

MASS INTENTIONS
January 14 - 19, 2020

Tuesday, 14th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Kay Warner – Anne Pritchard

Wednesday, 15th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Jinny Sigl – John & Ingrid Daniel
 Intentions of Victor Springall – Eleanor Buchanan
 In Thanksgiving – Pat Draves
 +Barbara Diemert – Eileen Cox, Linda Carmichael, Helen Shantz
 +John Pereira – Rosalina Pereira

Thursday, 16th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral

Friday, 17th - *St. Anthony, Abbot*
 9:00 am +Joao Branco – Gracinda Branco

Saturday, 18th - *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 pm Intentions of Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR – Robert & Joan Frank
 In Thanksgiving – Julie Wilkins
 +Doreen Hehn – the Family
 +Antonio & Candida Cardoso – the Family
 +Mildred Fisher – the Fisher Family
 +Robert Allen – Eileen & Mary Longo
 +Eli Lund – Marge Hummel & Family

Sunday, 19th - *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 11:00 am +Jose Gouveia – Maria Gouveia & Family

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Adults:

- Sun. Jan. 19 at 10am
- Wed. Jan. 22 at 6:30pm
- Wed. Jan. 29 at 6:30pm

Youth:

- Sun. Jan. 19 at 12:15pm
- Wed. Jan. 22 at 7pm
- Wed. Jan. 29 at 7pm

Families: Parents and their children are welcome to serve together as a family. If you are interested in becoming an altar server please speak with Ruthann.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WRAP-UP

All convenors and volunteers from our Christmas Bazaar this past November are invited to come to a wrap-up meeting on Wed. Jan. 22 at 7pm. Please come and share what worked, what needs improvement, and ideas for next year's bazaar. We look forward to hearing from you!

AROUND TOWN

Senior Adult Study Sessions, “The Bible & the Sacraments” is a deeper look at the mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old & New Testaments, the sacraments are more than mere earthly rituals! This 10 session DVD presentation & discussion format is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Facilitated by David Dayler, beginning Jan. 22 from 1 – 3pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The cost is \$50 and includes the book, “Swear to God” by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please **register by Jan. 13** by email, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or telephone, 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

2020 Labyrinth Project: First session to be hosted by **Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church**, Waterloo, on **Saturday, January 18th, from 9:30 am to Noon**. All are welcome to come and try praying with the labyrinth. The labyrinth is a great tool for helping us to focus on our prayers. A short introduction will be presented at 9:30 AM. Those who are experienced with this mode of prayer might wish to come anytime during the morning. Please see webpage <https://whyatbreakfast.com/2020-labyrinth-project/> for details.

KW Right to Life Candle-Light Prayer Vigil Tues. January 28th at 6pm, in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) 200 King St. W. Kitchener. One hour of silent prayer for Preborn Human Rights to protect babies in the womb. Their lives are the most vulnerable of all. Thanks for supporting this important human rights issue.

January 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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| New Years Collection | \$3,181.00 |
| Collection Jan. 4/5 | \$3,610.00 |
| 2020 Total Collection | \$6,791.00 |

Looking Ahead to January 19, 2020
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3 John 1: 29-34

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 13: **Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, CR**
 Tues. Jan. 14: **Rev. Kevin D’Souza**
 Wed. Jan. 15: **Youth Ministers**
 Thu. Jan. 16: **Rev. Peter Ciallella**
 Fri. Jan. 17: **Rev. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC**
 Sat. Jan. 18: **Rev. Francis Salasiar, CSC**

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

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| Monday | Parents for Community Living (ER) | 7:00 pm |
| | Overeaters Anonymous (H) | 7:30 pm |
| | Celebrating the Word (RR) | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday | Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) | 4:15 pm |
| | 1 st Communion Leader Training (H) | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Eucharistic Minister Training (C) | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | Games Afternoon (H) | 2:00 pm |
| | Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) | 4:15 pm |
| | Choir Practice (Choir Loft) | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday/Sunday | Pulpit Exchange | At All Masses |
| Sunday | Adult Altar Server Training (C) | 10:00 am |
| | Youth Altar Server Training (C) | 12:15 pm |

1st COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Tuesday January 28 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for all parents of children wishing to receive the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion here at St. Francis Parish. If your child has not yet registered for these sacraments please contact Ruthann in the parish office.



CATHOLIC REGISTER

We are currently receiving complimentary copies of the Catholic Register weekly newspaper. If you wish to take a copy new ones are put out in the pamphlet display rack at the main entrance of the church each week.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The liturgical season of Advent began back on Sunday, December 1st. On that day we heard the great Prophet Isaiah exclaim, almost like a lament, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Finally on this day, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, God answers the prayer of Isaiah. The answer comes to us as Jesus goes to the river Jordan in order to be baptized by John the Baptist – suddenly the heavens open, the Spirit of God comes down like a dove, and God is heard to exclaim: "This is my beloved."

The fifth century bishop of Turin, Bishop Maximus, tells us that this event where the heavens opened and God came down ought to be celebrated with the same joy as on Christmas, when the Incarnation became a reality. At the birth of Jesus his mother Mary held him in her arms, holding him close to her heart. At the Baptism of the Lord God is holding his beloved Son close to his heart so that we might all adore him, so that we might, with confidence, follow him.

We should also recall that the Hebrew name of Jesus is Joshua. Over a thousand years earlier Joshua became the leader of the Hebrew people following the death of Moses. The first Joshua would lead the people through the river Jordan to the promised land. Jesus is now the new Joshua, inviting us to pass through the water into new life, into the "land flowing with milk and honey."



Father Tim, C.R.



Come out to our next Youth Ministry meeting, **TONIGHT! Sun. Jan. 12 at 7:30pm.** We will be joined by Rianne Ropps, Outreach Coordinator at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener. Rianne will be helping us brainstorm outreach projects that our youth can take on. Meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome! Snacks provided. Come help us discern how we can spread Jesus' love to our neighbours in need.



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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, please come out this Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7pm for a training session.

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.

2020 ENVELOPES / 2019 RECEIPTS

Church envelopes for 2020 are available for pickup in the main entrance of the church. Tax receipts for your 2019 contributions will be available around the end of January, watch the bulletin for a date, TBD.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We are blessed at St. Francis Parish to belong to a vibrant ecumenical group. The Churches of Forest Hill and Area, including Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. George's Anglican. The leaders of these churches have been busy preparing to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity together with several events:



Pulpit Exchange – Jan. 18/19

We will welcome Rev. Richard from St. Stephen's Lutheran on Saturday, and Rev. Stephen from St. George's Anglican on Sunday to speak at our Masses. Fr. Tim will be visiting St. George's Anglican Church. We welcome this opportunity to learn from each other.

Taizé Service – Jan. 19

Calvin Presbyterian invites everyone to a candlelit prayer service with Taizé songs on Sun. Jan. 19 at 7:30pm. What a beautiful way to kick off the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Ecumenical Worship & Praise Service – Jan. 26

Join us at 7pm, here at St. Francis, for an evening of song, worship and fellowship. Our service is based on the one prepared by the churches of Malta for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the theme is "They Showed us Unusual Kindness". A free-will offering will be taken up in support of a refugee family from Forest Hill United.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO MINISTER

Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution that is easy to keep? We won't ask you to join a gym, or give up your favourite snack. **We're not even asking you to give more time than you already devote to the church!** What we are asking you to do is consider becoming a Minister of Holy Communion or Minister of Hospitality.

Minister of Holy Communion To be a Communion Minister you must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic, there are no other requirements. We will train you on procedures and schedule you with experienced ministers so you feel comfortable. This is such a powerful ministry, sharing the Blessed Sacrament with your fellow worshipers. We especially need people at the 9am Mass, where our current ministers are often called on every weekend.

Minister of Hospitality

Hospitality Ministers can be adults, couples, youth, or maybe your whole family would like to do this ministry together. What a great way to get your children involved and show the community how welcoming our parish is for families! Consider signing up to greet people as they arrive, help them find seats at busy Masses, take up the collection and distribute bulletins at the end of Mass. Again, training will be provided, but all that is required is a spirit of hospitality and willingness to serve. We very much need ministers at all the Mass times!

If you would like to learn more or sign up please contact the parish office. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet by serving our parish community.



Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered at St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm January 28 - March 24.** Cost is \$45. For more info or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Absent Friends Film Series challenges us to talk about the often taboo topics of death, dying and grief. The Hospice of Waterloo Region is collaborating with St. Jerome’s University to host a series of films, followed by small-group discussion led by special guests, which address issues of death, dying and loss. The series hopes to inspire us to build a more compassionate community. The first film is:

Two Weeks Fri. Jan. 31, 7-9pm at St. Jerome’s University Academic Centre. Starring Sally Field, this funny and delightful film captures the story of four sibling returning home to care for their dying mother.

Stress in Your Marriage? Rediscover Joy in Your Relationship! Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Full Day Conference: Healing is Possible
We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing. Save the date: **February 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton. The conference includes Mass, Lunch, and speakers such as: Tima Borges, Author of “Leaving Bitterness Behind: A Catholic Approach to Healing Past Hurts”; Dr. Wendy H. Hofman, PhD, Director of Veritas Counselling Centre Inc., Clinical Counsellor and Coordinator for the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry Office; William Stanus, Psychotherapist with a focus on EMDR and Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC. To register contact Ester at 416-990-3136 or visit: www.regnumchristionario.org

CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference
The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Feb. 21 - 23, in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation- *Christus Vivit* into day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including Priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are currently bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry at nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2245

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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.

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| 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.”



“The heavens were opened and the Father’s voice was heard: this is my Son, the beloved, listen to him!”

Mark 9: 7

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