

## MASS INTENTIONS -- November 19 - 24, 2019

<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Joan Schefter – St. Vincent de Paul St. Francis Conference +Donald Warner – Kay Warner +Chris Oei – the Oei Family +Mary Elizabeth Gunn – Anne Pritchard +Barbara Diemert – Helen Shantz
<b>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>St. Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> <b>School Mass</b>
9:30 am	+Tobias Pfeifer – Anne Darby-Watchorn
<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Jinny Sigl – John & Ingrid Daniel Intentions of Lucille Vanzielegem – Cathy Vanzielegem Intentions of Armand & Lucy Bertin – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegem +Mary McCarville – the Family +Marija Vrljic – the Halladay Family +Rolando Vidal Jr. – the Sabordo Family +Antonio Cardoso - Naz
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### November 17, 2019

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Nov. 9/10	\$5,461.25
<b>2019 Total Collection to date</b>	<b>\$245,783.03</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

#### Looking Ahead to November 24, 2019

#### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

2 Samuel 5: 1-3  
Colossians 1: 12-20    Luke 23: 35-43

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

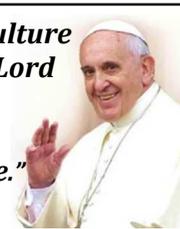
Mon. Nov. 18: **Rev. Kevin D'Souza**  
Tues. Nov. 19: **Rev. Artur Geringer, SAC**  
Wed. Nov. 20: **Deceased Members of our Parish Community**  
Thu. Nov. 21: **Rev. Jim Petrie**  
Fri. Nov. 22: **Rev. Joe Selvanayagam**  
Sat. Nov. 23: **Rev. Stephen Gilbert**

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b>	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Games Afternoon (H)	2:00 pm
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:15 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
Confirmation Retreat (St. Louis)	10:00 am

*"We must put an end to the culture of waste, we who pray to the Lord to give us our daily bread. Food waste contributes to hunger and to climate change."*

~ @Pontifex, Nov. 11, 2019



## Celebrating 60 Years

Our next North of 60 campaign for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year is the:

### Health for Fort Hope Initiative

The community of Fort Hope (also known as Eabamentoong First Nation) is a fly-in community located on the shores of Eabamet Lake in the Albany River system 360 km north of Thunder Bay. Health for Fort Hope is led by a team of medical professionals to help serve the needs of the approximately 1500 people who live on the reserve, and an additional 700+ community members living off the reserve. Like many First Nation communities, the lack of access to affordable nutritious food has led to many health problems, especially diabetes and all the associated foot care concerns. The team first visited in June 2019 and, in collaboration with nursing station and home care staff, the Health for Fort Hope project was able to fit and assess for orthotics and home care needs. With this relationship between the team and community members of Fort Hope, the team will be providing a foot care nurse and continued visits for orthotics and home care needs. We have much greater detail about the goals for this relationship on our website, [www.stfrancskw.ca](http://www.stfrancskw.ca).

### How can we help?

Our **Advent Charities Collection** this year will go to support the Health for Fort Hope Initiative. You have envelopes for this collection in your church boxes, please put them in the collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Extra envelopes will be available at the entrances that weekend. Thank you for helping us celebrate 60 years by giving back to our northern neighbours.

## SONGS OF ADVENT AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Join us for a musical evening with John B. Miller and Friends, featuring Steve Martin, Donna McLellan, Joe Orlando and Andrea Weber Steckly. Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, cash donation is appreciated at the door.

### AROUND TOWN

**WHY @ Breakfast presents Exploring Spiritual Practices?** Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ, a spiritual director at Loyola House Retreat and Training Centre in Guelph, will present several traditional and contemporary Christian spiritual practices to help us seek God in today's busy, confused and complex world. You are invited to attend this presentation on Sat. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo, at 9:30 am. After the talk, there is a preview of a new project brought to you by a few Catholic & Lutheran churches in Waterloo. Free presentation with refreshments. Interested? Please call the church office at 519-886-0342 or leave a note at [whyatbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:whyatbreakfast@gmail.com). For more info see <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

**Relics of Saint Francois de Laval** On the Feast of Christ the King (November 24) the Cathedral Basilica, Hamilton, will host the relic of Saint Francois de Laval – the first Bishop of Quebec (and indeed of Canada). There will be an opportunity to venerate the relic at each of the Masses on that weekend. The current Archbishop of Quebec, and the Primate of Canada, His Eminence Cardinal Lacroix will preach at all Masses on the weekend. All are welcome!

## From the Pastor's Desk:

The four week-long Season of Advent will soon be upon us when the liturgical colour turns to purple, the Advent wreath is placed in the sanctuary, and our immediate preparation for Christmas (the Incarnation of Christ) intensifies. As was done here at Saint Francis of Assisi last Advent we will again have a Jesse Tree as part of our Advent decorations.

The idea of a Jesse Tree comes from the writings of the Prophet Isaiah, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse was the father of King David, thus an ancestor found on the family tree of Jesus. Tradition has taken Isaiah's suggestion of the family tree of Jesus (the Jesse Tree) and used it to show the spiritual heritage of Jesus by looking at his various ancestors – people like Noah, Jacob, Moses, Ruth, Jesse, and King David. Again this year we will invite the children participating in our Sunday morning Children's liturgy program to create decorations for our Jesse Tree – decorations that show us our ancestors in faith, those who have brought us spiritually to this moment in time.

So the children will look at some of the stories of people from the Old Testament and then create a decoration that depicts that person. Each Sunday of Advent we will add their latest decorations as we watch and listen to our children telling us the story of our faith. Then at the conclusion of Advent we will have a Jesse Tree filled with the colourful stories of our faith told to us by our children.



Father Tim, C.R.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER



Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wed. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Full turkey dinner catered by Kennedy's. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available in the parish office and after Masses beginning on Nov. 16/17. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

## FREE CWL MEMBERSHIP DRAW!

To be eligible you must have your 2020 CWL membership paid no later than Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. The name of the lucky winner will be drawn at our CWL Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and she will have her 2020 membership paid by our CWL! So fill out the membership envelope in your envelope box, or pop your \$30 membership into any envelope with your name, address and email. Put the envelopes into the collection basket, or deliver them to the church office before December 4<sup>th</sup>!



The next Youth Ministry meeting is **TONIGHT Sun. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**, with special guests **A Guy and A Girl**. Our theme is "Who do you say that I am?" Meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome, bring your friends! Snacks provided.



Plus, follow us on Instagram!  
[stfrancisyouthkw](https://www.instagram.com/stfrancisyouthkw)

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This weekend is the third annual World Day of the Poor. "The Pope entreats the faithful to reach out in solidarity to those most in need. This calls us to live... with commitment, stepping out of certainties and comforts, and entering vulnerability." (Living with Christ, Sun. Nov. 17) Pope Francis calls us to challenge the judgement of society that labels the poor as parasites, people who should just go and get a job. The situation is never that simple. Let us walk with the poor, learn from them and grant them the dignity all God's children deserve. Here are some ways we can do this:

- **St. John's Kitchen**

St. John's Kitchen is an arm of the Working Centre. "Its diverse community includes many people who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or street involved. For over 30 years, people have come to St. John's Kitchen to be with others, have conversation, prepare a daily meal and share it together, and access a variety of supports and resources. It's a place where people come together in the spirit of respect and mutual support." It is easy to get involved at St. John's Kitchen, visit [www.theworkingcentre.org/st-johns-kitchen/143](http://www.theworkingcentre.org/st-johns-kitchen/143)

- **Ray of Hope**

Ray of Hope is a Christian based community centre in downtown Kitchener which offers hot meals, food hampers, laundry and shower facilities, community nursing and assistance connecting guests with other resources in the region. For more information or to volunteer visit <https://www.rayofhope.net/>

- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

We already know the good works our St. Vincent de Paul Conference does, providing

emergency food hampers to our neighbours in need. But the organization does even more than this, including the North of 60 campaigns and "twinning" with countries all around the world. Learn more at [www.ssvp.ca](http://www.ssvp.ca) and consider joining our St. Francis team.

## MONTHLY GAME DAY



Come out to our next games afternoon on **THURSDAY NOV. 21** from 2 – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring cards, board games, some friends!

No cost, snacks provided. For more info contact Jane Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

## MISSALS

Missals for the 2019-2020 Liturgical Year are available for \$3.50 after Masses or in the parish office during office hours.

## THANK YOU ~ the BAZAAR CMTE

Thank you so much to the wonderful volunteers, donors, shoppers, and especially the awesome students, who made this year's bazaar a huge success! It was a fun filled day full of community spirit, a great kick off to the winter season. Thank you!

### Large Raffle Winners:

1. Coach Hand Bag – Cecilia Grace
2. Luggage Set – Helen Shantz
3. Blown Glass "60" – Margaret Papp
4. Drayton Theatre Gift Card – Debbie Avery
5. Samsung TV – Linda Carmichael
6. Crown Royal, \$50 Gift Card – Irene Stroeder
7. Stained Glass – Greg Stephenson
8. Bar Fridge, Beer/Pop Cooler – Gail Moir
9. Newtex \$100 Gift Card – Damian Harding
10. \$100 Charcoal Steakhouse – JoAnne Kocher
11. Handcrafted Coffee Table – Marg Wesson

**Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon** Sat. Nov. 30 from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Coffee & Muffins, Soup & Sandwich Lunch, Christmas Cookies, Bake Table, Crafts & Treasures. No admission charge, wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by Calvin Ladies Fellowship Group.

**Anything But Merry Workshops** When you're grieving the death of a loved one, the holiday season can seem Anything But Merry. It can be a time of overwhelming emotions, new challenges and unrealistic expectations from family and friends. Anything But Merry is a community information session where we acknowledge the difficulties the holiday season can bring, and share coping strategies to help you through. There are many sessions throughout November and December:

- Breslau Memory Gardens, Nov. 27
- Waterloo Public Library, Dec. 9
- Guelph WMCA-WYCA, Dec. 12
- Cambridge Idea Exchange (Old Post Office), Dec. 12

Free of charge, registration is required. Visit [www.bfomidwest.org](http://www.bfomidwest.org) or call 519-603-0196.

## FAMILY LIFE...

can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage or single life. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment. If you want to learn more about the priesthood and religious life, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at [vocationculture@gmail.com](mailto:vocationculture@gmail.com) .  
[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)

**Coping with the Holidays When A Loved One Has Died** Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. The session is being held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, in Hamilton on **Sun. Dec. 1 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm**. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

**Have you experienced the death of a child** at any time in your life, including before birth or a still birth? Come to the Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – the Mass will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent as a way of providing some healing, as we know the feelings of loss are often more profound during the Christmas season. Join us Sun. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at the 4 pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is intended for parents, grandparents and other family members who have been impacted by such a loss. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

**Job Opportunity** Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener (and St. Brigid Mission in Ayr) is looking for a full-time Youth Minister / Pastoral Associate! The job description is now posted on the Diocese of Hamilton Website. If you are interested or know someone who would be right for this position, visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) .

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Lord's Day Masses

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

## Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

## Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

## Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

## Communal Baptism

Monthly, please call the parish office to register.

## Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year before wedding date.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Gary Howell

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon  
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**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."*

*"Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*

Luke 21: 28

## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY

## IN ORDINARY TIME

## November 17, 2019

