

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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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."*

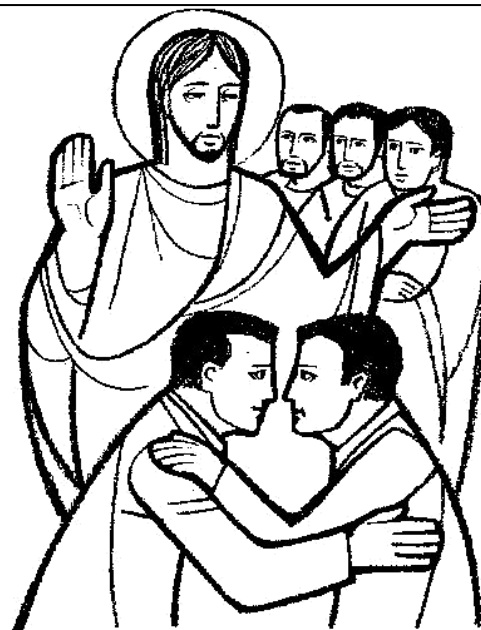
February 20th, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I give you a new commandment:

love one another just as I have loved you."

~ John 13: 34



MASS INTENTIONS February 22 - 27, 2022

Tuesday, 22nd	- <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>
9:00 am	Intentions of Joan Ferraccioli – Helen Shantz +Anne Shoniker – Paul & Julia Shoniker +Stephen Lucas – Francis & Valerie Lucas +Mila Navaleza – the Romero Family
Wednesday, 23rd	- <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>
9:00 am	+Cecile Wolfe – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegghem
Thursday, 24th	- <i>Weekday</i>
9:00 am	Intentions of Kate, Peter, Freyer, Finn & Maeve McIntosh – Anne Pritchard
Friday, 25th	- <i>Weekday</i>
9:00 am	Intentions of George Papaleo – Anne Pritchard
Saturday, 26th	- <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Doug Fisher – Ruthann, Gail & Paul Fisher, Judy Nairn +Anne Fisher – Barbara Kelly & Mary Jo Stewart +James Dodsworth – Patrick Dodsworth +Mila Navaleza – Evelina & Ed Sanchez +Paul Renaud – Michelle Krulicki +Peter, Rose, Robert & Mary Bergamin – Alvina Bergamin
Sunday, 27th	- <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9:00 am	+Reno, Angela & Tony Ianni – the Ianni Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 12/13 Collection \$3,672.75
2022 Total Collection \$28,060.25
 2022 Budget & 2021 Financial Report coming soon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Parish Office Closed for Family Day
 Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Thursday

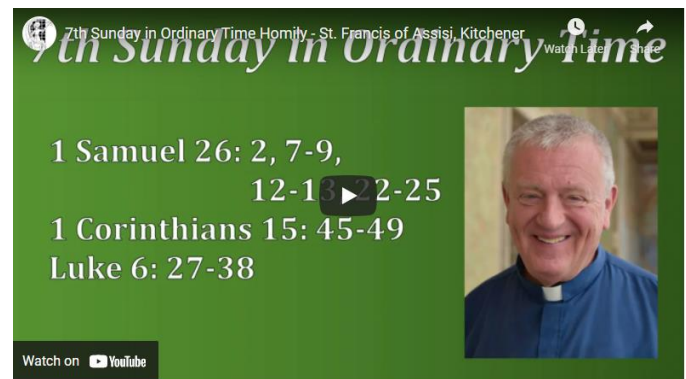
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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 21: **Rev. Jerry Punnassery, CMI**
 Tues. Feb. 22: **Rev. Nishil Varghese, CMI**
 Wed. Feb. 23: **Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 Thu. Feb. 24: **Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, EV**
 Fri. Feb. 25: **Rev. Felix Nwatu**
 Sat. Feb. 26: **Rev. Piotr (Peter) Machnacki, SAC**

FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click picture below to listen to the current homily.



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

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Bishop Crosby has written a letter to all parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton to update us on the Canadian Catholic Church's commitment to set up the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, and how our Diocese will participate. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

Lent at St. Francis of Assisi

Mardi Gras at Home

Since we cannot throw a party at St. Francis this year, why not plan your own Mardi Gras party at home?

[Click here for a DIY guide](#)

to Mardi Gras fun for the whole family!



Ash Wednesday

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday March 2nd

9:00 am and 7:00 pm



*Seeking greater understanding and desiring deeper solidarity
with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.*

Lenten Series – They Came for the Children

Wednesdays in Lent: March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

They Came for the Children is a five part video series on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including the history of residential schools and the 94 Calls to Action. The documentary was produced by Kevin Moynihan with financial support from the Jesuits, the Sisters of St. Joseph and other groups.



Each Wednesday in Lent we will offer an afternoon Zoom gathering from 1:00 – 2:30pm, as well as an evening in-person gathering from 7:00 – 8:30pm. **We encourage you to register now for either online or in person.** We have space for 7 more people in the afternoon Zoom sessions and 21 more in the evening in-person sessions.

We invite you to watch the series with us and participate in Sharing Circles to help us unpack it. Guiding us on this journey will be Tammy Webster. Tammy is the daughter of a residential school survivor, a volunteer at the Anishnabeg Outreach Centre here in Kitchener and the K-12 Indigenous Education and Equity Consultant for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board.

[Visit our website to learn more about this series](#), and to register contact the Parish Office at 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

Celebrating the Word

We will be offering a small group of Life and Faith Sharing based on the Sunday readings of Lent, using the Celebrating the Word Resource produced weekly by the Congregation of the Resurrection. We will meet in person on Monday at 7pm, beginning on Feb. 28. We have room for three more parishioners! [Email](#) or call the parish office to register.

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us in person at St. Francis at 7pm each Friday in Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross.

We will pray a different version of the Stations each week, including Stations of Creation on March 11 and the Scriptural Stations on March 25. If you cannot join us in person there will be recorded Stations of the Cross posted on our website each Friday so we can pray together from home.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

"For all who are or have been victims of abuse, that they may experience healing and have their dignity restored. We pray to the Lord." In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE. This year's observance is on March 13. A Holy Hour of Prayer will take place at St. Francis Church at 3 pm. All are welcome.

CREATION CARE TIP

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 20, 2022

"Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

Do to others as you would have them do to you."

—Luke 6:30-31

You've probably seen ads in which one neighbour is using a tool, then another neighbour comes along, admires how well it works, and then declares that he's going to get himself one too. It's enough to make you want to wonder: "Why don't you just ask to borrow it?" Instead of accumulating tons of tools for all our needs, let's thank those generous neighbours who are willing to lend them to us. In exchange, we might have a tool or a service our neighbour needs. Neighbours could even chip in together to buy a bread machine, a lawnmower, a hedge clipper, or a snow blower. Yes, it might take shy folks or introverts a bit of energy to muster the courage to ask to borrow something, but the relationships that can be built over sharing, borrowing, and trading can be priceless.

AROUND TOWN

The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region invites you to join in on a virtual event – **"Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act"** on Thursday February 24th from 7:00pm-8:00pm. This family-focused event will explore our relationship with technology. We will discuss the importance of and tactics around being a good role model and setting boundaries at all ages. Space is limited, register: <https://www.ccfowr.org/speaker-series>

Join us February 24, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM for **"After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village"**, part of the **Reel Justice Film Festival!** The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

World Day of Prayer – March 4 The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada's (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener on Friday, March 4th, 2022**. The program this year was prepared by the Churches of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, with the theme, "I Know the Plans I have for You". You can watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on March 4th at 8:30 am or 5 pm, or online anytime at www.wicc.org. There are some local in-person services and online viewing parties as well, [see our parish website](#) for all the options to participate in this annual prayer service.

Sacred Heart Parish Hamilton's 100th Anniversary – This June 15th, Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton will be celebrating 100 years. We ask former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart either by email: sacred.heart@cogeco.ca or to bring them to the parish rectory. Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 5th 2022 at 10:00 a.m., followed by brunch at Michaelangelo's. Further details to follow.