

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:

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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 9th, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

**"John said: One more powerful than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

~ Luke 3: 16

MASS INTENTIONS January 11 - 16, 2022

Tuesday, 11th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Bev & Steve Lucas – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 12th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Janice & Keith – Sandy Milne
Thursday, 13th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Candace Kao – Jim & Maryan Lynch
Friday, 14th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Blanche MacDonald – Marj Simon +Ernie Donaldson – Bernard & Rose Hanley +Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Mary Ann Sellner & Family
Saturday, 15th	- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+Margaret & Wilfred Coffey – the Family +Guy Sr. & Guy Jr. Ferraccioli – Joan Ferraccioli +Robert Sexton – the Murtha Family +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh +Joao Pereira – Rosalina Pereira +Sr. Doreen Lackenbauer, SSND – Jeannette Brenneman & Family +Katalin Dobo – the Kostyan Family
Sunday, 16th	- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Marija Vrljic – the Halladay Family

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 1 New Year's Collection	\$1,384.00
January 2 Collection	\$2,385.40
2022 Total Collection	\$3,769.40

The budget will return soon, once our Finance Council is able to approve it. A financial report for 2021 will also be presented to the congregation at that time.

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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 10: Rev. Francisco Cruz
Tues. Jan. 11: Rev. Brian Quigley, MCCJ
Wed. Jan. 12: Sisters of St. John the Baptist (CSJB)
Thu. Jan. 13: Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, MCCJ
Fri. Jan. 14: Rev. Stephen Murrin
Sat. Jan. 15: Rev. Toby Collins, CR

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

OCDS (Zoom) 10:00 am

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

Environmental Team Mtg (Zoom) 7:00 pm

Thursday

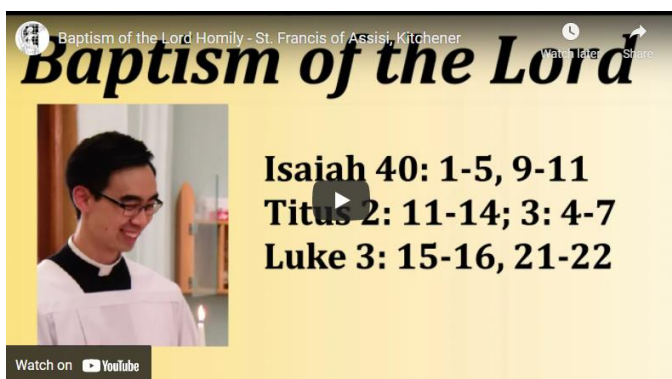
Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 pm

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!

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.](#)

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. Unfortunately, due to the spike in COVID cases and the Omicron variant we have cancelled our Pulpit Exchange for this year. Instead 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 contributions from many of our sister churches here in Forest Hill and promises to be a faith-filled experience for all.



CONGRATULATIONS to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May you always be guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit!

SYNOD – You Can Still Make Your Voice Heard!

You still have time to participate in the 2023 Synod on Synodality, by answering the questions below and submitting your answers to the Diocese of Hamilton. **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. All responses are anonymous!

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.

CREATION CARE TIP

Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2022



Water is the central element to the sacrament of baptism because water has the power to give and sustain life.

Water also has the power to take life when it is contaminated and when there is not enough for drinking, washing, or farming. According to the United Nations, over 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean water. Diseases caused by polluted water kill one child every eight seconds. Consider reading the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and/or making a donation to an organization like the One Drop Foundation: [OneDrop.org](https://onedrop.org) to promote clean drinking water for all of the world's population.

In Canada many Indigenous communities are still under long term boil water orders. The government is making progress in rebuilding water infrastructure but you can help by learning more about the situation and supporting organizations like **Water First** (www.waterfirst.ngo) which create and run programs in Indigenous communities to improve drinking water, environmental water and education.

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 consider 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.

AROUND TOWN

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.

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.](#)