

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

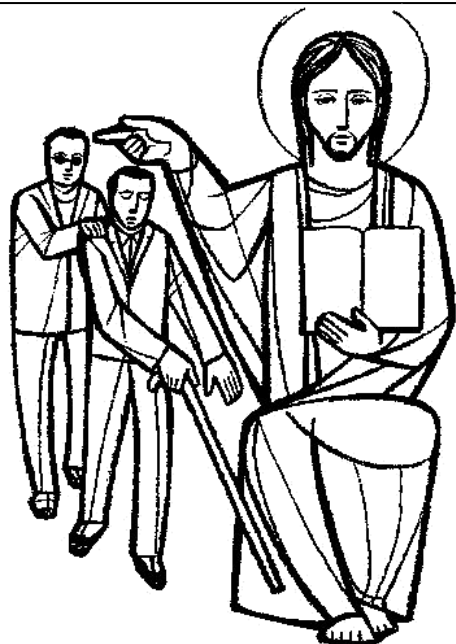
Vocations Information:

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



February 27th, 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Shine like stars in the world,
holding fast to the word of life."**

~ Philippians 2: 15-16

MASS INTENTIONS March 1 - 6, 2022

Tuesday, 1st	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Clarence Cormier – Florence & David Saunders +Ellen Sutton – Sandy Milne +John Nowak – Laura Donald +Amelia Sennik – Marj Simon
Wednesday, 2nd	- Ash Wednesday
9:00 am	Intentions of George Papeleo – Anne Pritchard
7:00 pm	+Bob Adams – the Fisher Family, Ruthann, Gail, Paul & Judy Nairn
Thursday, 3rd	- Thursday after Ash Wednesday
9:00 am	Intentions of Mark Pritchard – Anne Pritchard
Friday, 4th	- Friday after Ash Wednesday First Friday
9:00 am	+Jane Jackson – Robert & Joan Frank
9:30 am	Benediction & Devotion to St. Joseph
Saturday, 5th	- 1st Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family +Ken Fisher – the Fisher Family +Mila Navaleza – Evelina & Ed Sanchez +Sr. Doreen Lackenbauer, SSND – Peter & Heike Lackenbauer & Family +Kay Sweeney – Alvina Bergamin
Sunday, 6th	- 1st Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Joanna Tatarek – the Family

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday

Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:00 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm

Tuesday

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

Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10 am - noon
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Thursday

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

Benediction & Devotion to St. Joseph (C)	9:30 am
Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm

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.](#)

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 28: Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD
Tues. Mar. 1: Rev. Joseph Ahilan, CRSP
Wed. Mar. 2: Ash Wednesday
Thu. Mar. 3: Rev. Louis Lenssen, CRSP
Fri. Mar. 4: Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, CSSp
Sat. Mar. 5: Rev. Allen Varlaki

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 19/20 Collection	\$3,410.75
2022 Total Collection	\$31,766.00
2022 Budget & 2021 Financial Report coming soon.	

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. **Please register now for either online or in person so we can plan our materials accordingly.** We have space for 4 more people in the afternoon Zoom sessions and 19 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

This Lent join us for 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 Mondays at 7pm, beginning on Feb. 28. We have room for three more parishioners! [Email](#) or call the parish office to register. 1st Sunday of Lent resource is available at resurrectionists.ca.

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us this Friday in the church for the traditional Stations of the Cross led by our St. Vincent de Paul Conference members, at 7pm. These beautiful stations were prepared by Catholic Relief Services and encourage us to “walk alongside Christ on the journey of his Passion and remember our brothers and sisters around the world who experience suffering each day”.

No registration required. You can also pray the Stations on our website on Friday.



BENEDICTION & DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH



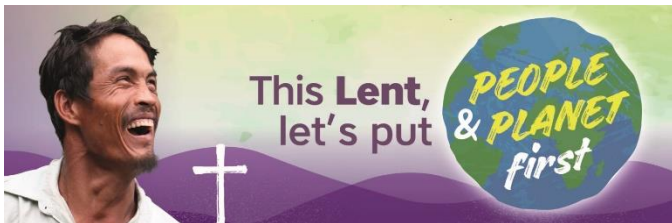
Friday, March 4 after the 9 am Mass St. Francis Parish will hold a holy hour to honour St. Joseph and encourage prayer for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations. The ICON OF ST.

JOSEPH will be in the parish from Feb. 26 to March 6. Please take a moment before or after Mass to approach the icon and offer a prayer. Thank you Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this pilgrim icon.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Sunday March 13 at 3pm

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.



This year, Development and Peace' Share Lent *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent, April 3. Your generosity helps support 85+ projects in 27 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine, following the Share Lent calendar** and checking out other resources at stfranciskw.ca/share-lent-2022.
3. **Signing the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.

FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

After much painful thought it has come to the attention of the retiring executive membership of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League that our council can no longer continue as we have been. With a shrinking membership and not enough ladies willing to take on leadership roles we must make difficult decisions about our future. All CWL members since 2020 are invited to a meeting on Sat. March 12 at 3pm in the Parish Hall to discuss and vote on the disbanding of our CWL council. Please come out and make your voice heard. For more information contact the parish office.

CREATION CARE TIP

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 27, 2022

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush."—Luke 6:43-44

Here is an ecological proof: we know a tree by its fruits. But we must acknowledge the fact that many of this generation would not be able to tell a pear tree from a cherry tree, peach tree, or plum tree, not to mention bushes like the raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry. Consider planting a fruit tree or bush in your yard to provide an unforgettable learning experience for children, as well as a harvest to feed the family. Think about the pies you will be able to enjoy. Think about making jam to preserve the harvest. You will be living in a delectable garden! Check with a local nursery or a neighbour who is a gardener on the best varieties to grow in your area.

AROUND TOWN

World Day of Prayer – March 4 The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada's annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener** on **Friday, March 4th**. This year's program was prepared by the Churches of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, with the theme, "I Know the Plans I have for You". Watch the service 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.