

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection:

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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 6th, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

**"Man does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."**

~ Matthew 4: 4



MASS INTENTIONS March 8 - 13, 2022

Tuesday, 8th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of George Papaleo – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 9th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Shawn O'Malley – Frank & Cleo O'Malley
Thursday, 10th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Annie Martz – Marj Simon
Friday, 11th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Mary Ann Shoniker
	+Blanche MacDonald – Margaret Houston
	+Mila Navaleza – Sandy Milne
	+Margaret MacNeil – Laura Donald
Saturday, 12th	- 2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Mike & Denise Vanzielegghem – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegghem
	+Cecile Wolfe – Ruthann & Gail Fisher
	+Maria Kostyan – the Kostyan Family
	+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
	+Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Bill & Pat Jeffrey
	+Deceased Members of the Wilhelm Family – Michelle Krulicki
Sunday, 13th	- 2nd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Ernie Donaldson – Mary Jane Donaldson & Family
3:00 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

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

OCDS(RR)	9:30 am
Lenten Series (on zoom)	1:00 pm
Lenten Series (in Parish Hall)	7:00 pm

Thursday

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

Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm
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Saturday

Catholic Women's League meeting (H)	3:00 pm
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Sunday

Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse (C)	3:00 pm
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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 7: Rev. Patrick Ohl
Tues. Mar. 8: Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Wed. Mar. 9: Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (SJC)
Thu. Mar. 10: Rev. Francisco Sordo
Fri. Mar. 11: Rev. David Perrin
Sat. Mar. 12: Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

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 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. **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!** We have space for 3 more people in the afternoon Zoom sessions and 13 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.

Share Lent

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for

change. Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.

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

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us Friday March 11th in the church at 7pm for a non-traditional stations of the cross led by our Laudato Si' Environmental Team. ***The Way of Beauty*** follows Creation History through 14 "stations" drawing from Scripture and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. 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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 26/27 Collection	\$4,330.94
2022 Total Collection	\$36,096.94
2022 Total Budget	\$284,000.00

In your bulletin this weekend you will find an insert which includes the 2021 Year End Report as well as the 2022 Budget and an update on our One Heart One Soul Campaign monies received and disbursed.

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.

Bishop Crosby has written a **Lenten Letter** entitled *Full of the Holy Spirit* to all parishioners in the diocese. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

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.

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. **Beginning on Monday March 7th these changes will take place at St. Francis Parish:**

- The two centre sections of pews in the church will be fully reopened, all pews will be available.
- The two side sections of pews against the side walls will remain partially blocked off with every second pew available for use. We hope that this compromise will allow for more capacity in the church while ensuring there is space for those who are not comfortable with full capacity yet.
- All doors will be open for you to enter and exit the church as you wish, and the elevator will be 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 Mass and sit in the designated area.
- Please continue to sanitize your hands and maintain respectful distancing.
- If you are experiencing COVID symptoms please do not come to church, 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.