

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.

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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."

January 16th, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"God has called us through the good news,
that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

~ 2 Thessalonians 2: 14



MASS INTENTIONS January 18 - 23, 2022

Tuesday, 18th	- Weekday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
9:00 am	Intentions of the family of Vanessa MacKenzie – Sandy Milne +Kay Sweeney – Marj Simon	
Wednesday, 19th	- Weekday	
9:00 am	Intentions of Jane & Ian Bowers – Anne Pritchard	
Thursday, 20th	- Weekday	
9:00 am	+Ann Kip – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League	
Friday, 21st	- St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Paul & Julia Shoniker	
Saturday, 22nd	- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm	+Mildred & Ken Fisher – Ruthann & Gail Fisher & Family +Donna Renaud – Gary & Marion Howell +Deceased Members of Wilhelm Family – Michelle Krulicki +Kay Sweeney – Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region +Alex MacKinnon – Elizabeth MacKinnon +Deceased Members of Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo	
Sunday, 23rd	- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi	
11:00 am	Intentions of Mike Szabo – Gary Megaffin	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 8/9 Collection \$2,848.95
2022 Total Collection \$6,768.35
 The budget for 2022 and a Financial Report for 2021 will be coming soon.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

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

1st Eucharist Parent Mtg (Zoom) 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Parish Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon

1st Eucharist Parent Mtg (Zoom) 6:30 pm

Thursday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 17: **Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR**
 Tues. Jan. 18: **Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak**
 Wed. Jan. 19: **Youth Ministers**
 Thu. Jan. 20: **Rev. Marian Gil, OMI**
 Fri. Jan. 21: **Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski**
 Sat. Jan. 22: **Rev. Timothy Higgins**

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below to listen to Father's homily.



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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 – 25

Every year Christian churches and communities around the world celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian unity leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25. In the Gospel of John, Christ prays that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). The long and often painful history of Christianity has sundered our churches for theological, liturgical, and political reasons. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions, yet honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'.

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon. This theme speaks to our world's urgent need for solidarity and transformation in the face of political, economic, and social turmoil, including the challenges and injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ's manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways.

Events at St. Francis:

We invite you to join us for an online **Prayer and Music Service** created by the Ecumenical Churches of Forest Hill. The service will be available on our parish website beginning on Sunday January 23rd. The service will include scripture, prayer and music contributions from St. Stephen's Lutheran, Highland Baptist, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Forest Hill United, Calvin Presbyterian, St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican, and promises to be a faith-filled experience for all. Watch the bulletin next weekend for a link to this wonderful service, and check our parish website on Jan. 18 for more Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayers and music!

GROW A POLLINATOR GARDEN!



Our Laudato Si' Environmental Team invites you to learn how to create your own Pollinator Garden at home! Even if you live in an apartment or have next to no yard, you can be part of providing life giving food for our bees, butterflies and other local pollinators. Join us for an online teaching from Tom Woodcock, Planning Ecologist at *rare Charitable Research Reserve* on **Saturday February 5 at 1:30 pm** for around 45min. Call or email the parish office to register to receive the Zoom link for the webinar. Tom will make a presentation and then take all your questions so you can start planning your garden! If you are looking for inspiration now check out our parish website to take a virtual tour of our own Pollinator Gardens: www.stfranciskw.ca.

CREATION CARE TIP

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 16, 2022

Now that we are in the dead of winter, we probably have our heating systems turned up to max to keep warm. This is an opportunity to realize how much of that energy gets wasted through air leaks and poor insulation. Reducing your energy consumption will also reduce greenhouse gases. Go around your home and look for areas where air leaks may occur, such as window and door frames, electrical outlets, and electric baseboards. Install weather stripping where possible. You may consider booking an energy audit with a specialist. Many areas have subsidies available to help you perform energy saving renovations. If you are thinking of doing any renovation work on your house this coming year, inquire about the most energy efficient options.

AROUND TOWN

Waterloo Knights of Columbus, Friday Knight Fish Fry Take out only, pick up time 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 1 pc \$15.00, 2 pc \$18.00, call Derek at 226 748 8378 by 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday Knight, single order **Spaghetti and Meatball dinner**, complete with an order of garlic bread, \$13.50. Take out only, pick up time 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to order, by 3:00 p.m.

The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is back! We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. **Join us January 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for "There's Something in the Water"**. The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Bible Sunday The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for all ages to help foster a relationship with God's living Word: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks.

Candlelight Prayer Vigil – Jan. 28 at 6pm for one hour, facilitated by KW Right To Life. On Jan. 28, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions from conception until birth for any reason. As Christians we recognize the inherent dignity and worth of all human life, including pre-born babies. Join us at the corner of Benton St. and King St. W. in Kitchener to pray for pre-born babies, their parents and all Canadians. kwrtl@golden.net

Youth ministry online learning Spaces are open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – A Canadian Perspective, or Relational Ministry with Youth - A Canadian Perspective, email: nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.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.

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.](#)