

# 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

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

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
Or call the parish for an  
Appointment.

## 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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com">mmcdermott@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) [www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)



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



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*"Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation."*  
Psalm 87: 7

## MASS INTENTIONS December 1 - 6, 2020

<b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 am	<b>- Advent Weekday</b> Intentions of Marie Schell – the Wesson Family Intentions of Alice Preiditsch – Karin Manley Intentions of Kate George – Anne +Dorothy & Leo Herzog – the Family +Mary Bergamin – Mary-Teresa & Mark Denomme
<b>Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 am	<b>- Advent Weekday</b> +Rita Lorbetski – Bernard & Rose Hanley
<b>Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:00 am	<b>- St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b> +Ivan Cimermancic – the Kastelec Family
<b>Friday, 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am	<b>- Advent Weekday</b> Intentions of Frieda Cole – Helen Shantz
<b>Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 pm	<b>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family +Jim & Margaret Dodsworth – Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth +Antonio & Candida Cardoso – Laurentina Codeço +Edgar Vital – the Family +Anne Shoniker – Paul & Julia Shoniker
<b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> +Irena Prudnikowicz – the Family Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov. 21/22 Collection	\$3,787.00
<b>2020 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$233,903.93</b>
<b>2020 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$309,450.00</b>

## Looking Ahead to Dec. 6, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3: 8-14  
Mark 1: 1-8

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 30: Rev. Andrew Czarny  
Tues. Dec. 1: Rev. Florian Stasinski, CR  
Wed. Dec. 2: **Disalced Carmelite Fathers (OCD)**  
Thu. Dec. 3: Rev. John Redmond  
Fri. Dec. 4: Rev. Phillip Cook  
Sat. Dec. 5: **Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, SAC**

*"When we pray, God opens our eyes, renews and changes our hearts, heals our wounds and grants us the grace we need.*

[#GeneralAudience #Prayer](#)

@Pontifex, Nov. 2, 2020



## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



Following Pope Francis' example, on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Bambinelli Sunday, we will bless the Baby Jesus figurine from our manger scene. The blessing of the Baby Jesus reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. **All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines** from your homes to Mass the weekend of Dec. 12/13 to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing please take your Baby Jesus home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are very happy to announce that we will be re-starting our regular confession times on Saturdays from 4 – 4:30pm, on the first weekend of Advent, next weekend! November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come to the main doors of the church and Ruthann will direct you to one of our meeting rooms where Father will be. The rooms are large enough for social distancing while providing privacy, and will be disinfected between each sacrament. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation to our Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones please use the envelope in your boxes. We will pray especially for these intentions during our Christmas Masses. A list of names will be published on our website for Christmas.

## FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

As the pandemic persists we continue to look for ways to connect with our parishioners who are unable to join us for Mass at this time. You can now listen to Fr. Murray and Fr. Raphael's weekend homilies on our website. **Each Monday the homily from the day before will be posted on our website, under the Bulletin tab at the top of the homepage. [You can click here](#)** to listen to the latest homilies.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

If the pandemic restrictions stay as they are right now, we will continue to be able to welcome our 30% capacity to Mass. Given this limitation we have added one Mass Christmas morning. We have decided not to require registration for Christmas Mass, primarily because of the congestion it would create when arriving for Mass in our small foyer. So, when you make your plans to attend at Christmas please plan to arrive early, and be flexible and prepared to come back to another Mass if we are already full. The first Mass on Christmas Eve (4:30pm) is usually the busiest and quite full with families, so you may wish to pick a different time.

### Christmas Eve

4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm

### Christmas Day

9:00 am, 11:00 am

### New Years Eve

5:00 pm

### New Years Day

10:00 am



## JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has produced a new online weekly video series to help Canadian Catholic faithful to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Entitled *Journey through Advent*, the videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical Season and present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. **Each Friday you will find on our St. Francis of Assisi website the video for the coming Sunday; you can see the first videos [now by clicking here](#).** It is hoped that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all.

## THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

The Augustine Institute has also produced a free Advent Resource called *The Road to Bethlehem*. Draw close to Christ this Advent season with daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray, Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids, weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts related to the theme of the week and action items designed to help you take the Advent message and apply it to your daily life. You can sign up to receive these resources emailed to you [by clicking here](#).

## ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

This year all monies raised in our Advent Charities Collection will go to the Waterloo Region Food Bank. Since COVID-19 began the Food Bank, through the House of Friendship, has been supporting our neighbours who would normally access our St. Vincent de Paul Food Hamper Program. They will also be supplying much of the food for the region's Christmas Hampers (we will not be packing our own this year.) Use the envelopes in your boxes or any envelope and mark it Advent Charities Collection. Cheques should be made out to St. Francis, include your contact info so we can add this to your year-end tax receipt.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS DUE

The pandemic has forced the cancellation of many CWL events this year, and we are so sad to not be meeting together. However, we are praying for each of our members and for the St. Francis community, and are looking forward to the day when we can be together again. In the meantime, please use the envelope in your parish envelope box to pay your membership dues by December. Thank you for continuing to support our CWL council.

### *Pick up at the Parish Office*

**2020-2021 MISSALS** Cost is \$3.50.

### **2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

If you know of anyone who uses envelopes and is not able to come out to pick them up during this pandemic, please consider calling that person and offering to drop their box off to them.

## AROUND TOWN

### **Prayer Vigil for Babies Being Aborted**

Thurs. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital. 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) We will all observe 2 metre distancing.

### **Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception**

In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00pm from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan COVID protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

### **The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph**

will pray for you during the **Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>**. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

### **Good Catholic's New Advent Devotional**

Join us on a spiritual journey to Christmas. You'll get all you need in one daily devotional email! Do what works for your schedule. On each of the four Sundays of Advent we'll go deeper with videos from Fr. Matthew Kauth—back by popular demand!—and reflections that will help you spiritually prepare for Christmas. Cost for this program is \$14.95. [Click here to learn more and watch a preview video.](#)

## OCTOBER UPDATE TO MASS DURING COVID-19

**Bishop Crosby sent out a letter to all parishioners on October 7** reinforcing the pandemic protocols that have been in place since we reopened, and introducing some new rules. For instance, persons who are unable to wear masks are still welcome at Mass but must sit in a space away from those wearing masks and must receive communion in their seat instead of walking up to the front. There are a couple other minor changes, [you can read the entire letter by clicking here](#).

Thank you to all who are doing their best to keep our parish safe. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the parish office.

### **The Province of Ontario has made Masks mandatory**

in all enclosed public spaces, including places of worship. There are some exceptions; for all the details please go to the province's website: [www.ontario.ca/](http://www.ontario.ca/).



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

## 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

#### **Faith TV (Channel 591, Bell Satellite)**

Monday to Sunday: 2:30 pm

**On-Line Masses:** [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

## PARISH OFFICE is 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**