Cummins – Madeline Haller
9:30 am	Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 4th	- 2nd Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family Intentions of Eileen Lachette – Sonya Fitzpatrick Intentions of Helen Shantz – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegem +Deceased Members of the Boyle Family – the Family
Sunday, 5th	- 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:00 am	+Irena Prudnikowicz – Stanley Prudnikowicz
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November 20/21 Collection	\$3,729.25
2021 Total Collection	\$217,669.10
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 & 4:30 pm

Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:00 pm

Thursday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 & 4:30 pm

Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 29: **Rev. Tony O'Dell, OMI**

Tues. Nov. 30: **Rev. Kiwook Kim**

Wed. Dec. 1: **Disalced Carmelite Fathers OCD**

Thu. Dec. 2: **Rev. Henryk Krajewski, CR**

Fri. Dec. 3: **Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, CR**

Sat. Dec. 4: **Rev. Michal Kruszewski, CR**

2021-2022 Missals have arrived! Cost is \$4, they can be purchased before Mass on the weekend or at the office during office hours.

FR. MURRAY, FR. STAN & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE



[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)

WELCOME BACK CHOIR!

The Hamilton Diocese has given permission for our choir to resume beginning the first weekend of Advent! All COVID protocols will be followed in the choir loft. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous cantors for all their ministry leading us in song during the pandemic. It has been a lot of work and we really appreciate being able to worship in song! We look forward to welcoming the choir members back as they are able and seeing this step towards a hopeful and healthy future!



SYNOD INPUT – You Can Still Participate

If you were not able to join us in person or online for the Town Hall this past Thursday you can still provide input for the Synod. **You can fill out the [online survey by clicking here](#).** Or contact the parish office for a paper copy you can fill out and return to us.

THE WORKING QUESTIONS FOR THE SYNOD ARE:

LISTENING

- 1) How is God speaking to me?
- 2) What helps or hinders my listening?
- 3) How does the Church listen to my voice?

SPEAKING OUT/ SHARING

- 1) What helps or hinders me to speak?
- 2) How does the church dialogue and learn from other sectors in society? E.g., Government, other religions, local service agencies.

MOVING FORWARD

- 1) How can we as people of God work together in communion and participate in the Church's life and mission?

I invite you to watch the introductory video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9lrQjLo-4Y> and learn more on the [Diocesan webpage by clicking here](#). **Let Your Voice be Heard!**

Blessings and Best Wishes to all! ~ Fr. Murray C.R.

CHRISTMAS MASS REGISTRATION

Our parish team wants to make sure our parishioners are able to attend Mass at St. Francis this Christmas. With the increasing number of parishioners joining us at weekend Masses (yay! Welcome back!) we believe it is important to have registration for each Christmas Mass:

Christmas Eve – Friday December 24

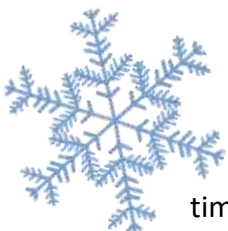
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm

Christmas Day – Saturday December 25

10:00 am

To make everything simpler at these Masses we will be giving you a “ticket” you will show at the door on Christmas. **Please visit, call or email the parish office to reserve your seats and get your “tickets”.**

MASS & BAD WEATHER



It is winter in Canada! This is just a reminder to stay safe when bad weather comes. If it is not safe to be out please do not feel obliged to attend Mass. Instead spend some time in prayer at home and come back to Mass when the streets are cleared.

2022 Parish Envelopes

We will have some 2022 envelope boxes available for pickup in the main entrance before or after Mass this weekend. Due to limited space **those with last names beginning with L - Z can pick up their envelopes at this weekend's Masses**, or pick yours up in the parish office.

ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

Will go this year to the *House of Friendship*. House of Friendship has been ministering to the most vulnerable in our community for 82 years, and since the beginning of the pandemic they have also supported those who normally access our Food Hamper Program. They are currently going through a huge transition with their men's shelter, [you can learn more by clicking here](#). Our support through the Advent Charities Collection will help the organization weather this storm and continue to support their staff and clients until the new site is open. **Please make any cheques payable to St. Francis Parish** as we will gather your contributions and make one donation to House of Friendship. Thank you for heeding the Cry of the Poor!

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All parishioners are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on the weekend of Dec. 11/12 to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

ANY PARISHIONER IN ANY HOSPITAL

Please let us know if a family member or a member of our parish is in hospital or hospice! Hospitals are not allowed to give out this information.

CREATION CARE TIP

1st Sunday of Advent – Nov. 28, 2021

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world..." —Luke 21:25-26

When we hear news these days of terrible natural disasters — floods, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, etc.—it is easy to feel fearful and worried about the future of our world. Sometimes our fear can paralyze us. When that happens, it can help to do something, anything, to combat the changes happening in our climate. Rather than feel powerless, decide on at least one thing you can do to be a better steward of creation, whether it's eating less meat, reducing your car trips, touring a recycling plant, starting a compost bin, or *anything* else you can think of that reduces your environmental impact.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis at the Diocese have put together several resources for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see [here](#) for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

AROUND TOWN

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Dec. 2 from 10 – 11am in front of Freeport Hospital, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

WHY@Breakfast is pleased to offer an online video presentation for your viewing anytime during Advent! Sister Barbara Paleczny will present "St. Joseph: A Man Who Followed His Dreams." St. Joseph is well known for drawing on the wisdom of his dreams while carrying out his role as the earthly guardian of our Blessed Mother and our Christ Child. Are you aware of four of his remarkable dreams recorded in the Scripture? Perhaps, finding meanings in our dreams may help us in our journey forward? No registration required! Check out our webpage www.whyatbreakfast.com anytime during Advent! You are welcome to check out our links to our past presentations on topics such as hope, healing, and receiving the Christ Child during difficult times too!

VACCINE Information

Anyone born in **2016 or earlier**
can be vaccinated for COVID-19.

1st, 2nd and 3rd doses are available throughout the region at Doctor's Offices, Pharmacies and Public Health Clinics. Please see the regional website regionofwaterloo.ca for details and to book appointments, or call 519-514-1499

3rd Doses – anyone 70 or older or if you qualify for medical or other specific reasons, can book an **appointment** for a booster shot 6 months after your final vaccination. [Learn more here.](#)