

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: www.resurrectionists.ca

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am

Reconciliation

By Appointment Only,
please call the parish

Sunday Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy at this time

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Baptism

Please call the parish office.

Marriages

Please call the parish office.

Administrator:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

Parish Office is open Monday – Friday,
8:30 am – noon & 1:00 – 4:30 pm
by Appointment Only Please call ahead

Vocations Information:

www.vocationinfo.ca www.vocationculture.ca



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



**21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
August 23, 2020**

*"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church;
the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."*

Matthew 16: 18

MASS INTENTIONS August 25 - 30, 2020


Tuesday, 25th 9:00 am	- Weekday Intentions of Sr. Norma Schmidt – Mary Jane Burgess Intentions of Kelley Hurren – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR +Ann Hutter – the Family +Elizabeth Rasmussen – Ron Lorentz +Douglas Schefter – Joan Schefter
Wednesday, 26th 9:00 am	- Weekday +Ron Pritchard – Anne Pritchard
Thursday, 27th 9:00 am	- St. Monica Intentions of Maria Cabral
Friday, 28th 9:00 am	- St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church +Jan Edissi – Gary & Marion Howell
Saturday, 29th 5:00 pm	- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time +Antonio & Emelindra Rodrigues – the Family +Jack Daley – St. Francis Choir Community +Robert Montag – Elizabeth MacKinnon +Luann Mahn – Ruthann Fisher +Sr. Joyce Lorentz, SSND – Anita Stalzer +Stephen Zalobka – Betty Corrigan
Sunday, 30th 9:00 am 11:00 am	- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

August 23, 2020 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 15/16 Collection	\$3,732.25
2020 Total Collection	\$162,675.30
2020 Total Budget	\$309,450.00

The Parish Office will be closed
Fri. Aug. 28. If you have an urgent request we
will be checking messages.

"Wealth can force us to build walls. Jesus, instead, invites His disciples to transform goods and riches into relationships, because people are worth more than things, they are more valuable than any riches we possess." @Pontifex, Aug. 18, 2020



Looking Ahead to August 30, 2020 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon August 24: **Rev Mussie Keflezghi MCCJ**
Tues. August 25: **Rev. Jerzy Tomon**
Wed. August 26: **Catholic Teachers**
Thu. August 27: **Rev. Issac Tharayil, CMI**
Fri. August 28: **Rev. Nishil Varghese, CMI**
Sat. August 29: **Rev. Ilija Petkovic**

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY INITIATED!

This weekend we are very happy to welcome three new children of God to the faith:

Colton William Joseph Wallace

Shelby Kaylynn Hope Wallace

Rori Accalia Rose Wallace



Colton, Shelby and Rori were almost done the RCIC program when the pandemic hit, and after months of waiting they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Communion this weekend! Congratulations on your studies, and may you always know God's love for you and the prayers and support of our parish community.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



We are blessed to have very generous parishioners here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and we'd like to thank you for your support, especially during this unprecedented time.

While we were shut down many parishioners wanted to continue making donations to the parish, but struggled to figure out how to get their donation to us when they weren't leaving their homes. Although we are now offering public Mass again, many people are still not able to join us in person.

***One option to make donating easier,
save paper by using less envelopes,
and make processing easier
for our volunteers and staff,
is to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving.***

You can sign up to have weekly or monthly donations automatically withdrawn from your bank account and given to St. Francis Parish. You set the amount you want to give, and you can change it whenever you need to. **The program is easy to sign up for and can be set up without you having to leave your house.**

If you want to learn more about Pre-Authorized Giving please contact Alice in the parish office.

MINISTRIES DURING COVID-19

Although it may seem hard to keep track of the day of the week, or even what month we are in, August is quickly rolling by and soon the fall will be upon us. Some ministries and groups that would normally start at the beginning of September may not be quite ready to start up again; we will keep you posted as updates are available. However, many ministries are thriving and helping the parish community stay safe, connected and spiritually nourished in these difficult times. Below are all the ministries currently operating in some form. If you are interested in joining any of them please contact the Parish Office for more information.

- **Prayer Network**
- **Prayer Shawl**
- **Hospitality / Ushering at Mass**
- **Lector at Mass**
- **Cleaning Team after Masses**

LITTLE BOOKS

SEASONAL DEVOTIONALS

Each year we offer you the opportunity to order *Little Books*, a set of daily devotional booklets for Advent, Lent and Easter. We are very happy to be able to offer this again this year, at the same price of \$5 per set of three seasons. These books proved to be very supportive during our time of shutdown, so we are grateful to the publishers for keeping the price low again this year and making this such an accessible resource. If you would like to order a set(s) please call or email the parish office (519-745-7301, stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com). Orders must be placed by Sept. 14. \$5 cost will be collected when the *Advent Little Books* arrive.

Continue to watch our website

www.stfranciskw.ca

for interesting content posted
Monday to Friday each week.

We want to stay connected with you,
whether you are able to join us at
Mass or need to stay home for now.

Be assured of our prayers for you!

The View from Fr. Raph's Window...

Last Saturday August 15th, on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – with masks and all the other restrictions we have gotten used to living with by now – four new priests were ordained for service in the Diocese of Hamilton. You can find pictures of his happy event on the Diocese of Hamilton website.

Although I was not able to attend the ordination itself, I was invited to one of the priests' first Mass of Thanksgiving the next day. In uncertain times like our own, it is nice to have events like these which are signs of hope. For that hour or two (bilingual Mass, a long homily, some cultural observances, and a bilingual thanksgiving speech by the newly ordained), I forgot about all the problems of life and things I had to do, and just participated in the Mass.

A few things stood out for me that Sunday afternoon. Like an ordination, a first Mass of Thanksgiving is meant to be an experience of the Church – something bigger than just our home parish. Various people who have played a role in some way in the journey of this newly ordained priest are present – priests, family, friends, neighbours, etc. The homily is traditionally not preached by the newly ordained priest, but by a priest who has been a mentor to him. And so it's kind of like being able to "listen in" on some parting advice from one priest to another.

It's also wonderful to see all the children present – from the parish, or relatives of the newly ordained, or his friends' children. I don't think children realize that priests come from among us, from among ordinary people in the pews, like you and me. Children usually see a priest on Sundays and assume that they've always just been there. But every priest has a story, and maybe these children might think about what their story is going to look like when they grow up.

And finally, there is of course the tradition of the first blessing. I can tell you from my recent memory, to have so many people seek out the Church's blessing through you is something very humbling for the priest. It really underscores the role of a priest, which is to give God's gifts to the

people. And it really underscores that it is not about the priest. There is nothing special about the priest himself – he isn't some saint or holy person – he was literally ordained yesterday. He has nothing to give them, nothing except God's blessing.

Let's thank God for giving us these new priests to serve the Church, and let's remember to pray for these newly ordained priests, that they will be blessed, and a blessing to others in their many years of ministry that lay ahead of them.

~ Fr. Raphael CR

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A PRAYER SHAWL?

Prayer shawls assure our loved ones that the community of St. Francis Parish is praying for them, and that we journey with them even when we cannot be present. If you have a loved one who is suffering physically, mentally or spiritually, perhaps they would find comfort and support in a prayer shawl. Or maybe there is someone in your life celebrating a milestone, starting a new job, moving to a new home, expecting a baby? A prayer shawl can bring peace in stressful times. If you would like to pick up a prayer shawl please call the office and make an appointment, there is not cost.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you are wondering how to spend the last few weeks of the summer with your children, perhaps consider an online VBS! Our children are about to go back to school after a long period away and it may help to spend some structured time learning about Jesus and his love for them in the coming weeks. The Church of the Apostles in Atlanta, Georgia created an entirely online VBS that is offered on their website free of charge for families to participate in at their own pace. For five days children search out clues in *The Mystery of the Closed Case*, focusing on the Names of Jesus. They learn scripture and songs, play games and have lots of fun, all through videos on their website. Parents are encouraged to check it out first at <https://apostles.org/vbs-online-portal/>. Links will be on our parish website too.

MASS DURING COVID-19

Thank you to all who have so carefully followed the new instructions when attending Mass these first weeks back. Please continue to maintain physical distancing while waiting to enter the church and as you exit after Mass.

Waterloo Region now has a Mask By-Law

which requires everyone to wear a face covering while in enclosed public spaces, including places of worship. There are some exceptions; for all the By-Law details please go to the region's website: www.regionofwaterloo.ca/MaskByLaw.



If you have not joined us for Mass yet and are considering attending, please see the COVID-19 page on our website for information you need before you attend. [You can access that page here.](#)

Weekday Masses are Tuesday – Friday at 9:00 am

Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

We are very excited to be worshipping together again, but we have to do this carefully so that we keep everyone safe and healthy, so thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

TV & ONLINE MASSES

For those who are not comfortable or able to join us at Mass yet, you can still participate in Mass on TV or online. Here are some options for you:

Televised Masses:

Vision TV (Channel 27, Rogers Cable)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am, 12:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

Salt and Light (Channel 240, Rogers Cable)

Monday to Saturday: 6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am, 10:30 pm

Joy TV (Channel 173, Rogers Cable or Channel 656, Bell Satellite)

Monday to Friday: 10:30 am, 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

On-Line Masses: www.dailytvmass.com

PARISH OFFICE is now OPEN

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

If you need to come into the office for any reason please call ahead so we can maintain social distancing and disinfect the area between visitors. We are excited to be able to serve you again in the office while keeping everyone's safety a top priority.

The Office is open

Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – noon and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm