

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://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. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
住宿:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

## **Parish Office**

Open 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."*



**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**"From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."**

~ Luke 9: 35

## MASS INTENTIONS March 15 - 20, 2022

<b>Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Mila Navaleza – Linda Carmichael
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of George Papaleo – Anne Pritchard
<b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Joyce Sheard – Peter & Chris Higgins
	+Kay Sweeney – St. Francis Catholic Women's League
<b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Leona Hennessey – Dorothy MacDonald
<b>Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
5:00 pm	+Margaret & Wilfred Coffey – the Family
	+Nicola Trovato – Angela Ianni
	+Peter Schneider – Bill & Janet Curran
	+Anne Fisher – Ruthann, Gail & Paul Fisher & Judy Nairn
	+Deceased Members of the Boyle Family – the Family
<b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+John Nowak – Laura Donald

### 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.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 5/6 Collection	\$3,977.75
<b>2022 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$40,049.69</b>
<b>2022 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$284,000.00</b>

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 14: **Rev. Francis Hubilla**  
 Tues. Mar. 15: **Rev. Gregory Merkley**  
 Wed. Mar. 16: **Lay Parish Ministers**  
 Thu. Mar. 17: **Rev. Joseph Okoko, i,v,Dei**  
 Fri. Mar. 18: **Rev. Robert Bulbrook**  
 Sat. Mar. 19: **Rev. Christopher Tracey**

### 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

#### Wednesday

Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10 am - noon  
 Lenten Series (on zoom) 1:00 pm  
 Lenten Series (in Parish Hall) 7:00 pm

#### Thursday

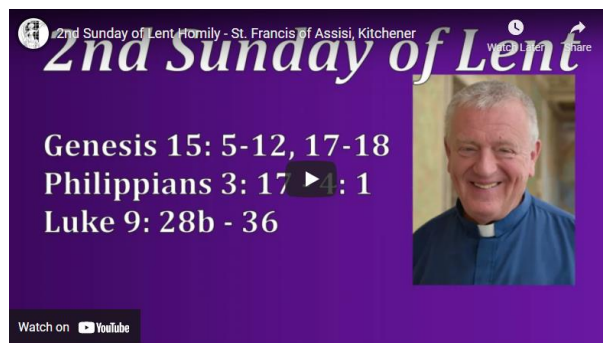
Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 & 4:30 pm

#### Friday

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.](#)

# Lent at St. Francis of Assisi

*Seeking greater understanding and desiring deeper solidarity  
with the First Nation, Metis and Inuit peoples.*



## Lenten Series – They Came for the Children

**Wednesdays in Lent:** March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, online at 1pm, in person at 7pm

You are still welcome to join us online or in person. [Visit our website to learn more about this series](#), and to register contact the Parish Office at 519-745-7301 or [stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com).

### Share Lent

**Madagascar: an ecological village  
to cope with climate change**



Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. In the capital region, which is afflicted by

flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at [devp.org/lent/act](http://devp.org/lent/act).

Check our [parish website](#) for the Share Lent Calendar and more!

### Reconciliation Service

During the Season of Lent God invites us to turn away from sin and come back to Him. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the grace to be able to respond to God's invitation and heals our relationship with Him and His people.

Come and receive the peace and joy of Reconciliation on **Tuesday April 5 at 7pm** at our Communal Service. Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael will be available for individual confession following the service. Even if you don't want to make individual confession at that time, please join your voice with the whole parish community and pray for the reconciliation of the world.

### Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7pm for the traditional Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus. We will pray along with Pope Francis in this version of the Stations. You can also pray the Stations on our website on Friday.



## PRAYERS & DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

**Rosary:** We invite you to join us to pray the Rosary Tuesday to Friday, at 8:40 A.M. before our daily morning masses during the week, for the people of Ukraine and for Peace in our World.

**Donations:** If you wish to make a donation to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine the diocese suggests we do so through Development and Peace. You can [donate online by clicking here](#), or you can call 1-888-664-3387. A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!



*Don't forget to set  
your clocks ahead  
one hour when you  
go to bed Saturday  
March 12<sup>th</sup>!*

### MARCH COVID-19 UPDATES

As the COVID situation improves, the government and the Diocese of Hamilton have given permission for us to open up more. **Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> these changes took place at St. Francis Parish:**

- The two centre sections of pews in the church are fully reopened, all pews are available.
- The two side sections of pews against the side walls remain partially blocked off with every second pew available for use. We hope that this compromise will allow for more capacity while ensuring there is space for those who are not comfortable with full capacity yet.
- All doors are open for you to enter and exit the church as you wish, and the elevator is fully reopened as well.
- The newly renovated downstairs washrooms are available for use again, check them out!

#### **The following protocols remain in place:**

- Masks continue to be required in the church. Those who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons are welcome to attend and sit in the designated area.
- Please continue to sanitize your hands and maintain respectful distancing.
- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms please stay home and consult a medical professional.

We are happy to be slowly and safely reopening and we look forward to restarting various ministries over the next months. Thank you for your support and for helping keep our community safe.

## CREATION CARE TIP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent –March 13, 2022**

Besides perhaps fasting from sweets, caffeine, or alcohol during Lent and being more conscious of those who are hungry some or most days, this is the perfect time to be more intentional about cutting food waste. Almost 30-50% of food produced globally is wasted. With food waste comes the waste of water, energy, and land. Are you served too much food at a restaurant? Be sure to bring it home and enjoy it again the next day. Only buy large quantities of an item if you know you can finish it before it goes bad. If you have too many leftovers for yourself or your family, bring some to a neighbor who might welcome the gift. If you have extra produce from your garden or fruit trees, donate it to a local food bank or look for a gleaning group that will pick the excess and donate it for you.

## AROUND TOWN

**3 Keys to Creating Your CatholicHOM (Household on Mission)** is the third talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? It is! Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. Join us on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM.com a dynamic online community and directors of CatholicCounselors.com. For more information visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> and to register. Contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).