

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. Raphael Ma, 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."*



December 19th, 2021

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**"Here I am, the servant of the Lord:
let it be done to me according to your word."**

~ Luke 1: 38

MASS INTENTIONS December 21 - 26, 2021

Tuesday, 21st	- Late Advent Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Pat Boucher – Peter & Chris Higgins Intentions of John Neufeld – Sandy Milne +Donna Renaud – Sandy Milne +Lorne & Doris McMahon – Bernard & Rose Hanley +Doug Fischer – Anne Fischer
Wednesday, 22nd	- Late Advent Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
Thursday, 23rd	- Late Advent Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Helen Shantz – Eileen Cox +Margaret Dodsworth – Patrick Dodsworth +Anne Shoniker – Mary Anderson +Ernie Donaldson – Helen Shantz
Friday, 24th	- Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Eve
4:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday, 25th	- Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day
10:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, 26th	- Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am	+Reno & Angela, Tony Ianni – The Ianni Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 11/12 Collection	\$4,796.25
2021 Total Collection	\$233,745.33
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

Friday

Parish Office Closes at Noon

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 20: **Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz**

Tues. Dec. 21: **Rev. Ronald Voisin**

Wed. Dec. 22: **Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei)**

Thu. Dec. 23: **Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu (OFM)**

Fri. Dec. 24: **Rev. Miro Grubisic (OFM)**

Sat. Dec. 25: **Nativity of the Lord**

SPECIAL: Fr. Paul Voisin, CR's HOMILY ONLINE

This weekend we are very happy to welcome our guest homilist Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, and our past pastor. Fr. Paul is visiting Resurrectionist parishes in various countries and brings greetings to us from Rome and our sister churches all over the world.

4th Sunday of Advent Homily - St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener

4th Sunday of Advent



Micah 5: 2-5a
Hebrews 10: 5-10
Luke 1: 39-45

Watch on  YouTube

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

Laudato Si' Environmental Team Updates

PETITION WE SIGNED FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

We have exciting news about the petition we signed back in November asking the Canadian Government to introduce legislation which would require Canadian companies to abide by strict human rights and environmental standards in their operations in other countries. These laws would also protect people in the countries who speak out against human rights and environmental abuses by Canadian companies and would give them recourse to legally challenge Canadian companies.



Over 100 people signed the paper petition here at St. Francis, and I'm sure many others signed it online. Ruthann was charged with presenting our paper signatures to our local MP Mike Morrice, who was just recently elected and is our first Green Party MP in Kitchener Centre! Mike is incredibly excited about our petition as he campaigned on a platform of environmental and human rights. After negotiating some logistical issues Ruthann was able to have a zoom meeting with Mike Morrice's Ottawa Office (he was called into the House of Commons for a vote at the last minute) as well as the Development & Peace representatives for Hamilton Diocese and South Western Ontario. They all discussed the petition and how we can work together going forward. The result is that **Mike Morrice, MP for Kitchener Centre, will be presenting our petition to the House of Commons when Parliament returns after Christmas!** Other churches, schools and ecumenical groups are also sending their signed petitions to Mike to add to ours, but this would not have happened without you, our parishioners, taking a stand for all those who fight for environmental and human rights in countries all around the world. Thank you for living the spirit of Laudato Si'!



You may have noticed a new banner on the front of our church. This was the first project our Laudato Si' Environmental Team undertook, spearheaded by Sandy Milne. We join many other churches in the region, including some in the Ecumenical Churches of Forest Hill group, in proclaiming to the community that we are Acting Now in the fight for climate justice! We hope this banner will encourage those who see it to make changes in their own lives to be better stewards of God's creation, and may all who see the banner know that they are not alone in the fight, our parish community stands with them!

Visit www.faithclimatejustice.ca to learn more about this movement and what you can do!

CREATION CARE TIP

4th Sunday of Advent – Dec. 19, 2021

"And this shall be a sign for you; you shall find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." —Luke 2:12

Our sacred scripture story tells us that the newborn Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes (the only thing Mary and Joseph had on hand), not a perfect blanket sewn with love. One of our Christmas traditions is to offer beautifully wrapped presents to friends and family. Unfortunately, this tradition involves cutting down tens of thousands of trees to make wrapping paper, most of which can't be recycled and gets discarded soon afterwards. This year, why not find alternatives for wrapping our presents, such as newspaper, old posters, or other reused paper? Some people use cloth napkins, which can be reused; others prefer using gift bags which can also be conveniently reused later on. When wrapping your gifts this year, be creative to prevent depleting our forests.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

We will be open for Christmas Masses following the schedule below. Please remember to wear your mask, maintain social distancing with those outside your bubble and follow the ushers' instructions.

We are asking you to REGISTER for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses only, all other Masses are first-come first-seated as usual. The Christmas Eve 4:30 Christmas Day 10 am Masses are full.

December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:30 (FULL) 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

December 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 am (FULL)

Sunday Dec. 26, Feast of Holy Family

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses will be celebrated
Tues. Dec. 28 – Thurs. Dec. 30 at 9:00 am.

Feast of Mary & New Year's

Friday December 31st: 5:00 pm

Saturday January 1st: 10:00 am

Sunday January 2nd, Feast of Epiphany

9:00 am & 11:00 am

World Day of Prayer 2022 Planning Meeting will be held on Friday, January 14th, 2022 from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Zoom. Please contact csgosselin17@gmail.com before January 7th to be added to the invite list. If you do not have internet capability, please call 519-742-3248 and you will be given the appropriate instructions to join by phone.

Year Of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton

Diocesan Speaker Series - The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series for the Year of Amoris Laetitia will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more info contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

2022 Parish Envelopes will be available for pickup in the main entrance before or after Mass this weekend. Please help us maintain social distancing while you search for your box or pick yours up in the parish office. Thank you!

AROUND TOWN

Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV. Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by contacting the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

VACCINE Information

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

As of Monday Dec. 20 **BOOSTER** doses are
available for anyone age 18 or older

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 – Public Health suggests as many people as possible should receive their booster shot before Christmas to help make family gatherings more safe. You can now book an appointment for your booster only 3 months since your latest shot.

[Learn more here.](#)