

# 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:**

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**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**"Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

~ Matthew 4: 17



## MASS INTENTIONS March 22 - 27, 2022

<b>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Margaret MacNeil – Marj Simon
<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+John Harder – the Card Group
<b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Helen Shantz – Linda Carmichael & Eileen Cox +Margaret Cormier – Florence & David Saunders
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Matt, Jason & Jordan Lucas – Anne Pritchard
<b>Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegghem – Ruthann & Gail Fisher +André Vanzielegghem – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegghem +Reno, Angela & Tony Ianni – the Ianni Family +Deceased Members of Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	+Maria Kostyan – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## 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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### 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
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm

### Friday

Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm
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## ROSARY FOR PEACE

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord, the patron of our diocese, Fri. March 25, we will gather at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton to pray for peace, especially in Ukraine, and, in union with Pope Francis, to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You are welcome to attend in person at 11am, the prayer will also be livestreamed on the [Cathedral's YouTube channel](#).

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

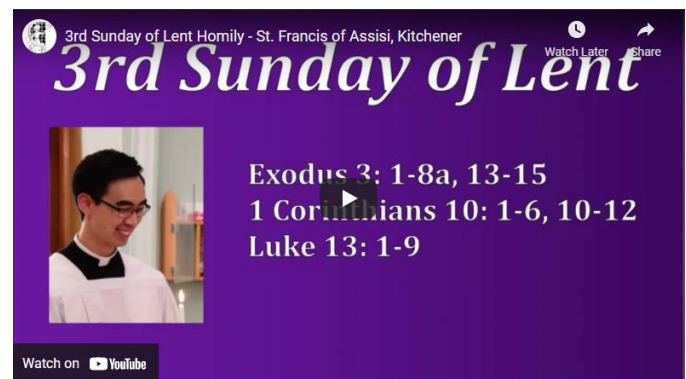
March 12/13 Collection	\$3,082.75
<b>2022 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$43,132.44</b>
<b>2022 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$284,000.00</b>

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 21: <b>Rev. Mark Morley</b>
Tues. Mar. 22: <b>Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil</b>
Wed. Mar. 23: <b>Franciscan Fathers (OFM)</b>
Thu. Mar. 24: <b>Rev. James McSharry</b>
Fri. Mar. 25: <b>Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki</b>
Sat. Mar. 26: <b>Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, SAC</b>

## 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 23, 30 & April 6, online at 1pm, in person at 7pm

**You are welcome to join us.**

[Visit our website to learn more about this series.](#) We encourage you to watch the video series on our website each Wednesday and if you have questions or want to discuss it please contact the parish office and join our Talking Circle. 519-745-7301 or [stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com).

## Share Lent

### **The power of mobilized citizens**



One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due

diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at [devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act) and spread the word.

**Thank you for supporting our campaign!**

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 25<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7pm for the traditional Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Raphael. In this version of the Stations we will pray alongside Mary as she journeys with her Son to the cross. 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!

### CONTINUED MASKING AT ST. FRANCIS

Although the COVID situation has improved greatly we still want to be conscientious. **In our effort to keep everyone safe we ask you to continue wearing masks at St. Francis of Assisi Parish up to and including Easter weekend.** We will re-evaluate the situation then. Thank you for your understanding.

## CREATION CARE TIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 20, 2022

During Lent the readings are full of desert imagery, especially the Old Testament readings which tell the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 long years, sometimes on the brink of death from lack of food and water. As Pope Benedict preached, "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast." Pope Francis' proposed solution for this is an interior conversion whereby our faith in Jesus is demonstrated by our relationship with the natural world. This week consider whether others can recognize in you a faith that moves you to action on behalf of the environment.

## 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).

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join us March 24, at 7:00 pm for a family screening of ***Over the Hedge***. Spring has arrived and a family of animals (tortoise, squirrel, porcupines, possums, and a skunk) awake from hibernation to find a tall hedge has cut their forest in half. Where are they going to get their food for next winter? Then RJ, an opportunistic raccoon, explains that suburbia is on the other side of the hedge where "humans live to eat, rather than eat to live" and throw away more food than they would ever need. RJ convinces the animal family to go over the hedge to gather food. 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!

### **Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died?**

Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life and wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.