

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 23rd, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives."**

~ Luke 4: 18-19

MASS INTENTIONS January 25 - 30, 2022

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| Tuesday, 25th | - <i>Conversation of Saint Paul, Apostle</i> |
| 9:00 am | Intentions of Joan Fischer – Sandy Milne |
| Wednesday, 26th | - <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i> |
| 9:00 am | Intentions of Mark, Jodi & Josh Pritchard – Anne Pritchard |
| Thursday, 27th | - <i>Weekday</i> |
| 9:00 am | +Jane Jackson – the Jackson Family |
| Friday, 28th | - <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church</i> |
| 9:00 am | +Blanche MacDonald – Elizabeth MacKinnon |
| | +Alex MacKinnon – Jim Buschert |
| | +David Gaulin – Peter & Chris Higgins |
| Saturday, 29th | - <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 5:00 pm | +Michael Fisher – the Fisher Family |
| | +Reno, Angela & Tony Ianni – the Ianni Family |
| | +Richard & Carol Mayer – Diane Binyon |
| | +Colleen Kavanaugh – Mom & Dad |
| | +Deceased Members of Wilkins, Arnold & Kowalski Families – Julie Wilkins |
| Sunday, 30th | - <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 9:00 am | Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi |
| 11:00 am | +Judith Schlegel – Jen Schlegel & Family |

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 15/16 Collection \$3,487.40
2022 Total Collection \$10,255.75
 The budget for 2022 and a Financial Report for 2021 will be coming soon.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 24: **Rev. Sam Restivo, CR**
 Tues. Jan. 25: **Rev. Brendan McGrath**
 Wed. Jan. 26: **Carmelites of Mary Immaculate CMI**
 Thu. Jan. 27: **Rev. Jason Kuntz**
 Fri. Jan. 28: **Rev. Romelito Guillen**
 Sat. Jan. 29: **Rev. Grayson Hope**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sunday

Week for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service online

Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 pm

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.](#)

ATTENTION Children, Ages 9-12!

Would you be interested in a Bible study about Abraham? Why is he called the father of our faith? What does he have to do with us? We will meet for about 8 weeks on Thursdays at 4:30 pm (~30-45 minutes duration) online in our Virtual Atrium beginning **February 3** and ending before Easter. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to register, stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2022

"We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 – 25

We invite you to join us for an online **Prayer and Music Service** created by the Ecumenical Churches of Forest Hill. Click on the image to the right to watch the video. The service includes 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.

We would also like to wish Rev. Das Sydney well as he has retired as pastor of Highland Baptist while continuing his role as President of the Canadian Council of Churches.

We welcome Rev. Stephen Filyer as interim Pastor at Highland Baptist, working along with Rev. Amanda McCulloch the Youth Pastor and Associate.

Finally, please keep Rev. Warren Hamp of Faith Lutheran Church, and his family, in prayer as his wife passed away. May Rev. Warren and the whole community find strength in their faith and the support of all their brothers and sisters in faith.



BIBLE SUNDAY #TheBibleSpeaks

Inspired by Pope Francis' desire expressed at the end of the Year of Mercy for the church renew its efforts to make the Scriptures known, Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. The Diocese has prepared a variety of digital resources (both for adults and children) for this year's celebration with specific focus on the Gospel of Luke. [Please visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday](#) to discover a wealth of resources including:

- [A video presentation for adults](#) on the Gospel of Luke by Father David Perrin, Professor Emeritus at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo
- [An Adventure Passport for Children](#) (grades 3-5) that explores the Gospel of Luke including illuminations from the Saint John's Bible
- Bible Sunday prayer cards available in nine different languages.

CREATION CARE TIP

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 23, 2022

"But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."—1 Corinthians 12:24-26

In this passage St. Paul was writing about our human bodies, but his words can just as easily be applied to the earth and all of creation. If one part of nature suffers, all of creation suffers. Whatever you believe is the cause of climate change, most every scientist agrees that the climate *is* changing and millions of people around the world are suffering as a result. This week, commit to having an open and respectful conversation with someone who may not be in agreement with you about their thoughts on climate change. Rather than trying to change their mind, focus on trying to understand their viewpoint.



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.

AROUND TOWN

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!

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 final speaker will be Wed. Jan. 29. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information, and contact Teresa Hartnett to register, thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext 2250.

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

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.

2021-2022 Lecture Series

What the Taliban and QAnon Have in Common: The Global Rise of Religious Nationalism

Wednesday, February 16, 2:00 P.M. EST | Online
Presented by Mark Juergensmeyer, professor emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara, and author. Co-sponsored by St. Jerome's Lectures in Catholic Experience and Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS) at the University of Waterloo. Learn more [here](#).

VACCINE Information

Anyone **Age 5 or older**
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