

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)
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltondiocese.com)
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:

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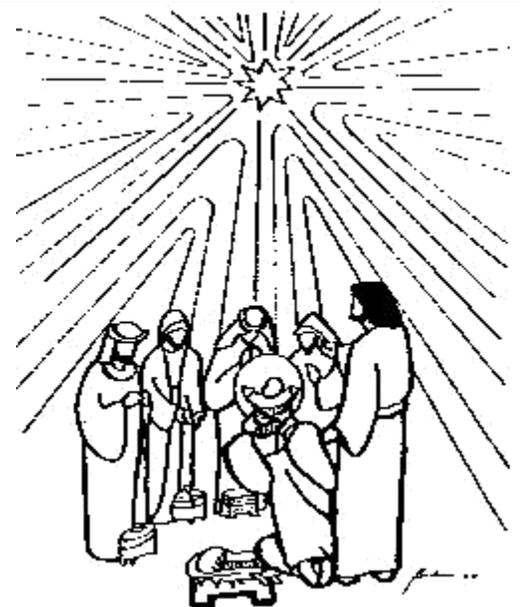
"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

January 2nd, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

**"We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage to the Lord."**

~ Matthew 2: 2



MASS INTENTIONS January 4 – 9, 2022

Tuesday, 4th	- Christmas Weekday
9:00 am	+Ruby & Gerald McDonald – Sonyia Fitzpatrick
Wednesday, 5th	- Christmas Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral – Helen Shantz
	+Anne Fischer – Sandy Milne
	+John Fischer – Sandy Milne
	+Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family
Thursday, 6th	- Christmas Weekday
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Edna Sehl
Friday, 7th	- Christmas Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Patrick Hurley – Gary Megaffin
Saturday, 8th	- Baptism of the Lord
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
	Intentions of Annie & Malcolm McAvoy – Cathy Vanzielegghem
	Intentions of the Schiestel Family – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR
	+Angela Ianni – the Frank Family
	+Marie Schell – the Buller & Hymmen Families
	+Deceased Members of the Boyle Family – the Family
Sunday, 9th	- Baptism of the Lord
9:00 am	Intentions of Mary Braun – Helen Shantz
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Christmas Collection	\$9,878.00
December 26 Collection	\$3,318.25
2021 Total Collection	\$253,891.73
2021 Total Collection BUDGET	\$294,500.00

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2021 Donation Tax Receipts will be printed in January. **When they are ready** we will invite you to pick them up after Mass or in the parish office, or mail them to those who cannot pick them up. Thank you for your generous support this year, especially with all the continuing challenges.

2022 Parish Envelopes are available for pickup in the main entrance before or after Mass or at the parish office anytime during office hours. Please help us maintain social distancing while you search for your box. Thank you!

Please also consider using our **Automatic Giving** program in which your weekly or monthly donation is automatically sent from your bank account to the parish. This saves us a lot of time and paper while giving you the flexibility to make changes as needed. For more info contact the parish office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Office is Closed (from New Year's Day)

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 pm

Friday

Confirmation Retreat (C) 6:30 pm

Saturday

Sacrament of Confirmation (C) 1:00 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 3: **Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI**

Tues. Jan. 4: **Rev. Vivek Trindade**

Wed. Jan. 5: **Diocesan Priests**

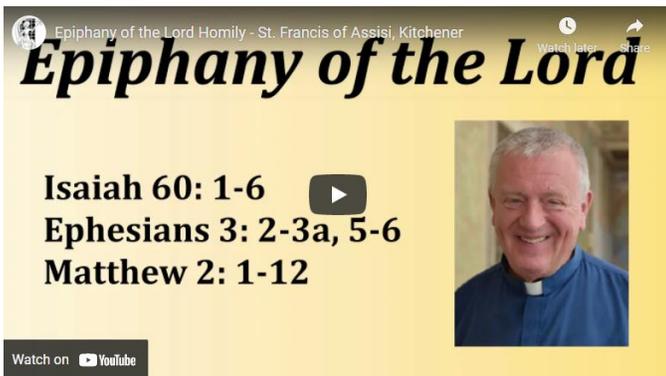
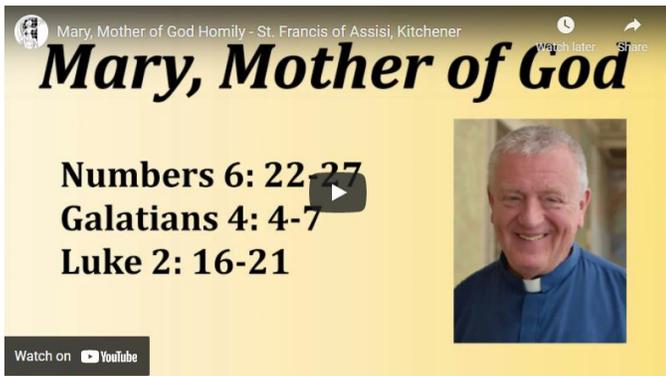
Thu. Jan. 6: **Rev. Murray McDermott, CR**

Fri. Jan. 7: **Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, CR**

Sat. Jan. 8: **Rev. Raphael Ma, CR**

FR. MURRAY'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the pictures below to listen to Fr. Murray's Homilies for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God and the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.



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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We have several candidates who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation under difficult circumstances this past fall, and thanks to their faith and dedication they are ready to be Confirmed! Our Confirmation Retreat will be Fri. January 7 at 6:30 in the Church (COVID protocols will be followed at all times) and the Sacrament will be celebrated by Fr. Murray McDermott, CR on Sat. January 8 at 1pm for the candidates and their families. Please keep our young people in prayer.

1ST EUCHARIST MEETINGS

Our Grade 2 students will soon begin learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and preparing for their 1st Communion! Student and Parent meetings will be held on Zoom on Jan. 11, 12, 18 and 19. For those already registered for the Sacrament please make sure Ruthann knows which meeting you will be attending so she can send you the link. If you still wish to register for these sacraments please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Jan 18 -25



Every year we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian unity leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25. We are very happy to be able to have a pulpit exchange again this year, so on January 22/23 we will welcome ministers from the Ecumenical Churches of Forest Hill at our Masses. Our joint Prayer and Music Service will be online again this year due to COVID restrictions, so we invite you to mark your calendars and plan to watch it that weekend as well. The service will include contributions from many of our sister churches here in Forest Hill and promises to be a faith-filled experience for all.

LAUDATO SI' ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM MEETING – Jan. 12

Our Environmental Team will meet again on zoom on Wed. Jan. 12 at 7pm to discuss further plans for our Action Plan for 2022. We welcome new members so please contact the parish office if you would like to join us. We will put a call out for volunteers for various projects as they get closer. Remember to mark your calendars for our **Pollinator Garden Webinar** on February 5th!

CREATION CARE TIP

Epiphany – January 2, 2022

It's time once again for New Year's resolutions. Quite a noble time, really, when we look ahead to ways we can improve ourselves. Consider embracing a resolution related to the environment this year. As Pope Francis wrote, "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread" (*Laudato Si'*, 211). So pick something, large or small, that will be manageable but a good challenge for you or your family to care for creation this year.

AROUND TOWN

Prayer Vigil Thurs. January 6 from 10 to 11 am in front of Freeport Hospital 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

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.

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.

VACCINE Information

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

BOOSTER doses are now 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 – You can now book an appointment for your booster only 3 months since your latest shot. [Learn more here.](#)

Blessings this Epiphany!

