

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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[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."*

## April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**"Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, for I am gracious and merciful."**

~ Joel 2: 12-13



## MASS INTENTIONS April 5 - 10, 2022

<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Angela Ianni – Eileen Cox & Helen Shantz Intentions of Joan Ferraccioli – Catholic Women's League
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Andrzej Kalafut
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Edna Sehl
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Ron Pritchard – Anne Pritchard
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
5:00 pm	+André Vanzieleghe – Lucille & Cathy Vanzieleghe +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh +Donna Renaud – Catholic Women's League +Deceased Members of the Boyle Family – the Boyle Family
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Joanna & Wladyslaw Taterek – 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
Parish Reconciliation Service (C)	7:00 pm

### Wednesday

Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10 am – 12 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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### Sunday

Altar Server Training (C)	12 noon
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## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 4: <b>Rev. Franjo Sprajc</b>
Tues. April 5: <b>Rev. Leszek Szczygiel</b>
Wed. Apr. 6: <b>Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)</b>
Thu. Apr. 7: <b>Rev. Tom Moisan</b>
Fri. Apr. 8: <b>Rev. David Weise</b>
Sat. Apr. 9: <b>Rev. Pablito Labado</b>

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 26/27 Collection	\$4,870.25
<b>2022 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$52,666.64</b>
<b>2022 Total Budget</b>	<b>\$284,000.00</b>

## EASTER LITTLE BOOKS

If you ordered the Little Books series this past year your Easter Little Book has arrived. You can pick it up in the main entrance of the church this weekend or at the office during office hours.

## 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

**Our Last Gathering is Wednesday April 6, online at 1pm, in person at 7pm**

**You are welcome to join us!** [Visit our website to learn more about this series.](#)

Share  
Lent 2022



Development  
and Peace  
CARITAS CANADA



This Lent,  
let's put



## Solidarity Sunday This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."

Such is the difference you can make by giving to our Share Lent parish collection (using your parish envelopes or the extra Share Lent envelopes in the pews this weekend) or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for helping us build a world of justice. 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 April 8<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7pm for the Traditional Stations of the Cross led by the St. Francis Choir Community. Please join us for this beautiful, peaceful time of prayer as we get ever closer to Easter.

You can also pray the Stations on our website on Friday.



## COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

We would like to start bringing the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners again, but we need some new volunteers for this ministry. Volunteers would be assigned one or two parishioners to take Communion to and they schedule a weekly visit. Volunteers will be trained and given a booklet to follow, and because they will be working with vulnerable people they do need to be fully screened. If you would like more information and/or would like to join this ministry please call the parish office. We have seen during the pandemic how important it is to stay in touch with all our parishioners, so **we know how essential this ministry is to keep people connected with their faith family.** If you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive Communion please also contact the parish office and we will try to connect you with a volunteer.

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

**Rosary:** We invite you to join us to pray the Rosary Tuesday to Friday, at 8:40 A.M. before our morning Mass, for peace in Ukraine and our world.

**Donations:** You can donate to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine through Development and Peace, [online by clicking here](#), or call 1-888-664-3387.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday – April 9/10

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am & 11am

### Holy Thursday – April 14

Mass of Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm

**Food Drive:** As we celebrate the Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist we invite you to share the banquet on your table with our neighbours in need. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the entrance of the church and will support our local community. Thank you.

### Good Friday – April 15

Family Service, 11:00am

Solemn Service, 3:00 pm

### Holy Saturday – April 16

Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday – April 17

Easter Masses, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## CREATION CARE TIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." —*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

If you sometimes feel overwhelmed by the direction the climate crisis is going, consider reading chapter 43 from Isaiah as an antidote. Or read chapter 3 of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* (you can find it online for free). He reminds us, "The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge" (#80).

## AROUND TOWN

### Interfaith Prayer Service for Ukraine Mon.

April 4 at 7pm at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener. This service is being organized by Fr. Myroslaw Tataryn of Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian GCChurch, Kitchener and Nativity of the Mother of God (St. Mary's) Ukrainian GCChurch, Cambridge, along with Fr. Myroslav Shmigelsky of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Waterloo, and other faith leaders in Waterloo Region. All are invited.

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. April 7, from 10 – 11 am in front of Freeport Hospital, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

### Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group at

St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Wednesday evenings April 20 – May 25, 7-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must **register by April 13<sup>th</sup>** by contacting St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311 or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca). Visit our website for more information at [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support).