

MASS INTENTIONS -- November 26 – December 1, 2019

Tuesday, 26th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+John Powers – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 27th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Antonio Cardoso - Naz
Thursday, 28th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Fr. Pat Aiello, CR – David & Sandy Milne +Douglas Schefter – Joan Schefter +Jim Gregory – Marge Hummel & Family +Mildred Fisher – Catholic Women’s League
Friday, 29th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Sue Martin – Anita Stalzer
Saturday, 30th	- 1st Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Danielle Pilon – Cathy Vanzielegem In Thanksgiving – Phyllis Akondeng +Esther Akondeng – Phyllis Akondeng +Christopher Shelton – Marilyn Alston +Antonio Cardoso – the Family +Bill Renaud – the Krulicki Family +Clifford McNamara & Leopold Proulx – Carole McNamara & Family
Sunday, 1st	- 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Maria Voll – the Voll / Westman Family

November 24, 2019

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Collection Nov. 16/17	\$5,060.25
2019 Total Collection to date	\$250,858.28
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to December 1, 2019

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 37-44

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 25: **Rev. Marko Pulhic, OFM**
Tues. Nov. 26: **Rev. Stipe Renic, OFM**
Wed. Nov. 27: **Diocese of Hamilton Cemetery Staff**
Thu. Nov. 28: **Rev. Peter Watters**
Fri. Nov. 29: **Rev. Ilija Petkovic**
Sat. Nov. 30: **Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday		
Celebrating the Word (RR)		7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)		7:30 pm
Tuesday		
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)		4:15 pm
Wednesday		
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)		1:00 pm
CWL Exec Mtg (offsite)		7:00 pm
Thursday		
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)		4:15 pm
Choir Practice (C)		7:30 pm
Saturday		
Confirmation Rehearsal (St. Louis)		11:00 am
Sunday		
Sacrament of Confirmation (St. Louis)		2:00 pm
Youth Ministry (H)		7:00 pm

FREE CWL MEMBERSHIP DRAW!

To be eligible you must have your 2020 CWL membership paid no later than Wednesday December 4th. The name of the lucky winner will be drawn at our CWL Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 4th 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 4th!

BAD WEATHER AND MASS

A reminder that when bad weather strikes you should not come to Mass. During the week, if Kitchener **SCHOOL BUSES** are cancelled, then **WEEKDAY MASSES** are cancelled and the office is closed. On the weekend, if the roads are dangerous, and especially if **CITY BUSES** are not running, then you should not be risking your life or the lives of others by attempting to come to church. You can find out if buses are cancelled by listening to AM 570 News or online at www.570news.com. We will also post other event cancellations on this news website and the parish website. Thank you for keeping yourself and others safe!



“God has entrusted us with His greatest gifts: our life, the lives of others, and so many different gifts for each person. He invites us to make these talents bear fruit with audacity and creativity.” ~ @Pontifex, Nov. 14, 2019



CHURCH ENVELOPES 2020

Church envelopes for 2020 will be available for pickup in the church hall beginning Dec. 14/15. If you use Direct Deposit please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up. If you wish to sign up for Direct Deposit please call Alice in the parish office for details.

AROUND TOWN

We welcome you to join this month's **K-W Ecumenical Prayer Service with songs from Taizé**. The service will be held on this Sun. Nov 24th at Waterloo North Mennonite Church (100 Benjamin Road, Waterloo). For more information, contact: info@kwests.ca or visit their website: www.kwests.ca

God's Grace-filled Presence... Filling our World at Christmas and Always Do you ever feel like that the hectic pace of life has taken control of your serenity? Has your frenzied schedule, especially at Christmas, interfered with time for reflection and quiet moments with God? Find harmony in your life, join St. Mark's CWL for an Advent Reflection with Teresa Hartnett, Thurs. Nov. 28, 6pm. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend and share in some peaceful fellowship. For more info and to reserve a seat contact Anna at cjoseph1231@rogers.com or 519-577-8519.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Apostles' Creed, which we pray on most Sunday's, says that Jesus after he was crucified and then died and was buried, "descended into hell". What exactly does this mean?

First it is important to point out that our affirmation, our belief, that Jesus was raised from the dead presupposes that he first had to journey into the realm of the dead prior to the resurrection – this is what it means for Jesus to descend into hell. Like all humanity Jesus experienced actual death, Jesus really did die in order to conquer sin and death. However there is a distinction, he entered hell as our Saviour. Secondly, we have two understandings of hell, or two levels of hell. The first is the place of the dead, known as "Hades" in Greek or "Sheol" in Hebrew – this is the hell into which Jesus descended. It is in this level of hell that people are deprived of the vision of God. As the Catechism reminds us, all people, whether evil or righteous, descend into the place of the dead as they await the Redeemer (#633). The second level of hell known as "Gehenna" is the place of the damned, the place of eternal punishment, what we sometimes call the underworld. Jesus did not descend into this level of hell! This level of hell is reserved for the unredeemed, for the evil.

Why was it necessary for Jesus to descend into hell? We again return to the Catechism for an answer. By His descent into hell, Jesus' gospel message of salvation is brought to fulfilment. This descent into hell was the last phase of His mission. He went into hell so that "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (#634).

Father Tim, C.R.



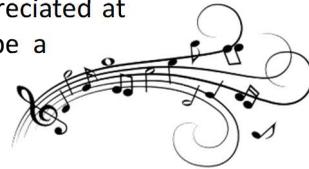
CHRISTMAS DINNER



Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wed. Dec. 4th 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.

SONGS OF ADVENT AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Join us for a musical evening of traditional and contemporary seasonal music with John B. Miller and Friends, featuring Steve Martin, Donna McLellan, Joe Orlando and Andrea Weber Steckly. Sunday December 8th at 7pm, cash donation is appreciated at the door. This will be a fun and prayerful event, a great break from the bustle of Christmas preparations.



MISSALS

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

COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND

If you are making Christmas cookies and are able to make an extra dozen to share with our parishioners who are homebound, please drop them off at the parish between Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Fr. Tim and Fr. Raphael will visit our homebound during Advent and share the Christmas spirit. Thank you for keeping our parish family connected at Christmas.



Celebrating 60 Years

Our next North of 60 campaign for our 60th 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.

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 1st 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.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Pope Francis traditionally blesses the Baby Jesus figurines from nativity scenes that belong to families in St. Peter's Square in Rome, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, also known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the Bambini Jesu reminds us that the nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. **You are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines** from your home nativity scenes to Mass on Dec. 14 and 15 to be blessed as we celebrate Bambinelli Sunday with Catholics around the world. After the blessing please take your Bambini Jesu home and wrap it as a Christmas gift. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day, and as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow the moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Youth Ministry meeting is **Sun. Dec. 1st at 7:30pm**, and our theme is **Relationships**. 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)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your box. We will pray collectively for our loved ones at all the Christmas Masses.

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 or call 519-603-0196.

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Dec. 5 from 9 to 10 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 at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Adoration for Life 4 Locations:

- Rosary for Life Sat. Nov. 30, St Boniface, Maryhill, before the 5pm Mass
- Thurs. Dec. 5, 11am, St. Mary, Kitchener
- Thurs. Dec. 5, 6pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo
- Fri. Dec. 6, 6pm, St. Teresa, Kitchener

All Adoration times are followed by Mass.

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, Sun. Dec. 1st 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. 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.



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The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently **accepting applications for Occasional Teachers**. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

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.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com)
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terriane Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	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
www.vocationculture.ca



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

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David."*

Mark 11: 10

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